

## 5th Grade Latin America Resources

### New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/>

### Books:

*A Rain Forest Food Chain : a who-eats-what adventure in South America* by Rebecca Hogue Wojahn (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 61-62) and index. Explains what food webs are, and follows a jaguar, a capybara, a green iguana, an anaconda, and other rain forest inhabitants as they weave food webs in South America.



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64 Pages

*Central America: Facts and Figures* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

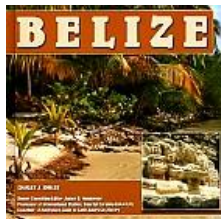
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index. The narrow bridge of land -- Central America's troubled history -- Struggling economies face serious challenges -- the people of Central America -- The communities and cultures of Central America -- The festivals of Central America -- The countries of Central America: maps -- recipes. Provides information about different aspects of life in Central America, discussing the region's history, economic problems, people, cultures, festivals, and other topics. Includes recipes, project and report ideas, a chronology, and other reference materials. Looks at the region as a whole, briefly reviewing geography and history and providing a glimpse of the area's peoples and cultures.



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*Belize* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; A warm, sultry land cooled by sea breezes -- A history different from the rest of Central America -- Careful land use strengthens the economy -- A mosaic of backgrounds and languages -- Communities and cultures clustered by districts -- A calendar of Belizean festivals -- Recipes. An introduction to Belize that discusses the history, geography, economy, people, and society of the Central American country, and includes a calendar of Belizean festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Costa Rica* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; A tropical land of mountains, beaches, and forests -- The history of Costa Rica follows a remarkable course -- A changing economy -- "We are all hermanitos" -- Communities and celebrations -- A calendar of Costa Rican festivals -- Recipes -- Glossary -- Project and report ideas -- Chronology -- Further reading/internet resources -- For more information. An introduction to Costa Rica that discusses the history, geography, economy, people, and society of the Central American country, and includes a calendar of Costa Rican festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Guatemala* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

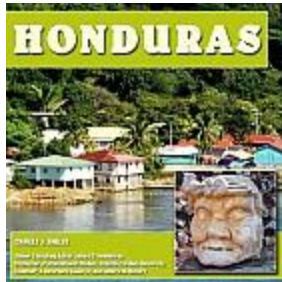
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; The country of eternal spring -- A national identity marred by conflict -- An economy well positioned for growth -- Indians and ladinos -- Two cultures, one country -- A calendar of Guatemalan festivals -- Recipes. An introduction to Guatemala, discussing the history, economy, people, and cultures of the Central American country, and including a calendar of Guatemalan festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Honduras* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;Honduras-the knee of Central America -- Honduras becomes the "banana republic" -- A fragile economy -- The people of Honduras -- Language, religion, and home life -- A calendar of Honduran festivals -- Recipes -- Glossary -- Project and report ideas -- Chronology -- Further reading/internet resources -- For more information. An introduction to Honduras, discussing the history, economy, people, language, religion, and society of the Central American country, and including a calendar of Honduran festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Nicaragua* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60-61) and index.;A land rich in natural resources -- A troubled history -- Step-by-step improvements in the economy -- A people with divided views of their country -- An identity still evolving -- Recipes -- Glossary -- Project and report ideas -- Chronology -- Further reading/internet resources -- For more information. An introduction to Nicaragua, discussing the history, economy, people, and natural resources of the Central American country, and including recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Panama* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;The isthmus cut by the "path between the seas"-- Panama's "geographic destiny" -- An economy centered on the canal -- A mixed people from all over the world -- A rich cultural stew -- Carnaval : the all-Panama festival -- Recipes. An introduction to Panama, discussing the history, geography, economy, people, and culture of the Central American country, and including a look at the Carnaval festival, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*El Salvador* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; Small, struggling land -- A history of struggle -- A changing economy -- The most crowded country in Central America -- El Salvador's communities and culture -- Salvadoran festivals -- Recipes -- Glossary -- Project and report ideas -- Chronology -- Further reading/internet resources -- For more information. An introduction to El Salvador, discussing the history, economy, people, communities, and culture of the Central American country, and including a calendar of Salvadoran festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*South America: Facts and Figures* by Roger E. Hernandez (2009)

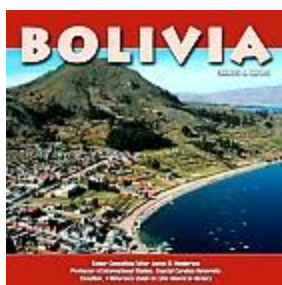
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; The land -- History -- The economy -- the people -- the cities -- A calendar of South American festivals -- Recipes. An introduction to South America that provides facts and figures on the history, geography, economy, people, and cities of the continent, and includes a calendar of South American festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, maps, a chronology, and resources.



