

**ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**of**

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MATERIALS FOR TEACHING ABOUT**

**SOUTH AMERICA**

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## **HOW THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY IS ORGANIZED**

This bibliography represents an attempt to identify print, audio-visual, and computer-based materials for teaching about South America at the K-12 level that are currently available and accessible to the classroom teacher or school district. An additional goal of the project was to present this information in a format that is efficient and easy to use.

The bibliography has been organized into several principal sections: South America-General Overviews, Series with Books on Individual Countries, Individual Countries, Web Sources for Teaching About South America, Index, and Publishers & Distributors. Some of these sections are further sub-divided into Print Materials or Audio-Visual Materials. The Individual Countries section is categorized according to region/country: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Each resource entry includes basic bibliographic data, a short annotation, grade level, medium, length, and cost.

The Index is simply an alphabetical list of pertinent subjects in South America found within the various resource sections. Numbers refer the user to pages in the bibliography where a description of the resource can be found.

The Publishers and Distributors section is a complete listing from all of the sources referenced in this bibliography. Their name, mailing addresses, telephone and fax numbers, and websites have been included.

Page numbering is continuous throughout the bibliography.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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## **CAUTIONARY NOTES**

Information on prices and where to order (publisher and/or distributor) listed in this bibliography were current at the time of its publication. Please also note that although some of the materials listed in this publication are old, they were still available at the time of this publication.

We have relied entirely on the publishers' descriptions of the content and grade-level applicability of the materials. These materials have not undergone evaluation or review. Therefore, *inclusion of any item in this Bibliography does not represent endorsement nor recommended use by ISTEP or the Center for Latin American Studies.*

We strongly encourage teachers to thoroughly review all materials prior to use in the classroom.

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## I. South America-General Overviews

### Print Materials

***Ancient America***, by Brian Fagan. Roberts Rinehart Publishing (Social Studies School Service), 1997.

Looks at hunter-gatherer societies, the introduction of agriculture, the Inca, the Maya, the Aztecs, and contact and conquest.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 12 **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$22.96

***The Aymara of South America***, by James Eagen. Lerner Publishing, 2002.

Located principally on the high planes around Lake Titicaca in Peru and Bolivia, the Aymara were and continue to be a strong native community. They survived influxes of both the Inca and the Spanish empires, and now continue to struggle to maintain their cultural identity. This resource is part of the *First Peoples* series. Includes a glossary and a resource list.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 8 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$21.95

***Béisbol! Latino Baseball Pioneers and Legends***, by Jonah Winter. Lee & Low Books, 2001.

This book pays tribute to 14 Latino players who pioneered baseball in both Latin America and the United States. On pages set up to resemble baseball cards, learn about José Méndez, Martín Dihigo, Roberto Clemente, Felipe Alou, and more. Because of the racism against minority ball players until 1947, some of these ballplayers did not play in the major leagues.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 7 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$16.95

***Central and South America: A World in Focus***, Blackbirch (Social Studies School Service), 2000.

This curriculum unit is loaded with maps, color photographs, charts, thought questions, and fun-to-do activities. This appealing paperback text introduces the history, geography, and cultures of Latin America. The book can be used as a stand-alone resource or paired with *The World Through Words: Central and South America*, a 64-page literature supplement presenting nonfiction, fiction, and poetry selections that reflect the lands and peoples of the region. Also available: a 48-page student activity book and an annotated teacher's edition.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Length:** 96pp. **Prices:** \$12.96 Each (For Teacher and Student's Edition, Literature Supplement, and Student Activity Book).

***A Coloring Book of the Incas, Aztecs, and Mayas***, Bellerophon Books, 1971.

The Pre-Columbian civilizations had some masterly artists. This book of blackline illustrations is a collection of Inca, Maya, and Aztec art reproductions, and contains their finest work. There are ball players, dancers, calendars, courting devices, and an array of gods. Each illustration includes reference and an explanation of its significance. An excellent visual reference.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 4 **Length:** 24 pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***Contemporary Issues in South America: Concepts in International Relations***, Center for Teaching International Relations (Social Studies School Service), 2004.

Reproducible curriculum unit: What challenges face South America today, and what foreign policies should the U.S. pursue? Thirty-two lessons mix conceptual overviews (for example, defining "national interest") with detailed case studies. The high-participation activities

(research, discussion, debate, and role playing, for instance) address five main topics: demographics (sample lesson: "The Gap Between Rich and Poor"), social issues ("Indigenous Struggles in Ecuador"), economics ("South America's International Debt"), U.S. foreign policy ("The Colombian Drug Trade"), and international law ("Organization of American States").

