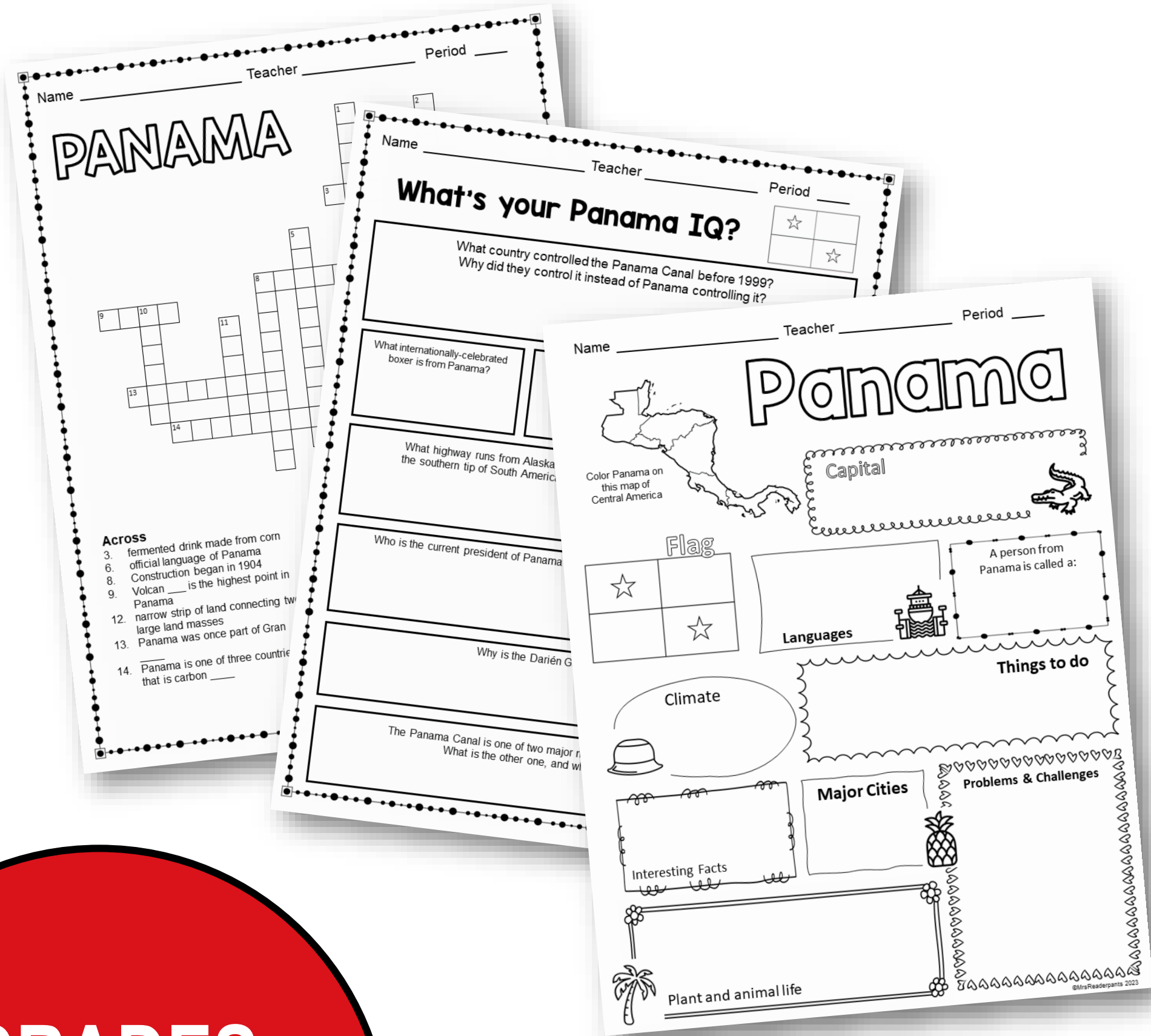


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PANAMA COUNTRY STUDY



