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# VENEZUELA

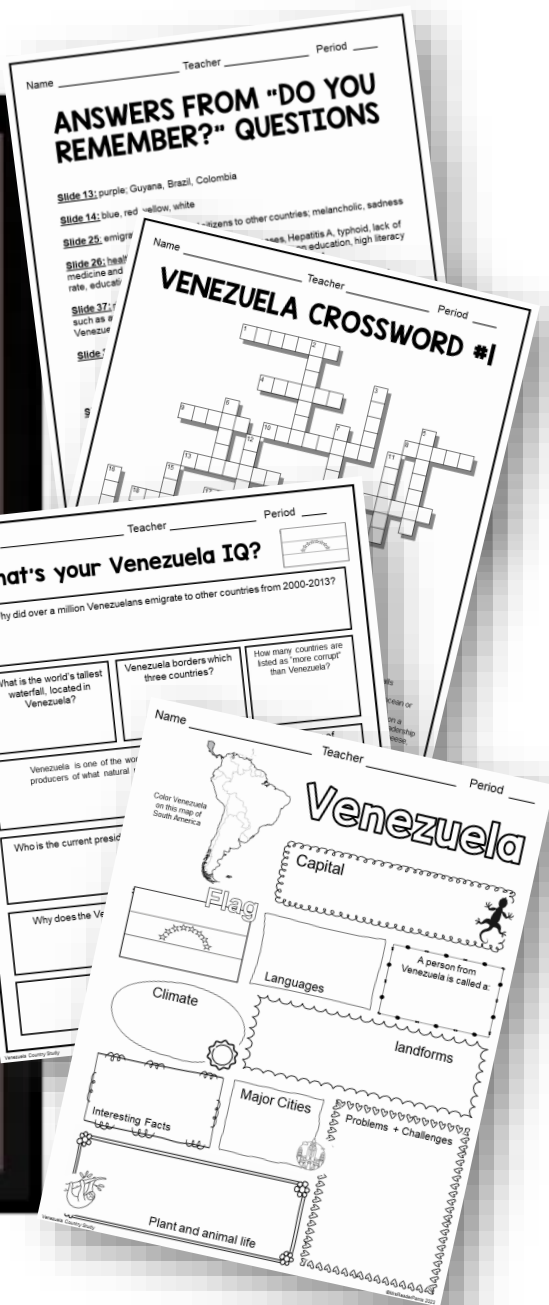
## COUNTRY STUDY

### ORINOCO RIVER DELTA

- A **river delta** is a wetland area that forms where a river meets another body of water, such as a lake, another river, or the ocean.
- River deltas are rich in animal and plant biodiversity
- The Orinoco River is a major river in South America.
- In Venezuela, the Orinoco empties into the Caribbean Sea. The area where the two bodies of water meet is the Orinoco River Delta.
- The Orinoco River Delta contains brackish water, which is a mix of saltwater and freshwater.



Capybaras are among the many animals living in the Orinoco River Delta.



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Includes 3 PDF activities, answer keys, and 45-slide presentation



# VENEZUELA PRESENTATION

## VENEZUELA FLAG



- Current flag was adopted in 2006.
- The eight stars represent the eight Venezuelan provinces that supported the Venezuelan independence.
- Colombia, Venezuela, and the United States have similar flags. This is a republic called Venezuela.

## VENEZUELA - DETAILED MAP

Look closely at this map.

What information can you determine about Venezuela from this map?

What is the capital?

What major river do you see?

What countries border Venezuela?

Do you see the huge Lake Maracaibo?




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

# INCLUDES:

- Venezuela flag
- Gran Colombia
- Venezuela on maps of South America and the world
- Water and land borders
- Languages and people
- Major landforms - Lake Maracaibo, tepui mountains, Orinoco River Delta, Angel Falls, Andes Mountains
- Religion
- Education
- Sports
- Health & welfare
- Artist – Cristóbal Rojas
- Emigration / “brain drain”
- Climate
- Biodiversity
- Things to see and do
- *arepas* (popular food)
- Capital
- Government
- Current president
- Economy
- Problems and challenges
- 2023 political and economic crisis
- Sanctions
- Ranking on Corruption Perceptions Index
- Discussion question – Would you want to visit?

