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Brazil

Instructor Notes

General Notes

- Brazil is South America's biggest country and has more people in it than the rest of the continent combined.
- About 200 million people live in Brazil.
- Brasilia is the capital of Brazil and it is known for hosting the World Cup in 2014 and soccer games for the Olympic Games in 2016.

Flag

- The national flag of Brazil is a blue disc depicting a starry sky spanned by a curved band inscribed with the national motto "Ordem e Progresso" ("Order and Progress"), within a yellow rhombus, on a green field.

Brazil vs. US Size

- Brazil's land area is about 3,287,956 square miles making it the 5th largest country by landmass.
- The area of the US is 3,794,100 square miles by comparison making the United States slightly larger than Brazil. The US is the 3rd largest country by landmass.

Currency

- The Brazil Real is the official unit of currency in Brazil.
- 1 BRL = \$0.32 USD
- Pass money sample around.

Landmarks

- **Amazon Rainforest:** Brazil is home to the largest percentage of the Amazon rainforest. This dense jungle is home to millions of species of insects and animals. It is also home to more than 16,000 species of trees.
- **Favela Flavor:** Brazil's slum towns, or favelas, are known around the world. Rocinha is the largest favela in Brazil. It is located on a very steep hill and has a population of 70,000 people. Santa Marta favela, in Rio de Janeiro, is famous for its colorfully painted residences.
- **People of the Moon:** The Zo'e tribe or "People of the Moon" live in the rainforests of northern Brazil. They pierce the bottom of their lips with a large wooden plug called a poturu.
- **Soccer:** Soccer is a very popular sport in Brazil. The Brazilian national soccer team has won the World Cup 5 times, more than any other national team. They are also the only team to have played at every World Cup tournament.
- **Christ the Redeemer:** Rio de Janeiro's gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer, an iconic symbol of Brazil, stands on Corcovado Mountain and measures 98 ft tall. The statue can be seen from anywhere in Rio de Janeiro. The statue was completed in 1931. In 2002, escalators and elevators were installed to reach the statue. Before then, in order to reach the statue itself, you would have to climb more than 200 steps.

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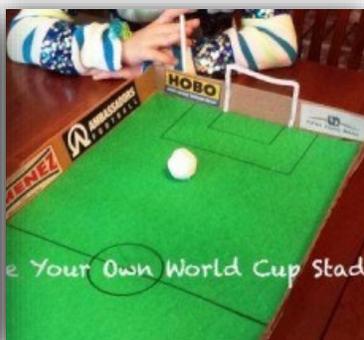
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Crafts & Activities

Brazilian Crafts

- DIY World Cup Stadium
- Brazilian Carnival Headdresses
- Brazilian Rain Sticks
- Gourd Crafts



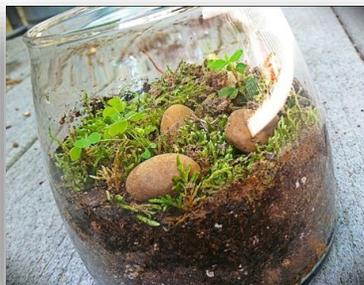
Brazilian Cuisine

Brazilian cuisine has European, African, and Amerindian influences. It varies greatly by region, reflecting the country's mix of native and immigrant populations, and its continental size as well. This has created a national cuisine marked by the preservation of regional differences

- **Feijoada (meat stew):** is a stew of beans with beef and pork of Portuguese origin. It is the national dish of Brazil.
- **Churrasco :** In Brazil, churrasco is the term for a barbecue. It uses a variety of meats, pork, sausage and chicken.
- **Brigadeiro:** is a simple Brazilian chocolate bonbon usually served at birthday parties and also as dessert, made by mixing sweetened condensed milk, butter and cocoa powder together, covered in granulated chocolate.
- **Papaya:** is a tropical fruit called mamão in Brazil, which is one of the world's largest suppliers.
- **Snacks for Kids:**

STEM with the Madagascar Rainforest

- Discuss the layers of the rainforest by:
 - Give students recycled materials and outdoor materials to build their own rainforest.
 - Make a rainforest terrarium.



Brigadeiro



Papaya



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