

Exploring South America: Finn's Expedition Field Notes

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and understand the physical and human geographical features of South American countries.

Join Finn the dolphin on a global expedition! Use your research skills and classroom atlas to investigate a specific country in South America. Fill in the field notes below to document your findings. For the 'Greater Depth' section, think critically about how the environment influences the way people live in that region.

Word bank: Equator · Amazon Rainforest · Andes Mountains · continent · climate · latitude · human geography · physical features · biodiversity · topography

1. Location and Climate: Identify your chosen country. Describe its location in relation to the Equator and explain how this influences the local climate. (3 marks)

2. Physical Geography: List two significant physical features (such as mountains, rivers, or rainforests) found in this country. Explain why these features are vital to the landscape. (4 marks)

3. Human Geography: Describe one major city or a common way of life in this country. How have the people adapted to their environment? (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: If you were to travel from the coast to the heart of the Amazon basin, how might the landscape and the resources available to people change? Justify your reasoning. (4 marks)

5. Explain why: Many regions in South America contain unique biodiversity. Explain why protecting these habitats is essential for the global climate. (4 marks)

6. What might happen if: Imagine a major river in your chosen country dried up due to climate change. What might happen to the local economy and the wildlife living nearby? (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Travel Guide' poster for your chosen country. You must justify your choice of destination by highlighting three unique geographical wonders, using persuasive language to encourage eco-friendly tourism.