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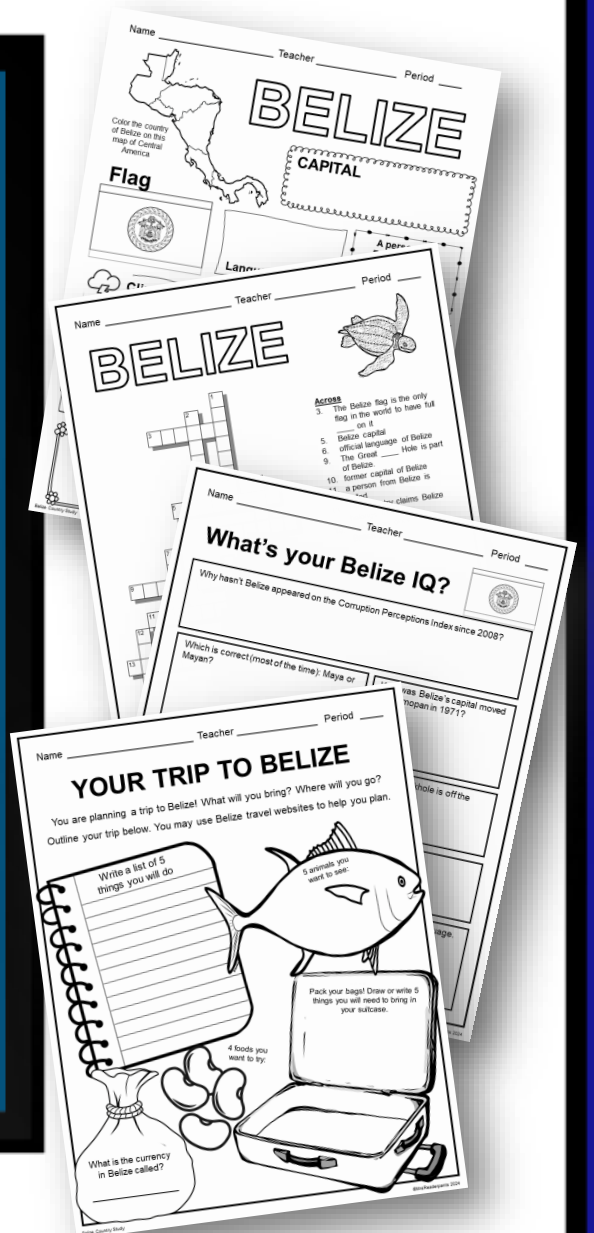
COUNTRY STUDY

THE GREAT MAYA REEF

- The Great Maya Reef is the second-longest barrier reef in the world, after the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.



- Stretches from Mexico into Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras
- Home to sea turtles, manatees, corals, rays, sharks, colorful fish, eels, octopuses, seahorses, barracudas, crocodiles, and lots more!
- One of the world's largest populations of manatees
- Very popular area for snorkeling and diving



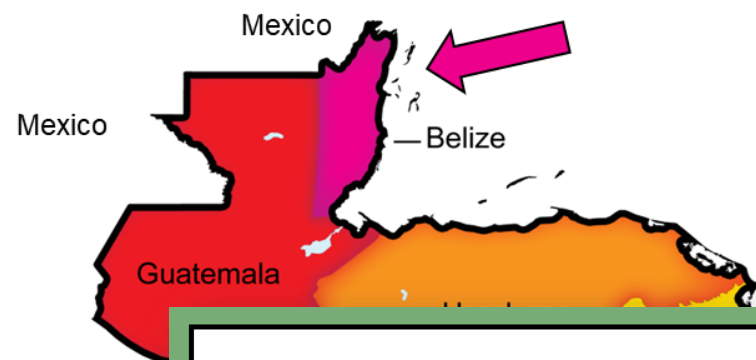
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BELIZE

PRESENTATION

LOCATION



Belize water borders:

- Caribbean Sea

Belize land borders:

- Guatemala
- Mexico

BELIZE - DETAILED MAP

Maps can tell us so much! Let's look closely at this map...

