

The Northern Tropics

- The Guianas
- Countries
 - Guyana, Suriname, French Guyana
- Culture reflects _____
 - Official Languages
 - Guyana – English
 - Suriname – Dutch
 - French Guyana - French
 - Religions
 - Suriname and Guyana – Muslim and Hindu
- Effects of Migration
 - Africans were brought to area as _____
 - Asians migrated to area after slavery ended
 - Suriname has a large mulatto population
- Economic Activities
 - _____ is important
 - Farmers grow sugar cane and rice
 - Bauxite is abundant here

Venezuela

- Population is 24 million
- Average per capita GNP is \$780 – South America's poorest country
- Life Expectancy is 73 years
- Official Language is Spanish and most residents are Catholic
- The Andean Highlands

- Area of plateaus and hills near the Andes
 - Capital of Caracas located here
 - Most of the population live in rachitos or small shacks – similar to fevelas
- Waterfalls and Grasslands
 - _____ are found on the border with Brazil
 - World’s largest waterfall (_____) located here
 - _____ is a savannah region that receives rain only half the year making agriculture difficult
- Elevation and Climate
 - _____ effects the vegetation of the region
 - Coffee is grown in the tierra templada region where the climate is mild
- An Oil-Rich Region
 - Venezuela is a major producer of oil
 - Oil deposits are found in four areas
 - Eastern Llanos
 - The lowlands near Lake Maracaibo
 - The Orinoco River Delta
 - Offshore

Colombia

- Named after _____
- Physical Characteristics
 - Has three regions
 - Lowlands, mountains, llanos
 - 75% of the population live in the plateau between the mountains
 - Bogotá is located here

- A Single Crop
 - _____ is the only cash-crop grown in Colombia
 - Campesinos (tenant farmers) can barely keep their families fed
 - If coffee prices drop, the country could be in trouble
- The Drug Trade
 - Marijuana and Cocaine has become a major product of Colombia
 - Small groups of people or families control most of the trade leading to violence
 - US and Colombian governments have tried to stop this problem
- Cooperation and Conflict
 - Colombia has seen many civil wars since gaining independence from Spain in the 1820s
 - 200,000 people were killed in a civil war in the 1950s
 - Conflict still continues today

Brazil's Quest for Economic Growth

- Economic Challenges
 - Most of Brazil's poor live in _____
 - Small number of wealthy own plantations
 - Rural workers have to find jobs on plantations or become subsistence farmers
 - The government promised land redistribution that never happened
 - People living in the _____ face high poverty because of the weak soil
- Government Policies
 - Brazilian government has tried to boost the _____ and encourage _____
 - Economic Activities
 - Government built _____ and _____ in the 1940s
 - It also built hydroelectric plants along the rivers
 - A bank was established to loan money to new business owners
 - Brazil's economy moved from _____ to _____ during the 1950s because of auto, chemical, and steel industries
- Patterns of Settlement
 - _____ was created to encourage people to move from Rio and Sao Paulo
 - Government built thousands of roads with Brasilia at the _____

- The government gave away _____ in the north to encourage settlement
- 1 million people migrated to the Amazon between 1970 and 1985
- **Economic Growth**
 - Industry makes up 1/3 of Brazil's GNP
 - Gasohol (mix of gasoline and alcohol) helped country respond to high gas prices in the 1970s
 - Ethanol is now made from _____
 - _____ of the workforce is in mining, manufacturing, and construction
 - Service industries are also being developed
 - These moves have created an educated workforce and growing middle-class
- **Environmental Challenges**
 - Economic development has led to more _____ because people can't find jobs
 - Government has tried to create low cost housing to help
 - Challenges and opportunities
 - Farming in the Amazon is difficult
 - Thick vegetation that was _____ which led to soil washing away
 - Soil is not very fertile
 - Settlers must clear more land after a growing season
 - New Efforts
 - _____ is becoming a very serious problem
 - Brazil's military patrols the rain forest to cut down on illegal forestry
 - Taxes encourage people to maintain forest areas
 - _____ allows people to vacation without affecting the ecosystem