



Lowerhouse Junior School Geography Overview Sheet



Year 5 – What are the main features of Brazil?



Rationale: In our exploration of Brazil, the children will discover its stunning landscapes, diverse ecosystems, and vibrant cultures. From the Amazon rainforest to bustling cities, students will learn how Brazil's geography influences its settlements and land use, fostering a deeper understanding of this captivating country.

Substantive Knowledge:

Locational Knowledge

- Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on South America.
- Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Southern Hemisphere.

Place Knowledge

- A region within South America.

Overview:

1. What is it like in South America?
LI: To raise questions about South America.
2. What are the names of South American countries?
LI: To use a variety of resources
3. What are the key features of South American countries?
LI: To use appropriate search tools.
4. Why does South America have different time zones?
LI: To use longitude and latitude to understand time zones.
5. What are the human and physical features of Brazil?
LI: To compare maps.
6. What is life like for people in Brazil?
LI: To begin to ask and answer causal questions.
7. Why is life the way it is for the Street Children of Brazil?
LI: To raise and answer further causal questions.

Key Vocabulary

Brazil - Brazil is a large country in South America known for its vibrant culture, diverse landscapes, and the Amazon Rainforest.

South America - South America is a continent located in the Western Hemisphere, to the south of North America.

Amazon River - The Amazon River is one of the longest rivers in the world, flowing through Brazil and several other countries.

Amazon Rainforest - The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, located mostly in Brazil.

Atlantic - The Atlantic refers to the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean in the world.

Brasilia - Brasília is the capital city of Brazil, known for its modern architecture and unique design.

Rio de Janeiro - Rio de Janeiro is a major city in Brazil famous for its beaches, Carnival festival, and the Christ the Redeemer statue.

Equator - The Equator is an imaginary line that divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres

Impact/Assessment

Most Children will: • Use an atlas to find names of cities • Identify similarities and differences between a place in South America and where I live • Identify similarities and differences between the climate of a place in Brazil and where I live • Explain the difference between human geography and physical geography • Identify similarities and differences between the human geography of a place in Brazil and where I live