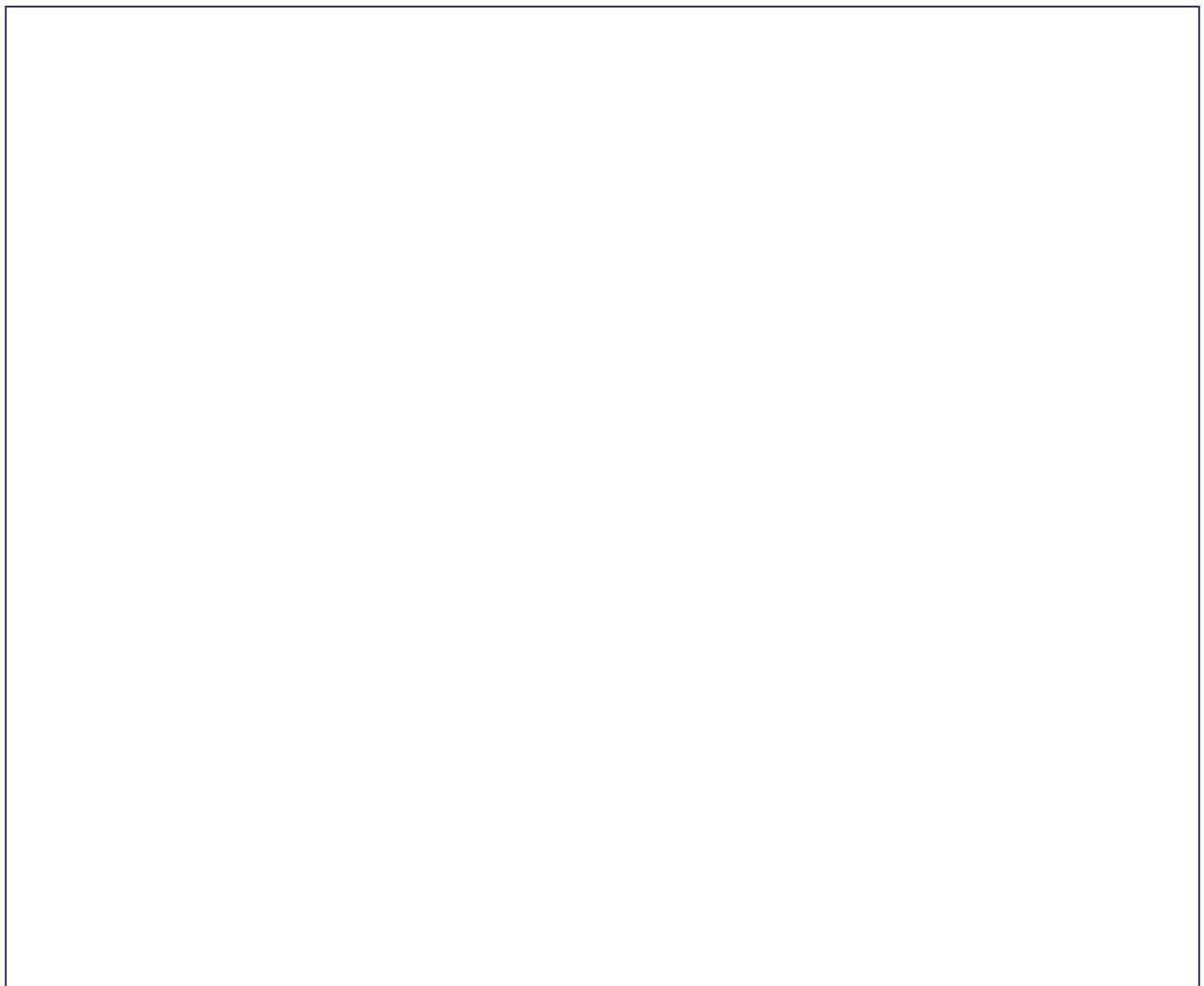


Exploring South America with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and locate the key geographical features and biomes of South America.

Use the map outline provided to sketch and label the physical features of South America. Use your atlas or classroom resources to ensure your labels are in the correct locations.

Draw: Draw a large outline of the South American continent in the center of your page. Using colored pencils, shade the 'Amazon Rainforest' in dark green, the 'Andes Mountains' in brown or grey, and the 'Atacama Desert' in sandy yellow. Sketch a small picture of Finn the dolphin in the Atlantic Ocean to show where he is starting his journey. Use neat, straight lines to label each of the features from the word bank.



Label words: Amazon Rainforest · Andes Mountains · Amazon River · Atacama Desert · Pacific Ocean · Atlantic Ocean · Equator

Steps:

1. Label the two oceans that border the east and west coasts of South America.
2. Draw a line across the top of the continent to represent the Equator. Why is this line important for the climate of the Amazon Rainforest?
3. The Andes Mountains run along the west coast. Describe how these mountains might affect the weather on either side of them.

4. Which major river flows through the heart of the Amazon Rainforest? Draw a blue winding line to show its path.
5. Identify one major biome found in South America and explain why it is important for the planet's ecosystem.