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*Bolivia* by LeeAnne Gelletly (2009)

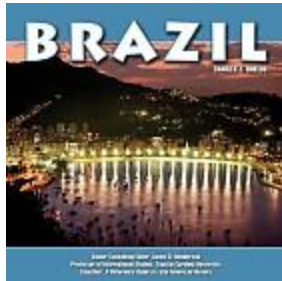
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index. A land at the top of the world -- Turbulent history -- Creating a free-market economy -- People of ancient traditions -- Rapidly growing urban centers -- A calendar of Bolivian festivals -- Recipes. An introduction to Bolivia that discusses the history, geography, economy, people, and society of the South American country, and includes a calendar of festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Brazil* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;Introduction -- Giant of South America -- A legacy of inequality -- The economy : powerhouse potential -- A stew of peoples and cultures -- Brazil's colorful, crowded cities -- A calendar of Brazilian festivals -- Recipes. Discusses the land, history, economy, people, and festivals of Brazil; and includes recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Chile* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

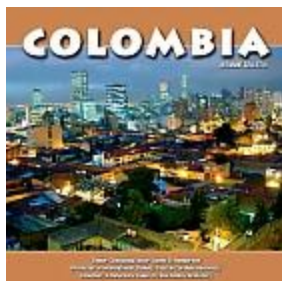
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;Land of the Andes -- Slow march to democracy -- A robust economy -- Chile's people and culture -- Old cities with fresh outlooks -- A calendar of Chilean festivals -- Recipes -- Glossary -- Project and report ideas -- Chronology -- Further reading/internet resources -- For more information. Discusses the land, history, economy, people, and festivals of Chile; and includes recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Colombia* by LeeAnne Gelletly (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;Land of contrasts -- A history of struggle -- A resilient economy -- The many faces of Colombia's people -- A progressively more urban society -- A calendar of Colombian festivals -- Recipes. An introduction to Colombia that discusses the history, geography, economy, people, and society of the South American country, and includes a calendar of festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Ecuador* by Colleen Williams (2009)

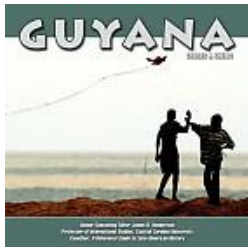
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;Big things in little packages -- Incas, independence, and oil -- the economy of Ecuador -- From shamans to cyber cafes -- Cities and communities -- A calendar of Ecuadorian festivals -- Recipes. Presents the geography, history, economy, cities and communities, and people and culture of Ecuador. Includes recipes, related projects, and a calendar of festivals.



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*Guyana* by Bob Temple (2009)

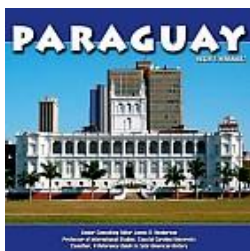
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;"Land of waters" -- A brief history of Guyana -- A fragile economy -- Many peoples, diverse culture -- Guyana's communities. Discusses the land, history, economy, people, and festivals of Guyana; includes recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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*Paraguay* by Roger E. Hernandez (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.;An island surrounded by land -- Independence, isolation, and conflict -- Agriculture and hydroelectricity : Paraguay's economy -- Equal parts Spanish and Guarani : the culture and people -- A nation of rural communities and small cities -- A calendar of Paraguayan festivals -- Recipes. Presents the geography, history, economy, cities, communities, people, and culture of Paraguay; and includes recipes, related projects, and a calendar of festivals.

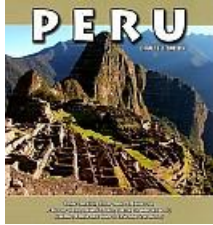


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*Peru* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

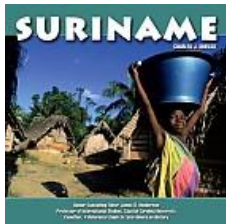
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; Land of contrasts -- A rich, turbulent history -- A divided economy -- Two peoples, two cultures -- The highlands and cities of Peru -- a calendar of Peruvian festivals -- Recipes. Presents information on the geography, history, economy, and people of Peru; and includes a chronology, recipes, project ideas, and more.



