

Brazil: More Than a Rain Forest

Objectives

As a result of this lesson, students will be able to:

- state basic facts about Brazil's geography, culture, and history.
 - match clues about these facts and clues in a crossword puzzle.
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Materials

- Student Handout: **Crossword Puzzle**
 - Student Handout: **Brazil: More than a Rain Forest (Clues)**
 - Teacher Handout: **Crossword Puzzle Clues with Answers**
 - Chart paper or chalkboard (or a computer with an LCD projector)
 - For the advanced lesson: computers with Internet access and these web sites:
 - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Brazil
 - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mata_Atl%C3%A2ntica
 - en.wikipedia.org/wiki/States_of_Brazil
 - geography.about.com/library/cia/blcbrazil.htm
 - www.brazilbrazil.com/stats.html
 - www.if.ufrj.br/general/brazil.html/
 - www.noronhaadvogados.com.br/ing/guia/negociosnobrasil_ing/lg5e/basic.htm
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Activities

Simpler, faster version

1. List facts students know about Brazil as they are written on the chalkboard, chart paper, or a computer with LCD projector.
2. Teach an introductory lesson about the country based on the information in the list of crossword puzzle clues with answers.
3. Direct students to work individually, or in pairs, to complete the crossword puzzle.
4. As a class, review the information adding to the chart started earlier. Encourage students to comment on facts that surprised or interested them.

Advanced version

1. List facts they know about Brazil as they are listed on the chalkboard, chart paper, or a computer with LCD projector.
 2. In a computer lab, students, individually, or in pairs, research the sites listed above and solve the crossword puzzle. If the answers are provided, the puzzle is easier.
 3. As a class, review the answers and add facts to the list of what they already knew. Encourage students to comment on facts that surprised or interested them.
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Brazil: More Than a Rain Forest (Clues)

Puzzle Words				
ORDER	TEN	NORTHERN	PROGRESS	LARGEST
SALVADOR	SUGARCANE	QUILOMBOS	BRASILIA	EIGHTY
UNEQUAL	TWENTY-SIX	CACAO	INDIGENOUS	AFRICAN
FIFTH	URBAN	JAPANESE	PORTUGUESE	RIODEJANIERO
MATAATLANTICA	EUROPEAN	RECIFE	EIGHTY-EIGHT	DONPEDROII

Across

1. Brazil's two rain forests are the Amazonas and the ____, located along the coast. (3 words)
 4. The capital of Brazil; a city built on the central plateau and inaugurated in 1960.
 6. The capital of Bahia is ____.
 7. The Amazon rain forest is in the _ part of the country.
 9. The capital of Pernambuco is ____.
 10. Brazil was colonized by the principally by the ____.
 11. The second largest city is ____. (3 words)
 16. Brazilian culture comes from a mixture of 3 races. The oldest inhabitants are ____.
 17. Settlements founded by escaped slaves were called ____.
 19. An important crop in Pernambuco was ____.
 23. Brazil has South America's ____ land area and economy.
 24. Brazil is the world's ____ most populous nation.
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Down

2. Brazil has __ states and a federal district for the capital.
3. The largest __ community outside of Japan is in Sao Paulo.
5. The last monarch was ____. (3 words)
8. The majority of Brizilians live in __ areas.
10. The second word of the motto on the flag (in English) is__.
12. Brazilian culture comes from a mixture of 3 races. __ came as colonists.
13. Slavery was abolished in 18__.
14. The first word of the motto on the flag (in English) is ____.
15. Less than __ percent of the coastal rain forest still exists.
18. In Salvador, about __ percent of the people are black or brown.
20. One of Brazil's most severe problems is the highly ____ distribution of wealth and income.
21. Brazilian culture comes from a mixture of 3races. ____ people arrived as slaves.
22. An important crop in Bahia is ____.

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Crossword Puzzle Clues with Answers

Clue	Answer
Brazil has ___ states and a federal district for the capital.	twenty-six
The capital is ___, a city build on the central plateau and inaugurated in 1960.	Brazilia
The largest city is ___.	Sao Paulo
The second largest city is ___.	Rio de Janeiro
Brazil has South America's ___ land area and economy.	largest
Brazil is the world's ___ most populous nation.	fifth
The majority of Brazilians live in ___ areas.	urban
The first word of the motto on the flag (in English) is ___	order
The second word of the motto on the flag (in English) is ___	progress
Brazil's rain forests are the Amazonas and the ___, located along the coast.	Mata Atlantica
The Amazon rain forest is in the ___ part of the country.	northern
Less than ___ percent of the coastal rain forest still exists.	ten
Brazilian culture comes from a mixture of 3 races. The oldest inhabitants are ___.	indigenous
Brazilian culture comes from a mixture of 3 races. ___ people arrived as slaves.	African
Brazilian culture comes from a mixture of 3 races. ___ came as colonists.	European
Brazil was colonized by the principally by the ___.	Portuguese
The last monarch was ___.	Don Pedro II
Slavery was abolished in 18__.	Eighty-eight
Settlements founded by escaped slaves were called ___	Quilombos)
The capital of the state of Bahia is ___.	Salvador
One of Brazil's most severe problems is the highly ___ distribution of wealth and income.	unequal
In Salvador, about ___ percent of the people are black or brown.	eighty (Brazil has the second largest population of African descent after Nigeria.)
An important crop in Bahia is ___.	cacao
The capital of Pernambuco is ___.	Recife (in Brazil this is pronounced /hā sē' fē/)
An important crop in Pernambuco is ___.	sugarcane
The largest ___ community outside of Japan is in Sao Paulo.	Japanese
