



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:

Lesson 1 – Explain the concepts of latitude and longitude. Use a globe to show Brazil's position relative to the Equator (i.e. Southern Hemisphere).

Lesson 2 – Use maps, atlases, and globes to locate physical features in Brazil.

Lesson 3 – Use maps to study human geography. Describe settlement types.

Lesson 4 – Use maps to study human geography. Describe land use.

Lesson 5 – Using maps and aerial photos to study Brazil (locating human and physical features).

Lesson 6 – Asking and answering causal geographical questions – research and present findings (assessment lesson).

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.

Brasília - 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