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# CENTRAL AMERICA BUNDLE

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## BELIZE

Country Study



**DO YOU REMEMBER?**  
Describe the weather in Belize.  
What are some landforms you might find in Belize?

GRADES 6-9


Includes 4 PDF activities, answer keys, and 36-slide presentation

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## EL SALVADOR

Country Study

**LOCATION**



**El Salvador borders:**


- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Pacific Ocean

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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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## HONDURAS

Country Study

**ROATAN SHIPWRECK**



This ship is called *Odyssey*.  
It is on Roatan Island, which is 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.


PDF activities, answer keys, and 35-slide presentation

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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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## COSTA RICA

COUNTRY STUDY

**LANGUAGES AND PEOPLE**



- 83% white or mestizo (European and indigenous)
- 6.7% mulatto (black and white)
- 2% indigenous
- Community and family are important
- Official language is Spanish, but many people also speak English
- Lots of seasonal migrant laborers from Nicaragua (often entering illegally, which causes tensions)
- A person from Costa Rica is called a **Costa Rican**

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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.

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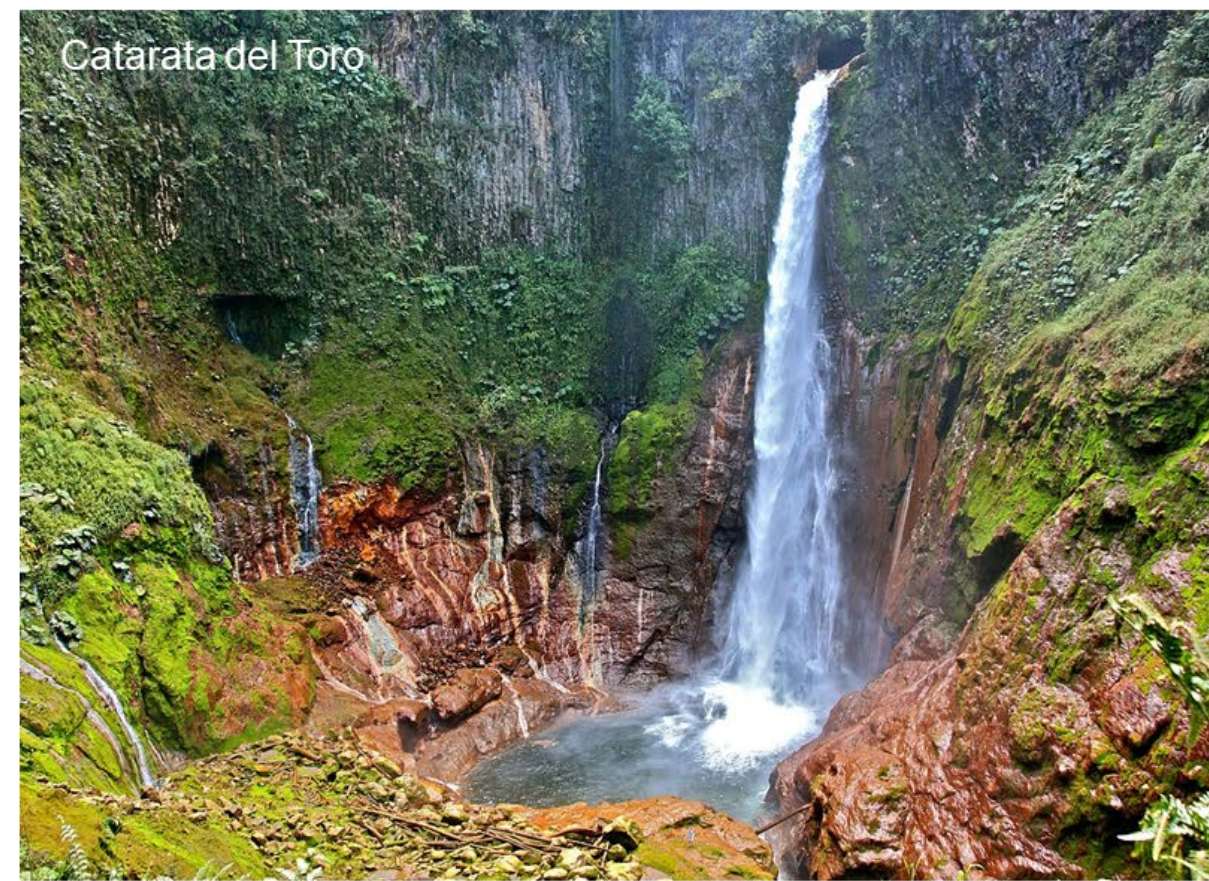
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Includes all seven Central American countries!



