

**What is unique about  
South America's  
geography, history,  
and culture?**

What are the main physical  
geographic features of  
South America?

How has geography  
influenced the lifestyles of the  
people living in South  
America?

How do natural resources  
of the region affect their  
economy?

What was life like during  
the Incan Empire?

How did the Incans  
influence our society in  
past and present?

Why were European rulers  
interested in exploring this  
region?

How did European  
conquistadors and explorers  
impact life in South America?

What was the significance  
of the Treaty of  
Tordesillas?

How did Bolivar unite  
South Americans to  
achieve independence?

What are current living  
conditions like for indigenous  
South Americans?

How has the geography of  
South America shaped  
culture?

What can we learn about  
South America from the arts?

How does life differ in rural and  
urban areas in South America?

How is culture influenced by  
popular sports?



Why are Brazil's  
rainforests important to the  
world?

How are they  
endangered?

How has the availability of oil in Venezuela impacted their lifestyles and relationship with the U.S.?

What type of government is found in Venezuela?