**Level:** Grades 9 to 12 **Length:** 398pp. **Price:** \$34.95

***Continents of the World Geography Series: Exploring South America***, Mark Twain (Social Studies School Service), 2002.

Reproducible readings are accompanied by activity sheets that ask follow-up questions and propose other activities (matching, map identifications, defining terms, and research and writing). In addition to thumbnail country reports, the reproducible readings cover topography, climate, animals, natural resources, industries, culture, and peoples.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 8 **Length:** 30pp. **Price:** \$5.99

***CONTINENTS: True Books-South America***, by David Petersen. Children's Press (Social Studies School Service), 1998.

Breathtakingly beautiful photographs of seven continents' peoples, points of interest, natural wonders and wildlife form the backbone of these easy-to-read, large print books for younger students. Complex concepts are explained simply but completely, and sidebars on topics such as South American rainforest destruction, the worldwide influence of African music, or the Antarctic whales, go into greater detail.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 4 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$6.95.

***Cooking the South American Way***, by Helga Parnell. Lerner Publishing, 2003.

Step-by-step instructions to make delicious traditional dishes. Includes an introduction about South American culture and history. In the Easy Menu Ethnic Cookbooks series. Revised and Expanded to Include New Low-Fat and Vegetarian Recipes.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Length:** 72pp. **Price:** \$22.95

***Discovering South America's Land, People, and Wildlife***, by Davis Schaffer. Enslow Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire to the Samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The book is filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 12 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$25.26 (School and public libraries are eligible for a 25% discount).

***Document-Based Activities for Ancient History: Using Primary Sources and the Internet: Ancient Americas: The Maya, Aztecs, and Incas***, Social Studies School Service, 2003.

Lesson topics: architecture and urban development, daily life, religion, government, and conquest. Designed to help students think as historians, these reproducible units employ a variety of primary source data available online (written, visual, audio/video, charts, statistics). Each lesson presents from one to three primary sources; targeted questions then ask students to analyze, interpret, make inferences, form opinions, and shape arguments into narrative form. Each unit contains five activities, at least one of which involves opposing viewpoints or an examination of the motivations of the creator(s) of the source. A culminating activity focuses on broader themes to help students synthesize information from each of the unit's activities. Clear objectives, teacher directions, extension activities, and assessment guidelines complete the package.

**Level:** Grades 6 to 9 **Length:** 50pp.

**Price:** \$16.95 (hard copy) or \$9.95 (downloadable eBook)

**The Emerald Lizard: Fifteen Latin American Tales to Tell/La largartija esmeralda: Quince cuentos tradicionales Latinoamericanos**, by Pleasant DeSpain. August House Publishers, 1999.

A re-telling in English and Spanish of 15 traditional folktales, myths, and legends from a variety of Latin American countries. Collected over several years, these stories reflect the complex tapestry of indigenous, European, and African influences in Latin America today. A 2000 NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 183pp. **Price:** \$11.95

**Francisco Pizarro**, by Sandra J. Kachurek. Enslow Publishers, 2004.

Francisco Pizarro conquered the Inca and opened up South America for Spanish exploration. Pizarro first heard about the Inca and their treasure while he was exploring with another famous man—Vasco Núñez de Balboa. Read about how Pizarro searched for years before finding Peru and the Inca.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 4 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$17.95

**Francisco Pizarro Journeys through Peru and South America**, by John Zronik. Crabtree Publishing, 2005.

Inspired by Cortés' discovery in the early 1500s of gold in Mexico, Francisco Pizarro was inspired like many to seek his fortune through expedition. This interesting new book describes the life and travels of Pizarro as a soldier for Spain and of his eventual conquest of Peru. Sensitively written text describes his attack on the Inca capital and his defeat of the last great Inca emperor, Atahualpa. Features include: maps outlining Pizarro's routes; pirates, such as Francis Drake, during the Age of Exploration; the Inca culture before and after Pizarro's conquest; early navigational and steering equipment; the war between Pizarro and Diego de Almagro; Spain's economic and social state after the conquest of Peru; the Spanish Inquisition's effect on exploration; life at sea, including unpredictable weather, sickness, and superstitions.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 5 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$9.86 (paperback) \$20.76 (hard cover)

**The Galapagos Penguin**, by Kim A. O'Connell. MyReportLinks.com (Enslow Publishing), 2005.

The Galapagos penguin, the world's third smallest penguin species, is found only on the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. The reader can take a look at this species, which lives farther north than any other penguin species, examine its island habitat, unique characteristics, and the efforts to save it from extinction. Students can visit their website, [www.myreportlinks.com](http://www.myreportlinks.com), and link to thirty websites about this species.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 12 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$25.26 (Schools and Public Libraries are eligible for a 23% discount.)