# 7 PRESENTATIONS

## LANDFORMS - WATERFALLS



Catarata del Toro



La Fortuna waterfall

Costa Rica

## BIODIVERSITY

- Honduras is part of the Mesoamerican Biodiversity Hotspot. Lots of diverse plants and animals in Honduras and throughout Central America!
- Lots of insects, birds, and reptiles
- Lots of butterflies, beetles, moths, spiders, mosquitoes, flies, bees—many are brightly colored
- Crocodiles, snakes, lizards, iguanas, turtles
- Deer, tapirs, pumas, jaguars, ocelots, monkeys
- Some protected national parks and rainforests

Honduras



Macaws are among the many brightly-colored birds that can be found in Honduras

One presentation for each Central American country. Includes maps, languages, places of interest, climate, economy, government, education, problems, and more!

# HOMESCHOOLING?

## 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

## BELIZE - DETAILED MAP

Look closely at this map.

What information can you discern about Belize from this map?

Roads? Rivers? Lakes? Borders?  
Islands? Capital? Airports?



I am a certified teacher and homeschooling parent, too!

This bundle is a “cleaned-up” version of the World Geography lessons I used when homeschooling my own 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade sons.

Panama

Belize

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Nicaragua

El Salvador

## LET'S VOTE!

Have the chance to visit El Salvador for one week, all expenses paid.

Do you go? Why or why not?

Teatro Nacional de San Salvador  
(National Theater of San Salvador)



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# DO YOU REMEMBER...?

Honduras

Nicaragua

**DO YOU REMEMBER?**




If you were to color the flag of Honduras, which colored pencils would you need?

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**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

How are bull sharks adapted to live in Lake Nicaragua?

Name two activities to do on a visit to Nicaragua.



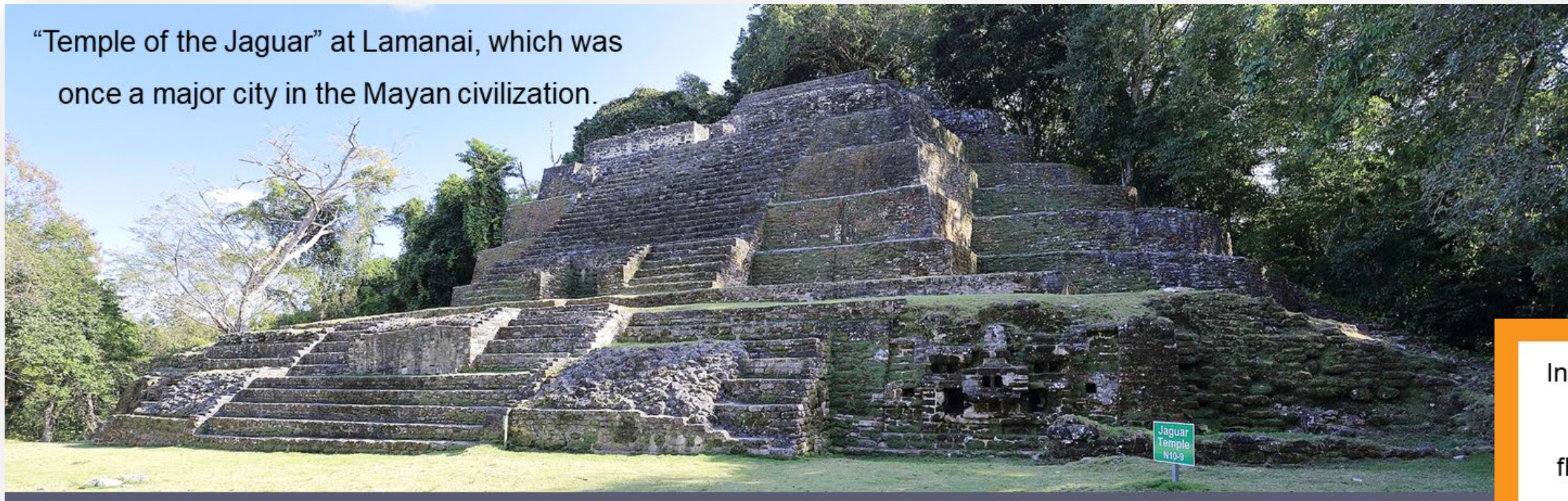
bull shark

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All seven presentations include “Do you remember...?” slides to review information in the presentation. These may be recall questions (What is the capital?) or discussion questions (Would you want to visit Panama?)