What information can you discern about Belize from this map?

How long is its coastline? What are the borders?

What are the largest cities? What is that long red line, and what is it connecting?

How close is Ambergris Caye to Mexico?



41 slides teach students to find Belize on a map, plus information about the people, places, climate, economy, government, education, and problems.

INCLUDES:

- Belize flag
- Belize on maps of South America and the world
- Water and land borders
- British Honduras
- Languages and people
- Maya or Mayan?
- Religion
- Education
- Sports and Recreation
- Health and welfare
- Food – fruits, panades, plantains, tamales
- Famous Belizean – Simone Biles
- Landforms – Great Blue Hole, Great Maya Reef, jungle, islands
- Landmarks – Maya archaeological sites, Great Blue Hole, Ambergris Caye, Belmopan, Great Maya Reef, Baron Bliss Lighthouse
- Climate
- Biodiversity
- Things to see and do
- Capital - Belmopan
- Economy
- Problems and challenges
- What is corruption?
- Corruption Perceptions Index and why Belize hasn't been ranked since 2008
- Discussion question – Would you want to visit?

LANGUAGES AND PEOPLE



- Official language is English.
- Belizean **Creole** (mix of English and Caribbean languages) and Spanish are also widely-spoken.
- Has the lowest population and population density in Central America
- Was home to the ancient Maya civilization
- The largest ethnic groups in Belize are Creole, Maya, Garifuna, Mestizo, and East Indian.
- The Garifuna people are descendants of West and Central African, Carib, and Arawak peoples.
- A person from Belize is called a **Belizean**.

BELIZEAN FOODS



- Belize has lots of cultural diversity, particularly from the Caribbean and Latin America.
- Popular foods include: tortillas, beans, rice, fried plantains (in the banana family), panades (meat pies), tamales, seafood, cassava (a tuber, like a yam or potato), and local fruits and vegetables.
- Belize is hot and humid, so there are lots of tropical fruits. This includes pineapple, bananas, mangoes, coconut, and mamey.
- **Mamey** is a very sweet fruit native to Mexico and Central America. It has a smooth, creamy consistency, sort of like a very sweet avocado.

THE GREAT BLUE HOLE



- About 70km (43 miles) off the shore of Belize City lies The Great Blue Hole.
- The Great Blue Hole is the world's largest sinkhole.
- It lies just off the coast of Belize. It is 300m (984 feet) across and 125 m (410 feet) deep.
- Inside, there are stalactites, just like you would find in a cave.
- This is a popular diving spot.

DO YOU REMEMBER...?



Ambergris Caye, Belize

DO YOU REMEMBER?

What insect, common in tropical countries like Belize, causes illnesses like dengue fever and zika in humans?

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Why was the capital moved from Belize City to Belmopan in 1970?

Why isn't Belize ranked on the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index?



Wooden Maya sculpture

Review questions appear after every 8-12 information slides.

These may be recall questions (What is the capital?) or discussion questions (Would you want to visit Belize?)

EDITABLE TEXT

WHICH IS CORRECT: MAYA OR MAYAN?



There are many Maya archaeological sites along the Belize River

- Generally, you want to say “**Maya**” – but you will likely also hear people say “Mayan”
- Most uses of “Mayan” are incorrect. **Mayan** is used only when referring to the Mayan language family. Example: There are around 30 Mayan languages.
- One exception: The Yucatec Maya live in Belize and Mexico. Their language is Maya, not Mayan.
- Examples: Maya culture, Maya civilization, Maya food, Maya houses, Maya kings, Maya calendar
- Not sure? “Maya” is the one to use most of the time. You only use “Mayan” when referring to the group of Mayan languages.

