

**Location, Climate,
Natural Resources of
Mexico, Cuba and Brazil**

Location- Mexico

- Mexico is the second-largest country by size and population in Latin America.
- Mexico's location between the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea allows for trade by ship around the world.
- Mexico's main trading partner is the United States because of its close location.

Climate- Mexico

- Desert areas in the northern and central part of Mexico remain dry most of the year.
- Mountain ranges in the central part of Mexico
- Rainforest in the southern part of the country
- Coastal areas have a temperate climate

Natural Resources-Mexico

- Oil is one of the most important exports
- Mexico is one of the world's largest exporters of silver.
- Other exports include fruits, vegetables, coffee, and cotton.

Population-Mexico

- Over 75 percent of the people in Mexico live in urban (city) areas.
- Mexico City, one of the world's largest cities
- Most Mexicans live in the central area of Mexico and along the coastline
- About 25 percent of Mexico's workers are farmers.

Location- Cuba

- Cuba is an island nation 90 miles south of the state of Florida.
- It is surrounded by the Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Caribbean Sea.
- Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean.
- Cuba's location on ocean trading routes is important to its economy.

Climate- Cuba

- Cuba's climate is tropical
- The tropical climate means that Cuba is warm to hot all year long.
- Cuba's location and climate also make it a target for hurricanes.

Natural Resources-Cuba

- Twenty-eight percent of Cuba's land is arable (farmable).
- Sugar, coffee, fish, fruits, and tobacco products are traded
- Cuba's location on the ocean gives it easy access to rich fishing waters.
- One of the fastest-growing industries is tourism.
- Cuba has a beautiful beaches.

Population-Cuba

- Most Cubans (76 percent) live in urban areas.
- Many workers in the urban areas have jobs in manufacturing.
- A large number have jobs in service professions such as education, health care, government, and tourism

Location-Brazil

- Brazil is the largest country in Latin America in both population and land area.
- Brazil is located on the eastern side of South America along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean.
- Brazil shares a border with nearly every other country in South America.
- The United States is Brazil's most important trading partner.

Climate-Brazil

- The climate is mostly hot and tropical in most of Brazil.
- Brazil has rainforests and savannas (grasslands).
- In southern Brazil the climate is temperate (mild).

Natural Resources-Brazil

- Only 7 percent of the land in Brazil is arable, but Brazil makes the most of this resource.
- Twenty percent of the workers in Brazil are farmers.
- They produce one-third of the world's coffee
- Produce oranges, papayas, and sugar cane.

Population-Brazil

- Most Brazilians live along the eastern, coastal areas of their country.
- Few people live in the Amazon rain forest
- 80 percent of the people live within 200 miles of the ocean.
- People work in health care, education, government, transportation, communication, and trade.
- 85 percent of Brazilians live in urban areas.