

Geography of Latin America

SS6G1ab

The student will locate selected features of Latin America and the Caribbean.

a. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map:

Amazon River, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Pacific Ocean, Panama Canal, Andes Mountains, Sierra Madre Mountains, and Atacama Desert.

b. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of **Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela.**



North America

Pacific Ocean

South America

Atlantic Ocean

Arctic Ocean

Europe

Africa

Asia

Pacific Ocean

Indian Ocean

Antarctic Ocean

Antarctica



Latin America Includes:

- **Caribbean**
- **Mexico**
- **Central America**
- **South America**

Map Song

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=keGRszDVyDk>

(Sung to the tune of a song from Robin Hood—Disney version)

Latin America

Pacific Ocean, Mexico, Sierra Madre Mountains,
the Gulf of Mexico is where the hurricanes blow!

Panama has the canal, Colombia, Venezuela,
Cuba, Haiti, share the Caribbean Sea.

The Atacama desert, Andes Mountains, and Bolivia,
the Amazon River runs across northern Brazil.

And if you're ever on a boat and floating down the river,
you'll go to the Atlantic where the Amazon ends!

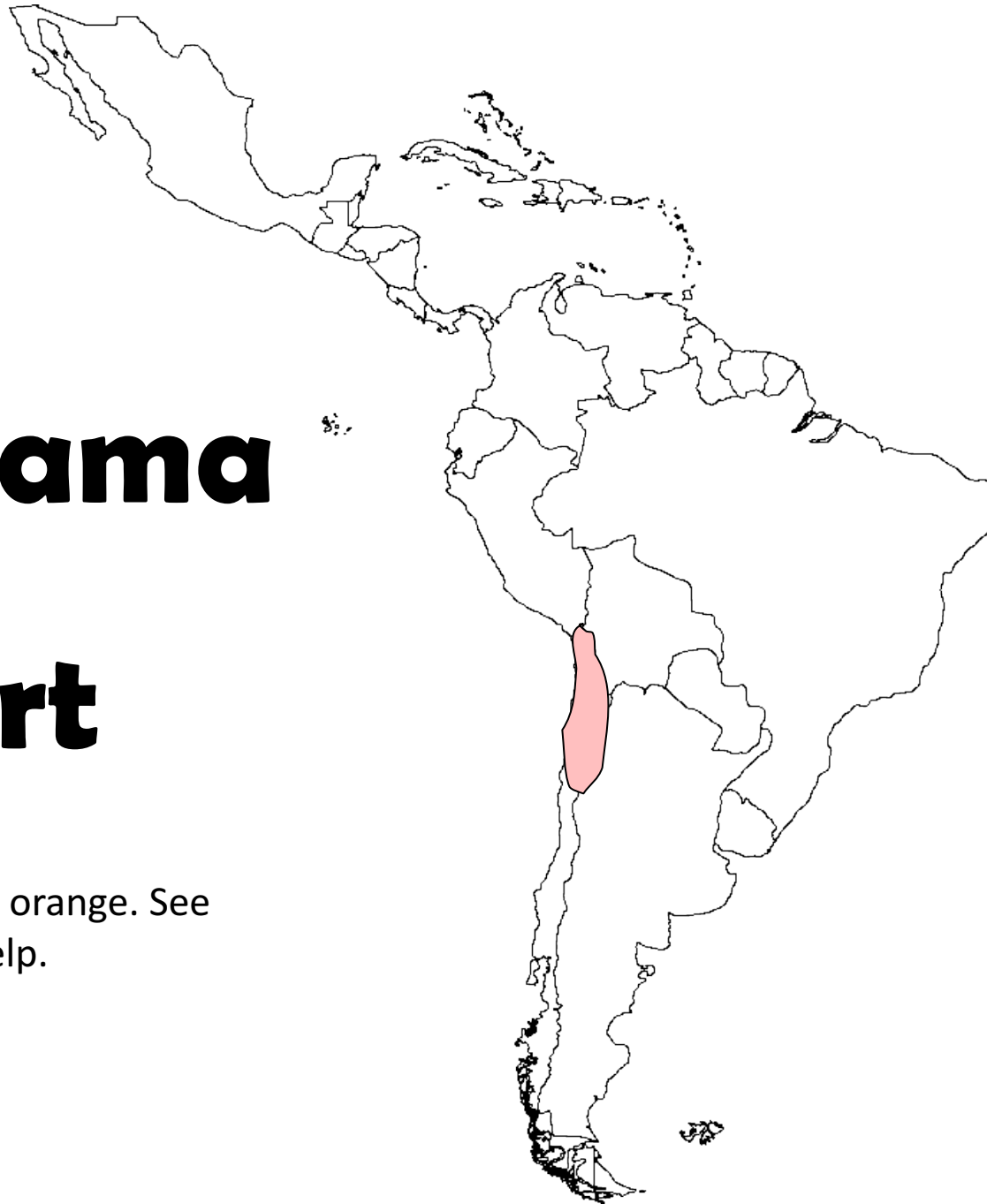
Feature	Location	Significance
Amazon River		
Caribbean Sea		
Gulf of Mexico		
Pacific Ocean		
Panama Canal		
Andes Mtns.		
Sierra Madre Mtns.		
Atacama Desert		

Country	Location Description	Interesting Fact
Bolivia		
Brazil		
Columbia		
Cuba		
Haiti		
Mexico		
Panama		
Venezuela		

Atacama

Desert

Color in yellow or orange. See
atlas pg. 79 for help.



Atacama Desert

- Located between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes Mountains in northern Chile.
- **It is the driest place on earth!** (Has never rained in some places!) **Largest supply of nitrates on earth.** (the sand mummifies/ concrete-like.) = 2nd largest salt flats area in world.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyKKIO50hMA> ***
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLN5uz42oos>



Andes Mountains

Color in brown. See atlas pg. 79 for help.



Andes Mountains

- The longest mountain range in South America. "Backbone". 2nd driest place on earth. Shields S. Am. From weather. Amazon River begins from glaciers here.
- Located in the western part of the continent, the mountains extend through the countries of Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina.
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XePpHMa1t00>