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*Suriname* by Colleen Williams (2009)

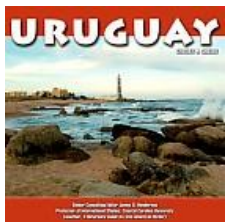
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; Introduction -- The land -- A turbulent history -- A struggling economy -- The people and culture -- Cities and communities -- A calendar of Surinamese festivals -- Recipes. Presents the geography, history, economy, cities, communities, people, and culture of Suriname; and includes recipes, related projects, and a calendar of festivals.



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*Uruguay* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; Land of green rolling plains -- A forward-looking nation -- "the Switzerland of South America" -- A progressive people and culture -- Cities and towns of Uruguay -- a calendar of Uruguayan festivals -- Recipes. Presents information on the geography, history, economy, and people of Uruguay. Includes a chronology, recipes, project ideas, and more.



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*Venezuela* by Charles J. Shields (2009)

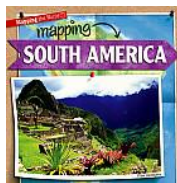
Includes bibliographical references (p. 60) and index.; An exotic land -- A late bloomer in South American history -- Boom and bust economy -- The people and culture of Venezuela -- An urban population -- A calendar of Venezuelan festivals -- Recipes. An introduction to Venezuela that discusses the history, geography, economy, people, and society of the South American country, and includes a calendar of festivals, recipes, a glossary, project and report ideas, a chronology, and resources.



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63 Pages

*Mapping South America* by Mark Harasymiw (2014)

About 140 million years ago, South America and Africa broke apart, eventually drifting to their current positions on Earth. But when looking at a map of the two, they still look like puzzle pieces! Readers will learn many fascinating facts about the geography of South America. Colorful photographs and detailed maps introduce them to a continent full of high mountains, bustling cities, and fertile grasslands. Fact boxes enhance the main content further as readers expand their knowledge of South America's diverse landforms and cultures, as well as their map skills!



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24 Pages

*South America* by Rita Brown (2014)

Includes bibliographical references (page 47) and index. An exploration of South America, covering its landscape, plants, animals, people, and more.



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48 Pages



## Digital Resources

**Databases:** (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

**Brainpop Jr.:** *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3, but can be used in 4th and 5th grades as well.*

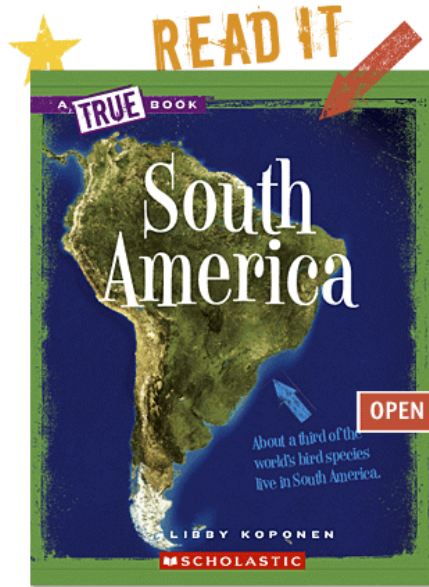
Brainpop Jr. offers sections on geography, economics and government in the Social Studies folder. The government section is specific to the United States. The geography section includes a video on the continents. The economy section is general and not specific to the US, Latin America, or Canada. There is a useful and fun game called "Sortify" that allows students to sort cards with world geography clues into bins for points varying in difficulty. You can find "Sortify" by clicking "Game Up" and choosing "Science Games."



After viewing any videos on Brainpop Jr., two different online quizzes are offered to check for understanding. They are entitled "Easy" and "Hard" with 5 questions each.

**TrueFlix:** Trueflix is a database that includes non-fiction electronic books. Within each selected book you will find a 3-6 minute informational video on the subject, and a list of recommended websites.

Trueflix contains this book which supports the New York State Social Studies Standards on Latin America for 5th Grade. The book is 48 pages long, and includes a “Read-Along” button which highlights each word as it is read aloud.



## Find the Truth!

**What makes South America unique?**

To get the Truth: Watch the video, then read the book.



