

Guided Reading Activity



Tropical North

Lesson 1 *Physical Geography of the Region*

Essential Question: How does geography influence the way people live?

Landforms and Waterways

Directions: Complete the table with notes about the landforms and waterways of South America’s Tropical North.

Country/Colony	Landforms	Important Waterways
Ecuador		
Colombia		
Venezuela		
Guyana		
Suriname		
French Guiana		

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Climates

Directions: Use your textbook to label the climate of each region described below.

- _____ 1. The region's coasts, interior lowlands, plains, and highlands have warm temperatures all year.
- _____ 2. The coastal and eastern lowlands of Ecuador and Colombia have a short, dry season and a long, wet season with heavy rainfall.
- _____ 3. The Llanos of Colombia and Venezuela have heavy rainfall between May and October. The average temperature is above 75° F.
- _____ 4. Some parts of the Guiana Highlands have no dry season. They have significant rainfall all year.
- _____ 5. The Caribbean coast of Venezuela and Colombia is cooler than other parts of the region. It receives less than 20 inches of rain per year.

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Natural Resources

Directions: Complete the chart by indicating which resources can be found in which areas of the Tropical North. One has been done for you.

	Ecuador	Colombia	Venezuela	Guyana	Suriname	French Guiana
Fossil Fuels						
oil	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
natural gas						
coal						
Minerals/Gems						
gold						
diamonds						
emeralds						
bauxite						
copper						
iron ore						
Agriculture						
bananas						
coffee						
corn						
rice						
wheat						
sugarcane						
cattle						
cotton						