



We are Geographers...

Regional Geography
The Amazon Basin

We are curious, we are
unique, we are together,
we are Whiteshill!

Countries:

Brazil
Bolivia
Peru
Ecuador
Colombia
Venezuela
Guyana
Suriname
French Guiana

Vocabulary

Tributaries - a river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.

River basin - an area of land drained by a river and its tributaries.

Biome - an area classified according to the species that live in that location e.g. forest, grassland, desert.

Vegetation belt - the main plant life within a certain area.

Largest cities

Manaus - capital of Brazilian state of Amazonas.

Belém - capital of Brazilian state of Pará

The Amazon Basin covers approx. 35% of the South American continent.

Amazon Rainforest

- Covers most of the basin
- 2.1 million square miles of dense tropical forest
- Largest rainforest in the world.
- Harbors 10% of the world's known species of plants and animals.
- Evergreen trees with high, dense canopy so little sunlight gets through.

Main Natural Resources

Water, brazil nuts, rubber and timber

Economy and Trade

Hydro-electricity, paper and logging, agriculture, rubber production.

Human Impact

Deforestation and forest fires - clearing areas for agriculture and logging.

River Dams - impact on plants and animals living in the river including fish migration routes.

Poison Dart Frog



Jaguar



Basilisk Lizard



Pink Amazon River Dolphin



Time Zone - GMT - 4

Amazon River

- Begins in the Andes Mountains in the west.
- Main tributaries - Marañón and Apurimac Rivers - both in Peru.
- 4,000 miles long
- Drains east into the Atlantic Ocean.
- Amazon and the Nile are the two longest rivers in the world.
- Carries approx. 20% of the world's water to the ocean.