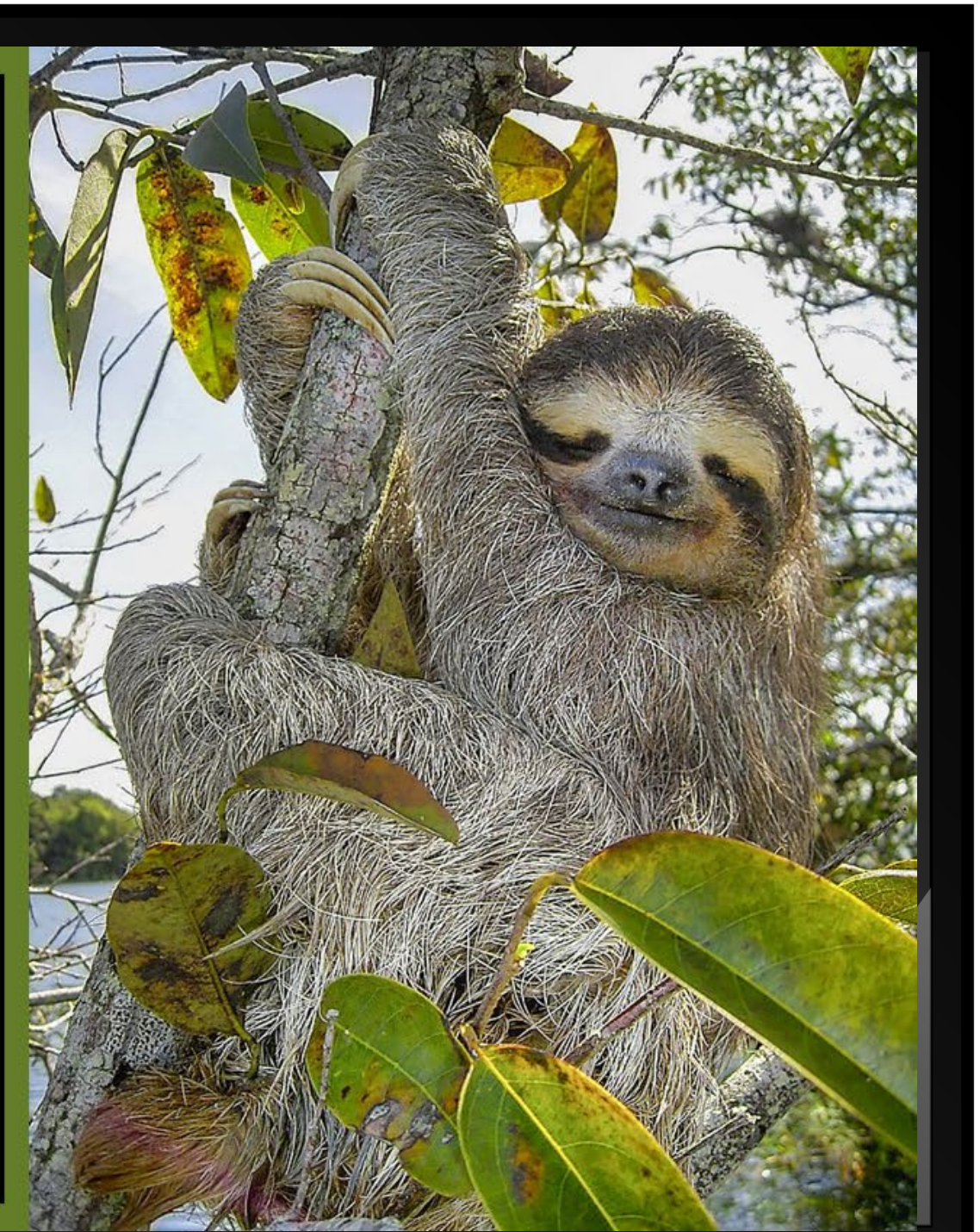
INTERESTING FACT

Carbon negative countries are those countries that remove more carbon from the air than they emit.