Orinoco River Delta, Venezuela



**FAST FACTS**

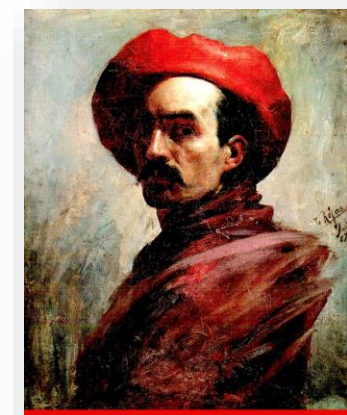
- Venezuela is home to the world's largest known petroleum reserves
- Venezuela is having serious economic and political problems right now
- Before 2013, Venezuela was moderately successful and democratic
- Today, there are strong restrictions on personal freedoms, controls over businesses, and heavily censored press
- More problems – strong economic controls, high inflation, food shortages, shortages of medicine and medical supplies, rampant human rights abuses, and high crime

## SPORTS

- Baseball is very popular in Venezuela
- Famous Venezuelan baseball players include; Miguel Cabrera, Félix Hernández, Luis Aparicio, Alejandro "Patón" Carrasquel, and José Altuve
- Also: football (soccer), basketball, cycling, and boxing
- Economic challenges place watching or playing sports out of reach for many Venezuelans
- Venezuela does participate in both summer and winter Olympic games, with 19 medals (3 golds) won in boxing, track and field, and weightlifting



Poliedro de Caracas (indoor stadium)



Self Portrait (1887)

## FAMOUS ARTIST

- Cristóbal Rojas was one of the most influential Venezuelan artists of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
- His paintings varied in style and were of Venezuelan life.
- He lived a solitary life with few friends.
- People who knew him called him **melancholic**, which means very sad or depressive.
- Can you sense the sadness in this self portrait and the next three paintings...?

# VOCABULARY WORDS

- River delta
- Tepui
- Brackish
- Sanctions
- Corruption
- Inflation
- Emigration
- Arepas

## RELIGION

- Constitution of Venezuela guarantees freedom of religion
- 96% of people are Roman Catholic
- Protestant is the second-largest religion (only 2%)
- Small groups of Jews, Muslims, and other religions make up the last 2%
- Religious tolerance is observed



Basilica of  
between

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## VENEZUELAN AREPAS

Arepas are made with a corn dough, then stuffed with various fillings.

Arepas are popular in several South American countries.

They are a signature food in Venezuela.

Venezuelan arepas are eaten as snacks or sides to meals. Fillings may include beef, avocado, cheese, and many other foods.



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# DO YOU REMEMBER...?

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

What color is Venezuela on this map?

What three countries border Venezuela?



## DO YOU REMEMBER?



General Rafael Urdaneta Bridge (over Lake Maracaibo)

What are some health concerns in Ecuador?

Tell me something about education in Ecuador.

Review questions appear every 10-12 slides.

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

# EDITABLE TEXT

## LAKE MARACAIBO

- Huge brackish water lake in northern Venezuela
- Some sources list Lake Maracaibo as the largest natural lake in South America
- Large oil reserves under lake
- Pollution from oil industry is a problem for the lake
- Some sources say the largest lake is Lake Titicaca on Peru/Ecuador border
- The dispute is over whether Lake Maracaibo is a lagoon or gulf (Lake Maracaibo has an inlet to the Caribbean Sea)



Orinoco River

## PLANT BIODIVERSITY

- Lots of lush, green vegetation all year long
- Over 21,000 endemic plant species in Venezuela!
- Tropical rainforest, Orinoco River Delta, and Andes Mountains contain many diverse plant species
- Ferns, orchids, palm trees, Andean lupine flower, araguaney tree

All headers and text in the presentation are fully editable.