Here is the contents page for this book on South America:

<h1 style="color: red;">Contents</h1> <p><b>1 Land of Extremes</b> Can mountains keep growing taller? ..... 7</p> <p><b>2 Amazing Amazon</b> Which rain-forest bird sounds like a croaking frog? ..... 19</p> <p><b>THE BIG TRUTH!</b></p> <p><b>Floating Village</b> How do people keep afloat on Lake Titicaca? .... 22</p> <p><b>3 Peoples of the Past</b> Does anyone still speak Quechua? ..... 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Potatoes were first grown in South America.</p> <p><b>4 Lifestyles</b> What is capoeira? ..... 35</p> <p><b>True Statistics</b> ..... 43</p> <p><b>Resources</b> ..... 44</p> <p><b>Important Words</b> ..... 46</p> <p><b>Index</b> ..... 47</p> <p><b>About the Author</b> ..... 48</p>
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Each subject in *Trueflix* has a part called “Show What You Know.” This is a ten question quiz that can be used to check understanding from the text.

## Show What You Know

1. What word best describes South America's landscape?



- varied
- flat
- grassy
- icy

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*Trueflix* also offers word match activity that can be done online. Word match gives a clue that can then be matched with a keyword from the text. As you can see from the toolbar on the left, there are project ideas for the classroom, a list of other non-fiction resources on the same topic in “Explore More,” related websites that have been tested and recommended, and a 3-6 minute video in “Watch the Video.”



Start

Watch the Video

Read the Book

Explore More

Project Idea

Activity Center

- Show What You Know
- Word Match

Explore the Web

More  
Space

### Word Match

Read the clue below. Click on the word it matches.  
Match all the words to uncover a picture.

**CLUE:** a land formation having steep walls and a flat top.

exports	fertile	mesa
plateau	indigenous	glacier
tannin	tropical	navigable

**Pebble Go!** *Pebble Go is a database that includes non-fiction books, videos and activities. The target audience for Pebble Go is Kindergarten through 3rd grade, however Pebble Go can be a great way to pique interest in a topic for 4th and 5th graders. Each book is 5 pages long and includes a read-aloud button that highlights each word as it reads aloud. There are often one or two very short videos on the topic embedded within each book.*

Pebble Go has a small amount of introductory information which may be helpful with the New York State Social Studies standards on Latin America for 5th Grade. The "In My World" section includes two books that touch on the North American continent and its systems of government.

Home > In My World > In My Continent

What Is a Continent? My Continent People Landforms **Government** Related Articles

 Each North American country has its own **government**. Canadians **elect** a **prime minister**. People in the United States and Mexico **elect presidents** as leaders.



Home > In My World > In My Country

My Country **Government** Places to Visit My Country's Symbols Other Countries Related Articles

 My country's **government** meets in Washington, D.C. This city is the **capital** of the United States. The president is the leader of the **government**. **Congress** makes the laws for my country.



The U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

## World Book Web:

The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. Most all of these World Book Web research tools include options where text can be read aloud to the user. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **World Book Kids**, **World Book Student**, **World Book Discover**, **World Book Timelines** and **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>

World Book Student has an article called "Latin America" which aligns with New York State Social Studies Standards for 5th Grade. You can use this link to access the article on day and night: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar314360> OR you can simply type "latin america" in World Book Student and choose the first article.

The image displays three screenshots of the World Book Student article "Latin America", showing the "Article Contents" sidebar with varying levels of detail.

**Left Screenshot:** Shows the main sections: Introduction, People, Way of life, The arts, and History. It also includes Lexile Measure: 1060L and Citation Information.

**Middle Screenshot:** Shows a more detailed view of the "People" section, including sub-sections like Population, Where people of Latin America live, and Rain forest in Peru. It also shows the "Way of life" section expanded to include Ancestry, Attitudes toward race, and Languages.

**Right Screenshot:** Shows a very detailed view of the "Way of life" section, listing numerous sub-topics such as Indigenous women in La Paz market, City life, Middle-class housing, Latin American slums, Rural life, Family life, Family life in Latin America, Clothing, Food and drink, Preparing tortillas, Harvesting coca leaves, Recreation, Soccer in Latin America, Carnival in Bolivia, Religion, Roman Catholicism, Religion in Argentina, Protestantism, Folk religions, and Education.