Only three countries in the world are carbon negative:
Bhutan, Suriname, and Panama.

All three of these countries are relatively small and have significant forest and rainforest coverage.

three-toed sloth



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Includes 3 PDF activities, answer keys, and a 35-slide presentation




PANAMA PRESENTATION

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

LOCATION

Panama water borders:

- Caribbean Sea
- Pacific Ocean




Panama land borders:

- Costa Rica
- Colombia

PANAMA - DETAILED MAP

Look closely at this map.

What information can you discern about Panama from this map?



What is the capital city? How much coastline do you see? What about islands?

Where is the Gulf of Panama? Do you see the Panama Canal?

HOMESCHOOLING?

FOODS TO TRY

- Rondón is a traditional dish or soup found in many Latin American and Caribbean countries
- Rondón recipe
- Name means: F & F Tower in Panama City (nickname is the Corkscrew)

Depending on the recipe:

- coconut milk
- meat (may be chicken, beef, pork, or lamb)
- crabs, shrimp
- Vegetables (potatoes, corn, onions, cassava)
- various spices



PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES

- Income inequality

THE DARIÉN GAP

- 66 miles of thick forests, mountains, and rivers along the Panama and Colombia border
- One of world's most dangerous migration routes



fer-de-lance (highly venomous to humans)



- Very difficult to go through this area – every year, refugees from South America die trying to pass through
- Pan American Highway runs from Alaska to the southern tip of South America – the only place it breaks up is in the Darién Gap
- Dangers include mudslides, swift rivers, flash flooding, crime, no safe drinking water, dangerous wildlife
- No police or medical assistance if you need help – a broken leg could be fatal
- Dangerous wildlife includes: crocodiles, jaguars, venomous snakes, scorpions, spiders, insects

I am a certified teacher and homeschooling parent, too!

This resource is a “cleaned-up” version of what I used when homeschooling my own 7th and 9th grade sons.

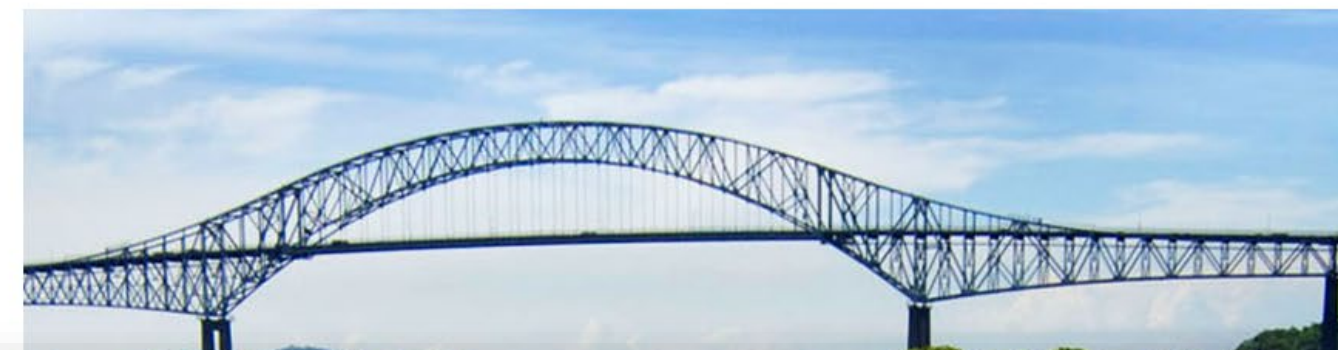
DO YOU REMEMBER...?

Review questions appear every few slides.

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

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Panama was once part of Gran _____.



Name two popular sports in Panama.

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Gamboa is a small town near the Panama Canal.

What is the official language of Panama?

How long does it take a ship to travel through the Panama Canal?

