

South America - Location and Physical Features

Chapter 10: South America - Location and Physical Features · Topic 1

Key Concept

South America is bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the west, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and the Caribbean Sea to the north.

The Andes Mountains, the world's longest mountain range, run along the western edge of South America.

The Amazon River, one of the world's largest rivers by volume, flows through the massive Amazon Rainforest.

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest in the world, home to incredible biodiversity.

Quick Revision Notes

- South America is mostly in the Southern Hemisphere.
- It's bordered by the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.
- The Caribbean Sea borders it to the north.
- The Andes Mountains run along the western edge.
- The Andes are the world's longest mountain range.
- The Amazon River is one of the largest rivers by volume.
- It flows through the Amazon Rainforest.
- The Amazon Rainforest has incredible biodiversity.

Practice Questions

- 1 Locate South America on a world map.
- 2 Research the Andes Mountains.
- 3 Discuss why the Amazon River is significant.
- 4 Research the biodiversity of the Amazon Rainforest.
- 5 Draw a simple map of South America's features.
- 6 Discuss why rainforests are important globally.