



Geography



Knowledge organiser – South America - Brazil (UKS2)

What will we be learning?

In this unit we will be exploring the continent of South America. We will be looking at the physical features including mountain ranges (Andes), forest (Amazon) and Rivers (Amazon). We will also be looking at the different countries which make up this continent including Brazil as the largest country. We will be investigating the settlement patterns which are mainly on the coastline or accessible by river – including the mega-cities of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. We will find out about how the natural resources are being used and the impact this has on the environment – notably deforestation.

Key knowledge

- The location of South America
- The countries which make up South America and their capital cities
- The location of the Andes and Amazon (river and rainforest)
- The main cities of Brazil including Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Manaus and Brasilia and Fortaleza
- The rapid population growth in the largest cities and the Favelas
- The use of natural resources in Brazil – timber and farmland
- The impact on the environment – deforestation



Key Vocabulary

Physical

Amazon, Amazon River, natural resources

Human

Settlement, land use, economic activity, deforestation, favela

Location:

Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana

Brasilia, Rio De Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Salvador, Fortaleza

Skills

8 points of the compass, digital fieldwork: RGS

Glossary terms

Favela – a Brazilian shanty town or slum

Deforestation – the rapid destruction of forest for timber and clearing for farmland