EVERY SLIDE HAS REAL PHOTOS OR MAPS



Estadio Maracaná in Panama City, Panama

SPORTS

- Football (soccer)
- Panama has a
- Panamanian bo

BIODIVERSITY

- Lots of biodiversity due to a variety of ecosystems
- Ecosystems include rainforests, wetlands, cloud forests, coral reefs, and highlands
- More than 10,000 known plant species in Panama
- Over 1000 bird species in Panama
- Animal species include: crocodiles, jaguars, sloths, monkeys, tapirs, anteaters, snakes, tarantulas, scorpions
- Numerous protected national parks
- Many species are endemic to Panama (can only be found in Panama and nowhere else in the world)

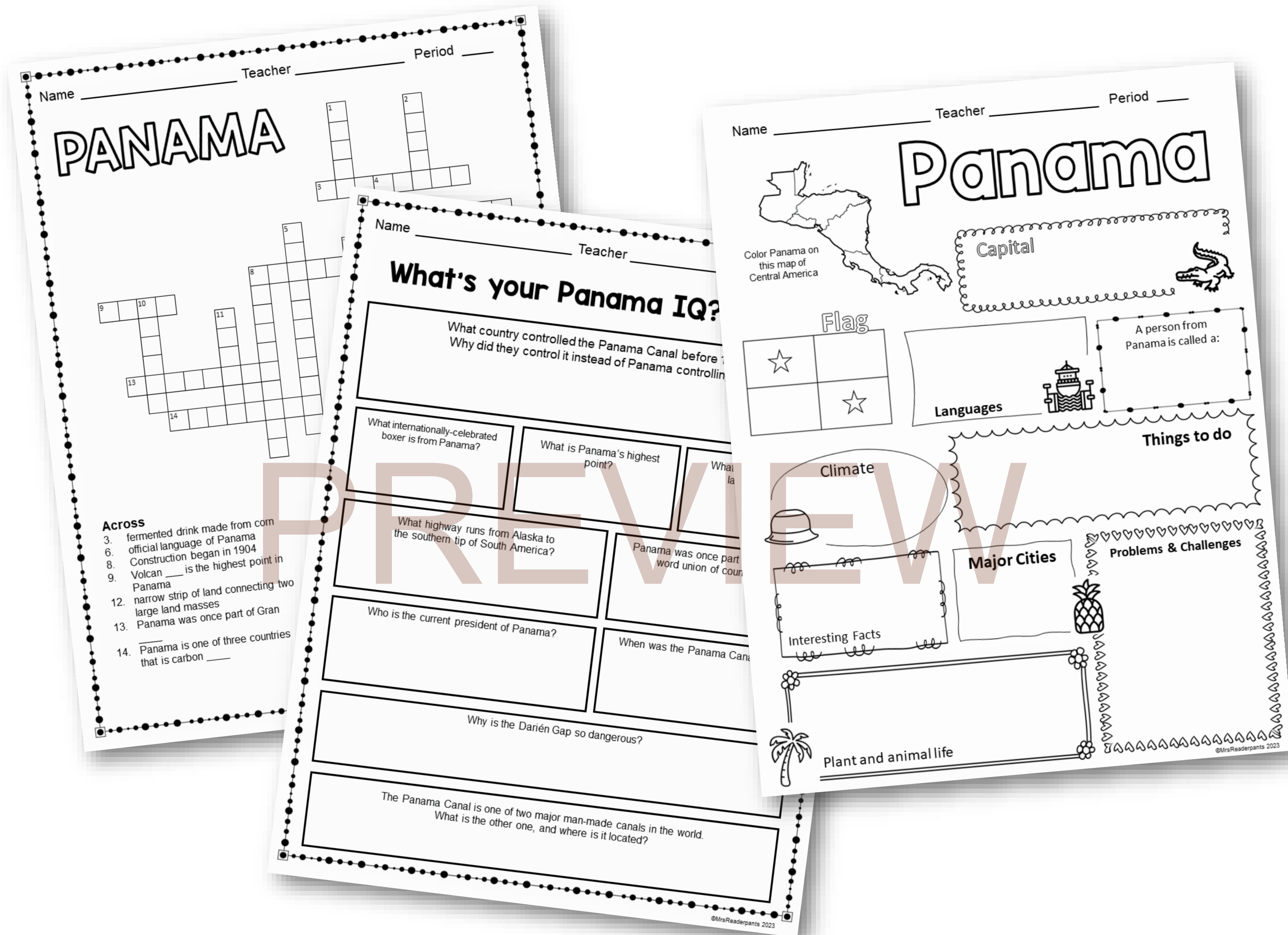
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No clipart!

