

Geography: South America

Human Geography	How does South America culture compare to the UK? Each country, or settlement, has noticeably different cultural attributes. Built up cities are very different to rural communities.	What famous landmarks are found in South America? Christ the Redeemer (Brazil), Machu Picchu (Peru), Amazon rainforest (Brazil and Ecuador), Easter Island, Patagonia.	
Physical Geography	What physical features are similar in South America and the UK? Mountains, rivers, large cities, coastal areas, farm land.	What physical features are different in South America and the UK? Rainforests with diverse wildlife, extreme mountains of Chile and Patagonia. Greater contrast in South America.	How does the climate in South America compare to the UK? Many areas can be extremely hot and humid in SA however high altitude settlements and tip of Patagonia and Chile extremely cold.

Important skills

Locate and name South America countries on a map.

Identify South American landmarks.

Describe South American culture.

Compare South American human and physical features to the UK.



“Geography has made us neighbours.” – John F Kennedy

Key Vocabulary

Term	Definition
continent (noun)	A large area of land that consists of several countries.
equator (noun)	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
human feature (noun)	A man-made feature of a place.
physical feature (noun)	A natural feature of a place.
climate (noun)	The usual weather conditions of a place.
settlement (noun)	A place where people live.
capital city (noun)	City where the government of a country is based.
mountain range (noun)	A group of connected mountains
desert (noun)	An area that receives very little rain
rainforest (noun)	A forest that receives a large amount of rain all year round.

Key pictures or diagrams

Christ the Redeemer, Brazil



Machu Picchu, Peru



Amazon Rainforest



1040: First compass used to navigate (in China).

1271: Marco Polo sets off for China

1492: Columbus discovered America

1497: John and Sebastian Cabot discovered Canada

1507: First true map of the world by Martin Waldseemüller

1540: Nicolaus Copernicus discovered the Solar System

1770: Captain James Cook discovered Australia

1911: Roald Amundsen led the first expedition to the South Pole

1969: Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.