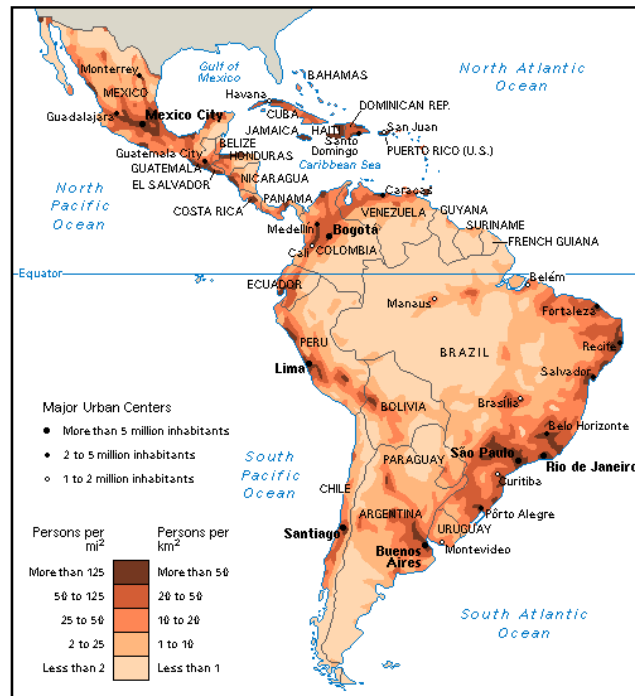


These two maps are connected to the “Latin America” home article.

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Map: **Where people of Latin America live**  
(Home Article: [Latin America](#))





There is also an article on every country in Latin America. These can be accessed by typing in that country's name into the search bar at the top of *World Book Student*, or by going to the atlas section of *World Book Student* and clicking on the name of the country. Notice below in "Other Ways to Find It" there is a link for "Atlas."

<b>OTHER WAYS TO FIND IT:</b>	<b>CONTENT:</b>	<b>IMAGES &amp; VIDEOS:</b>
	<a href="#">By subject</a>	<a href="#">By title</a>
	<a href="#">Alphabetically</a>	<a href="#">Atlas</a>
	<a href="#">Dictionary</a>	

If you click on "Atlas" above you will be taken to the page you see pictured below. You can click on a continent to zoom in, and then click on individual countries to access articles.

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## **Websites:**

### ***CIA: World Factbook***

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

The World Factbook provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 267 world entities. Our Reference tab includes: maps of the major world regions, as well as Flags of the World, a Physical Map of the World, a Political Map of the World, a World Oceans map, and a Standard Time Zones of the World map.

### ***Latin America Geography***

<http://www.geographia.com/indx05.htm>

Includes information on nine South and Central American countries including: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela.

### ***Mayan Kids***

<http://www.mayankids.com/>

Learn about Mayan people, pyramids, gods and goddesses.

### ***Mayan Civilization***

[http://www.eduplace.com/kids/socsci/ca/books/bkf3/imaps/AC\\_09\\_308\\_mayan/AC\\_09\\_308\\_mayan.html](http://www.eduplace.com/kids/socsci/ca/books/bkf3/imaps/AC_09_308_mayan/AC_09_308_mayan.html)

Fascinating interactive map with historical facts along the way.

### ***Central and South America Quizzes***

[http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/South\\_America\\_Geography.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/South_America_Geography.htm)

Includes varying levels of difficulty in these geography quizzes on capitals, countries, landscapes, and oceans.

### ***Enchanted Learning: South America***

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/samer/>

Includes worksheets, quizzes, maps and activities on the continent of South America.

### ***Machu Picchu Slide Show***

<http://content.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,2084363,00.html>

Time magazine slideshow of Machu Picchu over 100 years.

### ***Pyramid Facts for Kids***

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/engineering/pyramids.html>

Includes facts on all pyramids worldwide including Mayan and Aztec.

### ***National Geographic Kids***

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/colombia.html>

This article is on Columbia, but if you scroll to the bottom you can select from other articles on countries in South and Central America. Detailed information and gripping color photographs.

### **iPad apps:**

#### ***South America: A Montessori Approach - by Rantek Inc.***

**Cost: \$3.99**

Teaches the names and locations of all the countries in South America. Includes Puzzle Maps by name and by shape.

#### ***CIA World Factbook for iPad - by Fuzzy Peach LLC***

**Cost: \$1.99**

Extensive information on more than 250 countries and locations throughout the world.

#### ***Google Earth App - by Google, Inc.***

**Cost: Free**

Use the new "tour guide" to discover new places around the world. There are a selection of virtual tours available by swiping the tab at the bottom of the screen. If you hover over Central America or South America the available virtual tours will change to match the location.