Every slide contains real photos or maps.

3 PDF ACTIVITIES



Three printable activities help review information in the presentation.

Activities are NOT EDITABLE.

ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED

Three educational worksheets are displayed, each with a dotted border and a header for Name, Teacher, and Period.

Worksheet 1: What's your Panama IQ?

- Question: What country controlled the Panama Canal before 1999? Why did they control it instead of Panama controlling it?
 - Answer: United States, because they paid to have it built.
- Question: What internationally-celebrated boxer is from Panama?
 - Answer: Roberto Durán.
- Question: What is Panama's highest point?
 - Answer: Volcán Barú.
- Question: What highway runs from Alaska to the southern tip of South America?
 - Answer: Pan-American Highway.
- Question: Who is the current president of Panama?
 - Answer: Answers may change, but as of July 2023, the president is Laurentino Cortizo.
- Question: Why is the Darién Gap so dangerous?
 - Answer: Dangerous wildlife, flash floods, have to have no medical assistance, crime, rugged terrain.
- Question: The Panama Canal is one of two major man-made waterways. What is the other one, and where is it?
 - Answer: Suez Canal – connects Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea (the Suez Canal is owned and operated by Egypt).

Worksheet 2: PANAMA

A crossword puzzle with the word "PANAMA" written across the top. The puzzle includes the following words:

- Across:
 - 3. fermented drink made from corn (AGAVE)
 - 6. official language of Panama (SPANISH)
 - 8. Construction began in 1904 (CANAL)
 - 9. Volcan _____ is the highest point in Panama (BARU)
 - 12. narrow strip of land connecting two large land masses (ISTHMUS)
 - 13. Panama was once part of Gran _____ (COLOMBIA)
 - 14. Panama is one of three countries that is carbon _____ (NEGATIVE)
- Down:
 - 1. Panama is on the _____ American continent (CENTRAL)
 - 2. The Panama flag is red, blue, and _____ (WHITE)
 - 4. This country borders Panama (COLOMBIA)
 - 5. Mosquito-borne illness that is a problem in Panama (MALARIA)
 - 7. dangerous jungle on Panama and Colombia border (DARIEN GAP)
 - 8. capital city of Panama (PANAMA)
 - 10. traditional dish made with coconut milk (COCONUT MILK)
 - 11. US dollar and Panamanian _____ (BALBOA)

Worksheet 3: Panama

A presentation slide titled "Panama" featuring a map of Central America and the following information:

