

Geography Knowledge Mat



Brazil



Biomes of Brazil

Biome	A large naturally occurring community of flora and <u>fauna occupying</u> a major habitat, e.g. forest or <u>tundra</u> .
Amazon Rainforest	A <u>luxuriant</u> , dense forest rich in <u>biodiversity</u> , found typically in tropical areas with consistently heavy <u>rainfall</u> .
Savannah / Cerrado	A <u>grassy</u> plain in tropical and <u>subtropical</u> regions, with few trees.
Caatinga	A semi-arid biome which is only found in Brazil.
Mata Atlantica	Atlantic Forest — a mountainous region near the sea with a huge range of flora and fauna in a moist forest.
Pampas	Open area of land, covered with grass in southern Brazil - warm temperatures and rainy
Pantanal	The worlds largest wetlands. Swampy area enclosed by mountains, with many mammals.

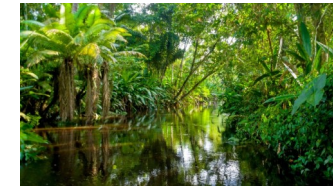


Locational and Place Knowledge

WHERE IS BRAZIL IN THE WORLD?



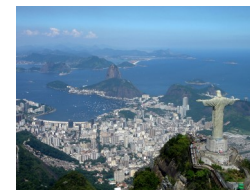
Deforestation



Amazon Rainforest



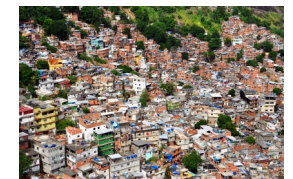
Amazon River



Rio de Janeiro



Rio coastline



Favela

Links to previous and future learning

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Migration - equator and poles	Contrasting non-European location: Jamaica in the 'Islands' topic.	Kingdom of Benin . Contrasting non-European location	Migration and the Windrush Biomes study within the United States of America	Rivers — land use, settlements and physical geographical features	Colonial legacy: Tea, Sugar and Spice, My London topic and France .

Vocabulary

climate	The long term pattern of weather in an area
topography	The description of the physical geographical features
plateau	An area of fairly level high ground.
equatorial	Of, at, or near the <u>equator</u> .
vegetation	Plants considered <u>collectively</u> , especially those found in a particular area or habitat.
arid	A land or climate having little or no rain which is too <u>barren</u> to support <u>vegetation</u> .
temperate	Relating to or <u>denoting</u> a region or climate characterized by mild temperatures.
urbanisation	The process of making an area more urban.
hemisphere	A half of the earth, usually as divided into northern and southern <u>halves</u> by the <u>equator</u> , or into western and eastern halves by an <u>imaginary</u> line passing through the poles.
cartographer	A person who draws or produces maps.
Latitude	Latitudes are horizontal lines that measure distance north or south of the equator.
Longitude	Longitudes are vertical lines that measure east or west of the meridian in Greenwich, England.

Key Learning



The Equator

The Tropic of Capricorn

- Due to its size and position, Brazil has a very varied climate and contains six different biomes. The UK only has one.
- Brazil has an equatorial and tropical climate because a large parts of the country sit on the equator and above the Tropic of Capricorn. Below the Tropic of Capricorn is temperate.
- The Amazon rainforest in the north of Brazil.
- The Amazon river, in the north of Brazil is the thought to be the largest river system in the world and runs through the Amazon rainforest.
- The capital of Brazil is Brasilia, Rio de Janiro and Manuas are two other major cities.