

Inquiry Activity

Continents of the World: South America and Africa



Prepare for Inquiry

Think-Pair-Share

In pairs discuss the following question:

How do you think that people and environments influence one another?

Consider how the people of your country live, and how the people and the environment in which you live influence you. For example: If you live in a region with mountains, how do you think this has influenced how people live in your region?

Learn How People and Environments Influence One Another



Watch the video *Continents of the World: South America and Africa* to learn how people and environments influence one another.

Complete the interactive video questions while watching individually or as a class. This will prepare you for the classroom activities that follow.

Researching

Label the 12 countries of South America on the map on the worksheet. Use the map on the Source Card to help you.

Argentina	Bolivia	Brazil	Chile	Colombia	Ecuador
Guyana	Paraguay	Peru	Suriname	Uruguay	Venezuela



Questioning

Use the information and maps on the Source Card to write five questions about each of the topics on the worksheet. Write the answers underneath.

1. The number of countries

Q: _____

A: _____

2. The largest country

Q: _____

A: _____

3. The most southern country

Q: _____

A: _____

4. Connections between the continents

Q: _____

A: _____

5. The size of the continents

Q: _____

A: _____

Analyzing



Compare the land sizes of the continents of South America and Africa.

What observation can you make?

What do you notice about the sizes of the countries in South America and the countries in Africa?

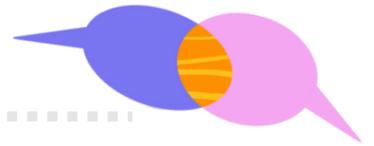
Evaluating and Reflecting



Africa has a population of 1.2 billion people, while the United States has a population of 332 million. This means that Africa's population is almost 4 times the population of the United States. The most populated country in Africa is Nigeria, which has a population of 190 million people.

What do you think life on the African continent is like with so many different countries with large populations living so close to each other?

Communicating



Choose either the continent of South America or Africa. Imagine that you are going to be traveling to six countries on the continent.

Write your travel route from start to finish. Make sure to include the directions in which you will travel. For example, *'I will start in Venezuela. Then I will travel south to Brazil. Then ...'*

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