- Color Panama on this map of Central America.
- Capital: Panama City
- Flag: A flag with four quadrants (blue, white, red, blue) and a red star in the bottom right.
- Languages: Spanish (official); many people are bilingual.
- Climate: Tropical, rainy and dry seasons, cooler in highlands/mountains.
- Major Cities: Panama City, Colón, David, La Chorrera.
- Plant and animal life: sloths, jaguars, monkeys, macaws, Resplendent quetzels, crocodiles, sea turtles, sharks, mosquitoes, wild tropical flowers.
- Slide 11: blue
- Slide 12: blue, red, and white
- Slide 21: Gran Colombia; football (soccer), boxing, basketball, baseball
- Slide 22: Spanish; 8-10 hours to go through the Panama Canal by ship
- Slide 23: education ranks below-average internationally; healthcare is modern in cities but less accessible in rural areas; dengue fever is a problem
- Slide 30: animals include monkeys, sloths, 1000 bird species, crocodiles, venomous snakes, tarantulas, scorpions, jaguars; isthmus is a narrow strip of land that connects two large land masses
- Slide 31: Darién Gap is dangerous due to lack of drinking water, mudslides, flash floods, dangerous wildlife, crime, no medical assistance; carbon negative
- Slide 37: Capital: Panama City; Currencies are Panamanian balboa and US dollar
- Slide 38: Panama is moderately-corrupt, ranking 101 out of 180 countries on Corruption Perceptions Index; problems include poor sanitation in rural areas, corruption, drug trafficking, increase in crime, deforestation
- Slide 39: Answers will vary. This is a great whole-class or small-group discussion.

All activities and "Do You Remember" slides in the presentation include answer keys.

MORE COUNTRY STUDIES


Looking for more Central America Country Studies?

I have a [bundle of all seven Central American countries](#).

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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?

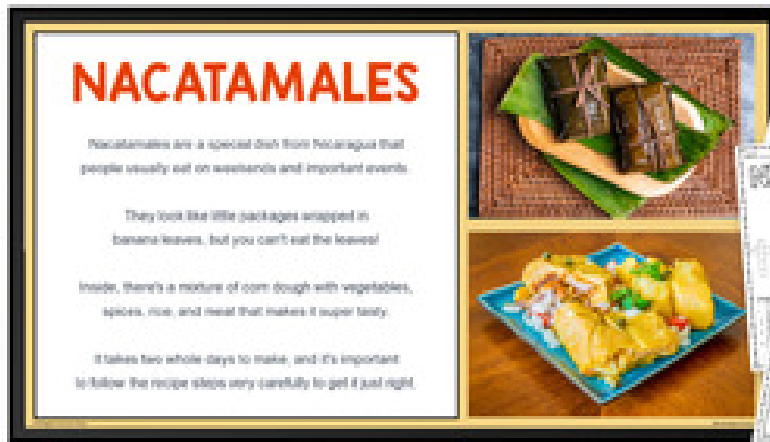
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GRADES 6-9

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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.

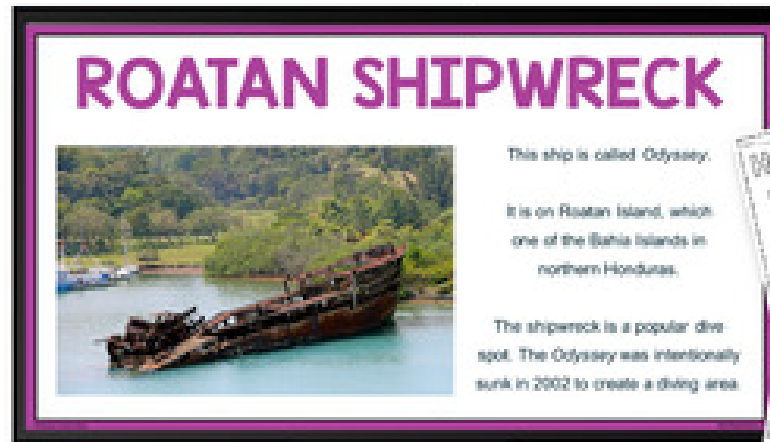
Includes 3 PDF activities, answer keys, and 38-slide presentation

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HONDURAS

Country Study



ROATAN SHIPWRECK

This ship is called *Odyssey*.

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

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


Includes 3 PDF activities, answer keys, and 35-slide presentation

GRADES 6-9

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EL SALVADOR

Country Study



LOCATION

El Salvador borders:

- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Pacific Ocean

Includes 3 PDF activities, answer keys, and 30-slide presentation

GRADES 6-9