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# 3 PDF ACTIVITIES

The image displays three educational worksheets for Venezuela. The first worksheet, titled "Venezuela", includes a map of South America with Venezuela highlighted, a flag, and various text boxes for "Capital", "Languages", "Climate", "Major Cities", "Interesting Facts", and "Plant and animal life". The second worksheet is a crossword puzzle titled "VENEZUELA CROSSWORD" with a grid and a list of clues. The third worksheet is a quiz titled "What's your Venezuela IQ?" with a grid of questions and a small flag icon.

**Venezuela Country Study Worksheet:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Color Venezuela on this map of South America

**Venezuela**

Capital \_\_\_\_\_

Flag \_\_\_\_\_

Languages \_\_\_\_\_

Climate \_\_\_\_\_

Major Cities \_\_\_\_\_

Interesting Facts \_\_\_\_\_

Plant and animal life \_\_\_\_\_

**Venezuela Crossword:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**VENEZUELA CROSSWORD**

**Across**

- major river in Venezuela
- Venezuela has a border dispute with this country
- Venezuelan painter with a "melancholic" style: Cristobal \_\_\_\_\_
- Major mountain range in Venezuela and many South American countries
- popular sport in Venezuela
- official language of Venezuela
- national animal of Venezuela
- huge lake with oil reserves underneath it
- Venezuela depends heavily on this industry
- devaluation of a country's currency
- flat top mountains

**Down**

- capital city
- tallest waterfall in the world; \_\_\_\_\_ Falls
- Venezuelan currency
- wetland area where a river meets an ocean or lake
- political or economic pressures applied on a country in order to change behavior of leadership
- corn dough stuffed with beef, avocado, cheese, and other fillings
- leaving one's home country to live permanently in another country
- Venezuelan constitution guarantees freedom of \_\_\_\_\_
- number of stars on Venezuelan flag

**What's your Venezuela IQ?**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Why did over a million Venezuelans emigrate to other countries from 2000-2013?

What is the world's tallest waterfall, located in Venezuela?

Venezuela borders which three countries?

How many countries are listed as "more corrupt" than Venezuela?

Venezuela is one of the world's top producers of what natural resource?

What is the currency of Venezuela?

Who is the current president of Venezuela?

This Venezuelan lake is the largest lake in South America:

Why does the Venezuelan flag contain eight stars? What do they represent?