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3 FORMATS

PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES



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- Drug trafficking
- Violent crime
- Human trafficking
- High unemployment
- High national debt
- Overreliance on tourism industry
- Illegal hunting & logging
- Looting of the cave system (taking

Belize Country Study



DISCUSSION QUESTION

Belize is an English-speaking country that offers many activities for tourists.

Visitors to Belize can enjoy beautiful beaches, diving in the Great Blue Hole, touring Maya archaeological sites, tubing inside water caves, and lots of diverse wildlife.

Belize also has problems with corruption, poverty, mosquitos, hurricanes, and violent crime.

Knowing all this, would you want to visit Belize? Why or why not?

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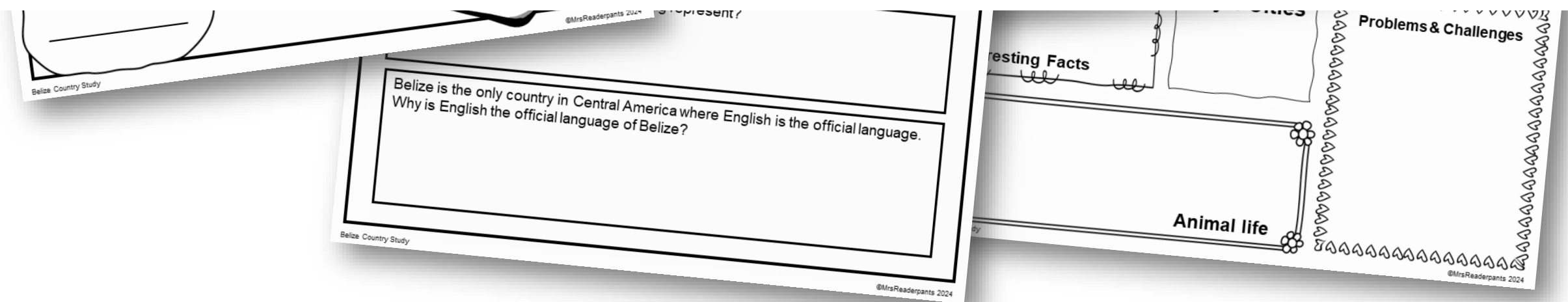
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4 PDF ACTIVITIES



PREVIEW



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ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED



PREVIEW




All activities and “Do You Remember” slides
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GUATEMALA

Country Study



DO YOU REMEMBER?


Name at least two mosquito-borne diseases that are common in Guatemala.

What is the most popular sport in Guatemala?

Guatemalan textiles for sale at a market

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EL SALVADOR

Country Study




LOCATION

El Salvador borders:

- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Pacific Ocean

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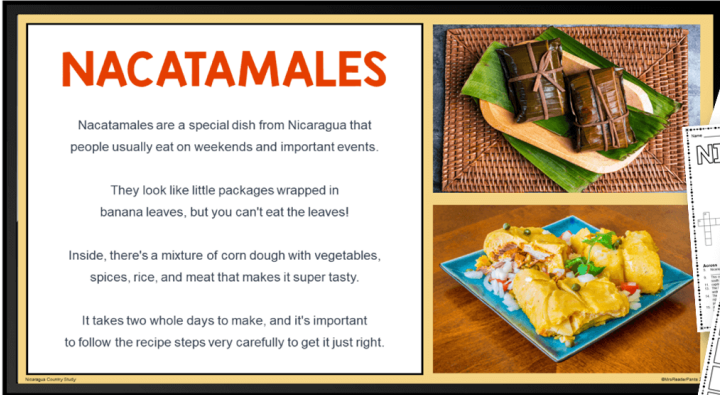
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NICARAGUA

COUNTRY STUDY



NACATAMALES

Nacatamales are a special dish from Nicaragua that people usually eat on weekends and important events.


They look like little packages wrapped in banana leaves, but you can't eat the leaves!

Inside, there's a mixture of corn dough with vegetables, spices, rice, and meat that makes it super tasty.

It takes two whole days to make, and it's important to follow the recipe steps very carefully to get it just right.


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