

# Guided Reading Activity



## Brazil

### Lesson 1 *Physical Geography of Brazil*

**Essential Question:** How does geography influence the way people live?

### Waterways and Landforms

**Directions:** As you read the section, use your textbook to answer the following questions about the waterways and landforms of Brazil.

1. Where does the Amazon River begin and where does it end? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
2. In what way is the Amazon the largest river in the world? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the Amazon Basin? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What kinds of landforms are found in the Brazilian Highlands? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
5. In what area of Brazil do most of the people live? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### A Tropical Climate

**Directions:** Use your textbook to complete the chart with information on the climate in different parts of Brazil. Sample answers are provided in the first row of the chart.

Area	Climate Type	Description
northern Brazil, along the Equator	tropical rain forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• every day is warm and wet</li> <li>• temperatures in the 80s during the day</li> <li>• very humid</li> </ul>
areas along the Amazon River		
northern and central Brazilian Highlands		
northeastern Brazilian Highlands		
southeastern Brazil		

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### Natural Resources

**Directions:** Brazil enjoys plentiful natural resources. Use your textbook to help you fill in the blanks to describe them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and other hardwoods are found in Brazil's rain forest.
2. Rich \_\_\_\_\_ resources, including iron ore, tin, copper, bauxite, gold, and manganese are found in Brazil.
3. There are reserves of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ under the ocean floor off Brazil's coast.
4. Brazil produces more \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ than any other country.
5. Today \_\_\_\_\_ provide more export income for Brazil than coffee.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ changes like the building of the Transamazonica highway have opened up Brazil's vast interior regions to development .
7. The rate of deforestation in the Amazon has actually \_\_\_\_\_ since 1995.
8. Brazilian farmers produce most of the country's food and still provide more than \_\_\_\_\_ of the country's exports.