# NO CLIPART!

"Temple of the Jaguar" at Lamanai, which was once a major city in the Mayan civilization.



## DO YOU REMEMBER?

What two countries border Belize?  
What large body of water borders Belize?

Belize

Guatemala

In 1998, Hurricane Mitch devastated Guatemala and other Central American countries. Heavy rains, flooding, and mudslides caused extensive damage and 268 deaths in Guatemala.

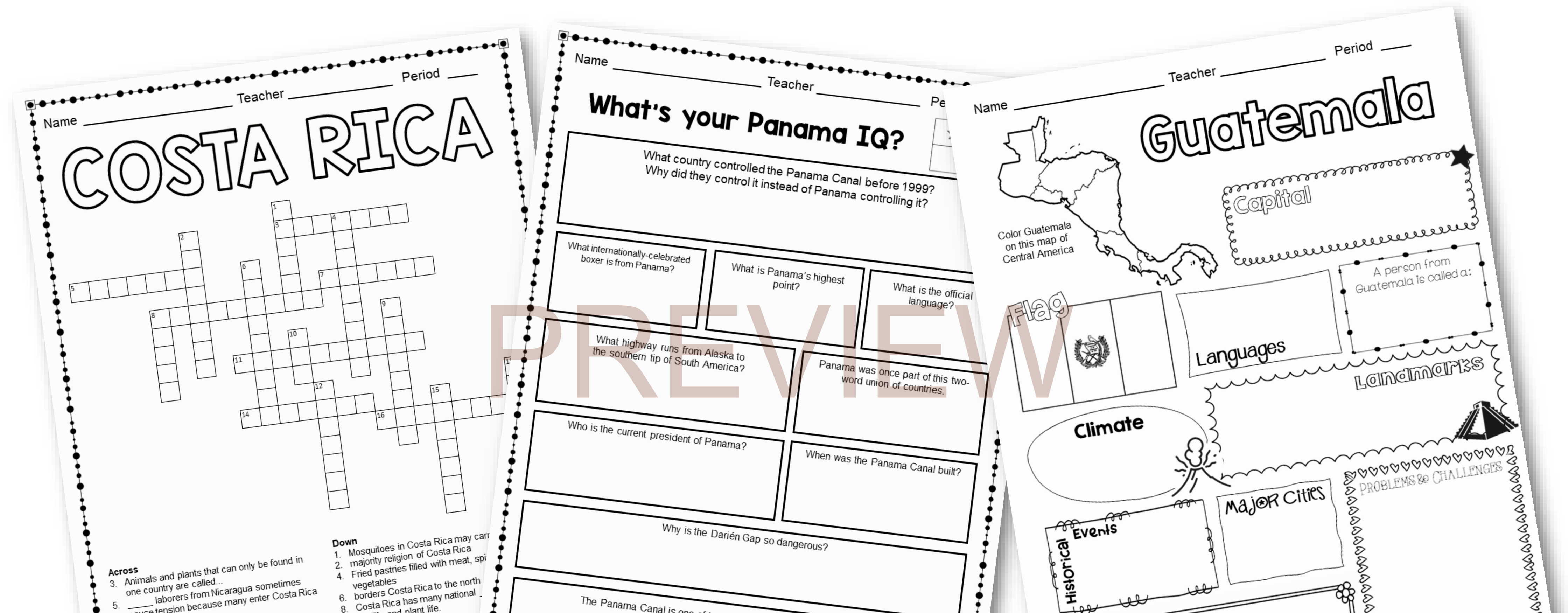


## CLIMATE

- Much of Guatemala is mountainous and cool
- Tropical climate near coasts
- Rainy season (May-Oct) and dry season (Nov-April)
- Earthquakes, volcanoes, and hurricanes
- Hurricanes are a serious problem; cause lots of devastation, especially in very poor areas

Every slide contains real photos or maps.

# PDF ACTIVITIES



All seven countries include 3-4 printable activities (23 total pages) to help review information in the presentation. Activities are NOT EDITABLE.

# ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED

**What's your Panama IQ?**

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

What country controlled the Panama Canal before Panama? Why did they control it instead of Panama controlling it?  
**United States, because they paid to have control of the Panama Canal**

What internationally-celebrated boxer is from Panama?  
**Roberto Durán**

What is Panama's highest point?  
**Volcán Barú**

What highway runs from Alaska to the southern tip of South America?  
**Pan-American Highway**

Who is the current president of Panama?  
**Answers may change, but as of July 2023, the president is Laurentino Cortizo**

Why is the Darién Gap dangerous?  
**Dangerous wildlife, flash floods, no medical assistance, crime, etc.**

The Panama Canal is one of two major waterways connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. What is the other one?  
**Suez Canal – connects Mediterranean and Red Seas (the Suez Canal is owned by Egypt)**

**PANAMA**

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

Color Panama on this map of Central America

**Flag**  
Tropical, rainy and dry seasons, cooler in highlands/mountains

**Languages**  
Spanish (official); many people are bilingual

**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

**ANSWERS FROM "DO YOU REMEMBER?" QUESTIONS**

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

**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.




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Country Study



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COUNTRY STUDY



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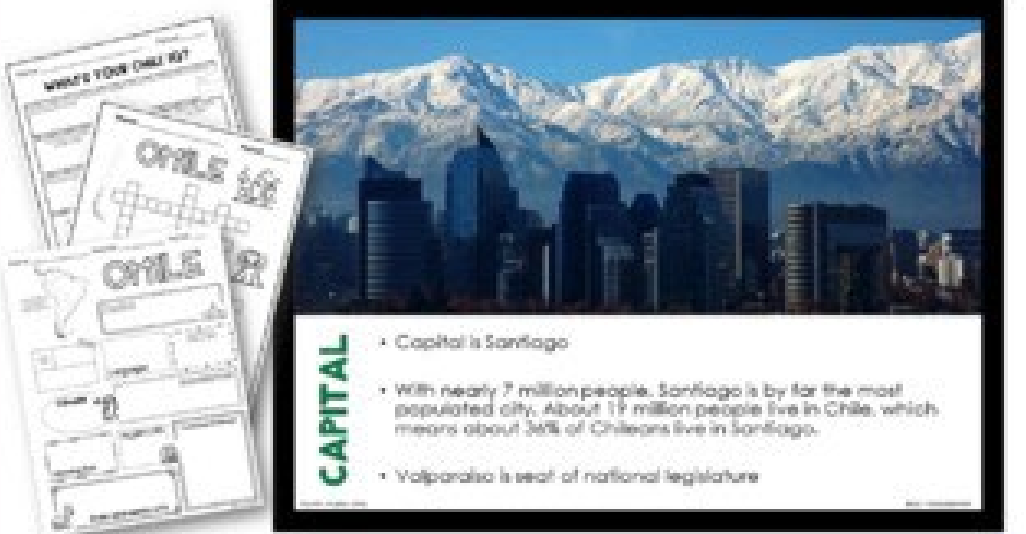


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## CHILE

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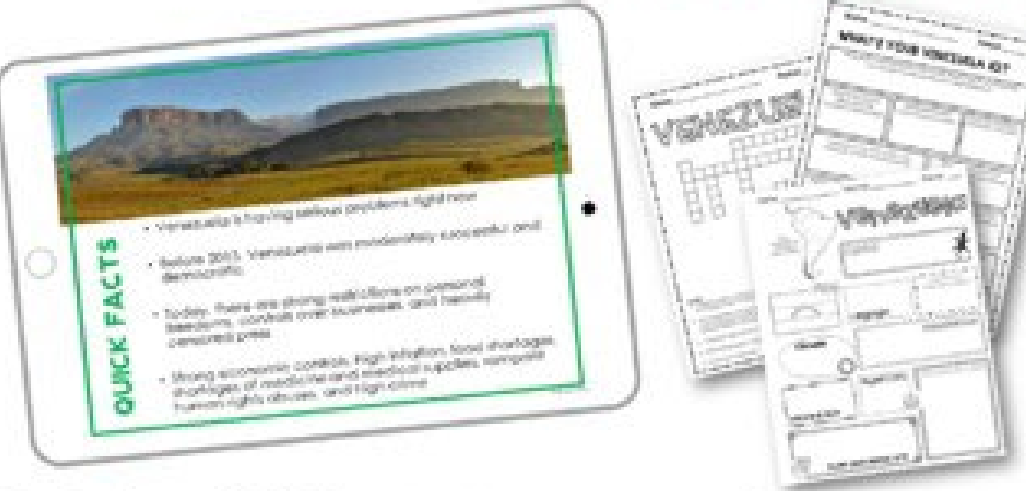


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