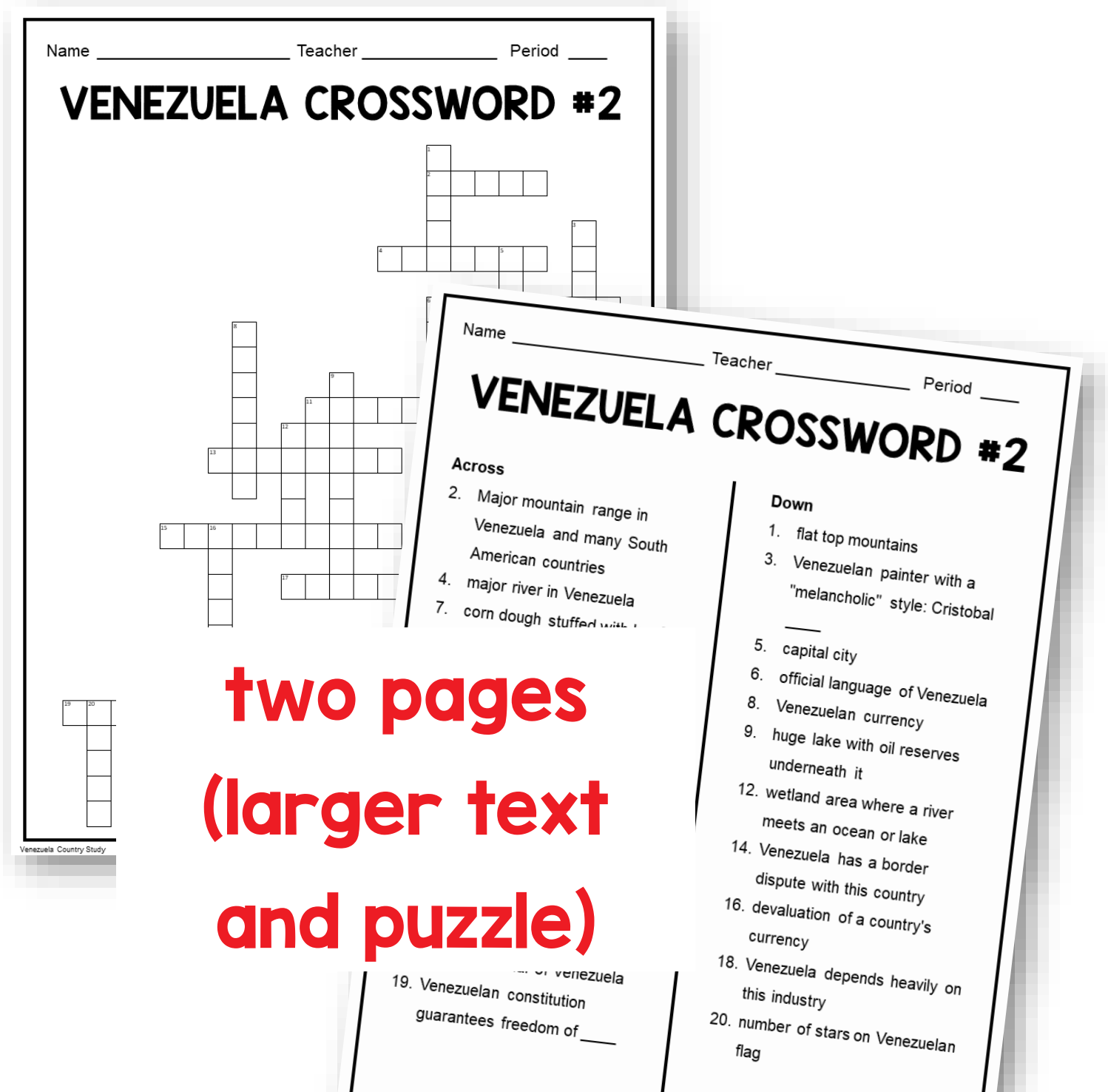
What are some popular sports in Venezuela?

Three printable activities help review information in the presentation.

All text is editable in PPT, Google Slides, and PDF formats.

Includes **answer keys** for all three activities.

# TWO VERSIONS OF CROSSWORD



The crossword has two versions. The one-page version may be too small for some students to write in the boxes. The two-page version is larger. All questions and answers are the same, but the crossword layouts are different.




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## HONDURAS

Country Study

**ROATAN SHIPWRECK**




This ship is called *Odyssey*.

It is on Roatan Island, which one of the Bahia Islands in northern Honduras.

The shipwreck is a popular dive spot. The *Odyssey* was intentionally sunk in 2002 to create a diving area.

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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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## COLOMBIA

COUNTRY STUDY

**FAMOUS ARTIST**




Man on Horse (Jerusalem, Israel)

- Fernando Botero is a world-famous painter and sculptor who lived in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- He was born in Medellin, Colombia.
- Botero's artwork is very distinctive and easy to spot.
- "Inflated" people and animals, short with thick legs, bodies, arms, and heads
- His sculptures can be found all over the world.

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## ECUADOR

COUNTRY STUDY

**CLIMATE**



Laguna de Culocho

- Tropical along coastlines
- Cooler in some higher elevations of Andes Mountains
- Amazonian jungle lowlands
- Frequent earthquakes, landslides, volcanic activity, floods, drought

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