

# South America



# Satellite View



# Unique Features

- Columbia supplies 90% of the world's production of Emeralds ►
- Driest place on earth is the Atacama Desert in Argentina
- Venezuela has the highest uninterrupted waterfall - Angel Falls ►

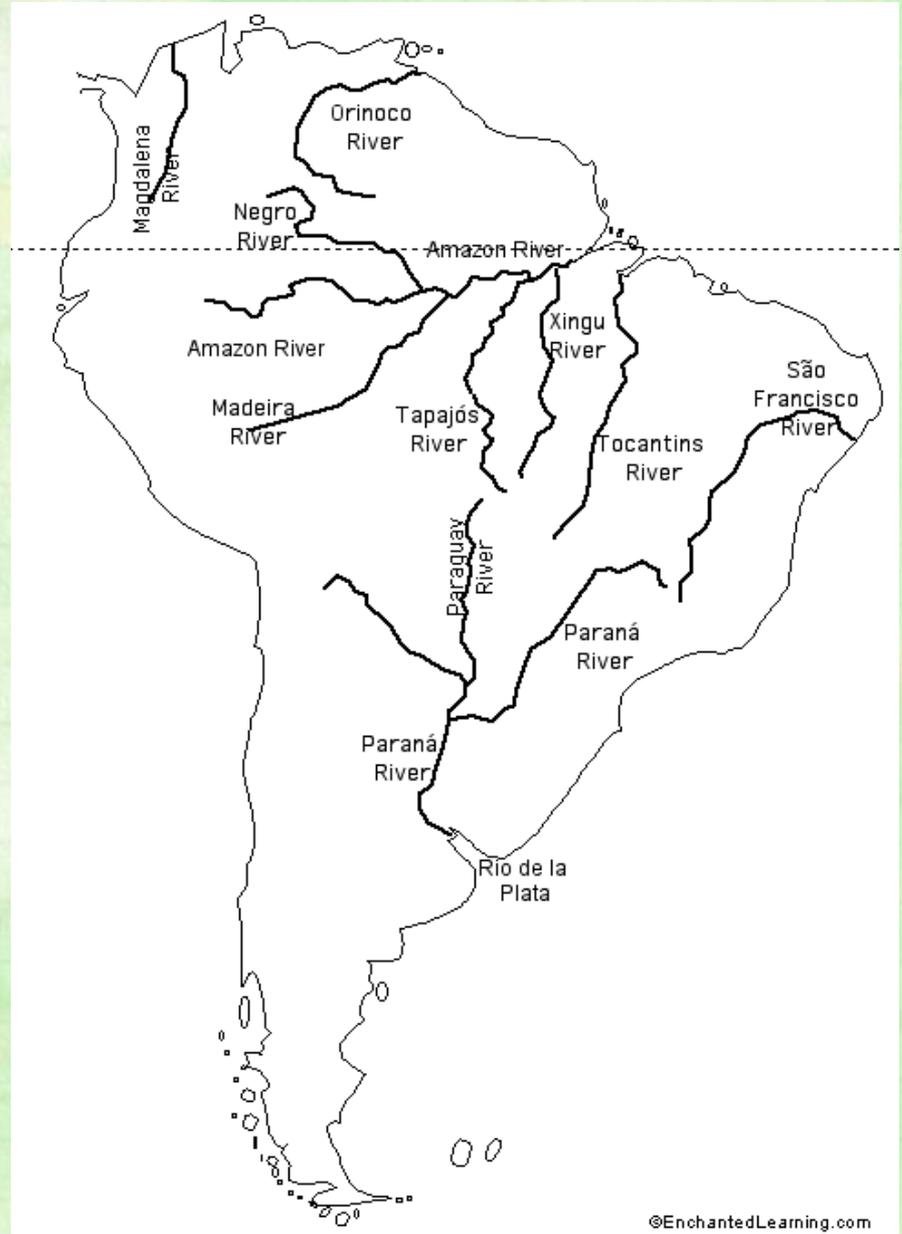


# South America's Size

- 4<sup>th</sup> largest continent
- 6,879,000 square miles
- 12% of the earth's land



# Bodies of Water



# Amazon River



- 4,300 miles long
- Flows through 6 countries
- No bridges cross it

# Climate



# Deserts

- Atacama Desert is the worlds' driest



- Patagonian Desert ►

Largest in Americas/5<sup>th</sup> largest in the world

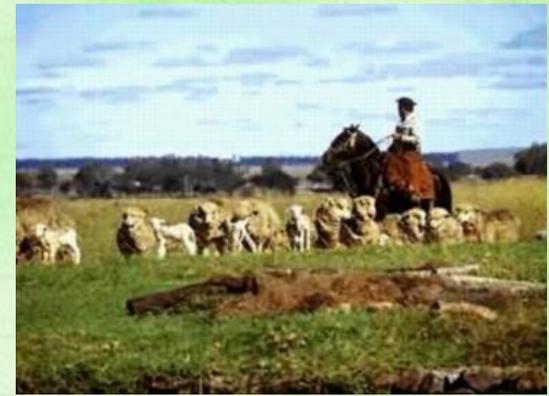


# Pampas - Grassland

- Just below Buenos Aires
- Average temperature is 18°C
- Dry season is summer (December)



◀ Ombu is a tree-like plant



# Deciduous Forest

- Southern Chile
- Middle East coast of Paraguay
- Four distinct seasons

Fall ▼



Winter ▼



Summer ▼



# Rainforest

Half of the **rainforest** in the world is in the Amazon region.



# Rainforest



◀ **Blue Poison Dart Frog**



◀ **Blue/Gold Macaw**



# Savannah

- The area between a **rainforest** and **desert**.
- 2.5 million square kilometres {1/4 the size of Canada}.



# Mountains

The Andes stretch 4,000 miles from the north to the south, thus making it the longest mountain range in the world. In Chile, it rises to over 20,000 feet.



# Animals

## Jaguar

- 12-15 years
- 100-250 pounds



## Piranha

- NA
- NA



## Anaconda

- 15-30 years
- up to 300 pounds



## Vampire Bat

- 9 years
- 2 ounces



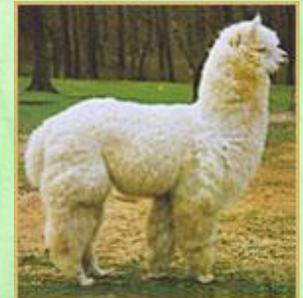
## Galapagos Tortoise

- 100 years
- 450 pounds



## Alpaca

- 24 years
- 130 pounds



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