**Geography Mini-Units: South America**, Evan-Moor (Social Studies School Service), 1999.

Surveying the continents of the world, this newly revised series provides a range of materials for teaching map skills and facts about animals, plants, and cultures. Included with each volume is a striking full-color physical/political map measuring 17"x22". Based on geography's five themes, the worksheets offer map exercises, look-it-up research projects, photo and word puzzles, comprehension questions, quiz games, and fill-in-the-data pages. Each book also contains teaching tips and activities for extended learning.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Length:** 80pp. **Price:** \$12.95

**Global Perspectives In Illustration and Cartoon Art: South America**, Mindsparks (Social Studies School Service), 2003.

Explore emerging crises and ongoing trends in ten regions of the world through 16-page booklets that each use nine transparencies plus lesson plans, discussion questions, and reproducible activities to help students analyze the issues embedded in the drawings. An 11th reproducible activity book (105 pages, no transparencies) looks at U.S. relations with each of

the ten regions, supplying background information and point/counterpoint arguments to set students up for policy options exercises.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 12 **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$19.95

***Global Studies: Latin America, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition***, by Paul Goodwin. McGraw Hill, 2004.

The Global Studies Series is designed to provide comprehensive background information and selected world press articles on the regions and countries of the world. This 11<sup>th</sup> edition of *Global Studies: Latin America* includes introductory essays on Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean region with concise reports and current statistics for each of the countries within these regions. This background information is complemented by a selection of articles from the world press.

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Length:** 239pp. **Price:** \$25.62

***Hands-on Latin America: Art Activities for All Ages***, by Yvonne M. Merrill. Kits Publishing, 1997.

Explore the art heritage of Mexico, Central America, and South America with 35 projects inspired by both pre-Columbian and modern artifacts. Designed to assist those looking for activities that are well researched, authentic, and affordable. Information about the art and the people who created it accompany instructions for creating the object. Full-page color photographs make this an exceptionally beautiful book.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 87pp. **Price:** \$20.00

***The Incas***, by Allison Imbriaco. MyReportLinks.com (Enslow Publishing), 2004.

Examine the Andean Indian civilization, whose empire once stretched for more than 2,500 miles from Colombia to Chile. Author Alison Imbriaco captures the mysticism, artistic achievements, and brutal reality of life in the "Land of the Four Quarters." Readers are directed to [www.myreportlinks.com](http://www.myreportlinks.com) where they can link to much more information about the Inca civilization.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 12 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$25.26 (Schools and Public Libraries are eligible for a 23% discount.)

***The Incas and Their Ancestors: Stencils***, by Mira Bartók. Goodyear Publishing Company, 1994.

An interactive book that helps children learn about ritual festivals, nature worship, ancient burial rites, and folk art by making five exciting projects.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 24pp. **Price:** \$12.95

***Jade and Iron: Latin American Tales from Two Cultures***, by Patricia Aldana. Greenwood Books, 1996.

This unique collection of folktales shows the wealth of folklore from the two main Latin American traditions, indigenous and European. This volume bridges these cultures and admires the historical values of each. A 1996 Américas Award commended title (from the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs).

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$18.95

***Land of the Andes***, by Barbara A. Somervill. A Child's World, Inc., 2005.

Many people make their homes in the grasslands, deserts, and rain forests of the Andes, just as their Inca ancestors did thousands of years ago. Yet the history of the Andes goes back even further. Explore the many mysteries of this alluring mountain range.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 12 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$27.07

***Latin America, Central and South***, Center for Learning, 1995.

This reproducible book offers 14 skill-driven, self-contained lessons centered on historical figures, including Atahualpa, Simon Bolivar, Fidel Castro, Gabriela Mistral, Montezuma, Pele,

Diego Rivera, and seven more. Featuring step-by-step teaching plans, enrichment/extension activities, illustrated mini-biographies, and 50 or more student activity handouts, the book explores the rich diversity of races, creeds, and heritages represented by the men and women under study. Includes tips for adaptive teaching, cooperative learning, use of outside resources, and culminations plus a convenient cross-reference chart listing key activities, geography themes, objectives, skills, and interdisciplinary strands.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Length:** 145pp. **Price:** \$9.98

***Latin American Heroes: Liberators and Patriots from 1500 to the Present***, by Jerome Adams. Sagebrush Press, 1993.

Essays profile 23 significant figures in Latin American history, including Doña Marina (La Malinche), Emiliano Zapata, Simón Bolívar, and Che Guevara.

**Level:** Grades 10 to 12 **Length:** 289pp. **Price:** \$15.68

***Latin America On File***, Social Studies School Service, 1995.

This hefty resource provides some 1000 reproducible maps, graphs, tables, timelines, and fact sheets on Latin America's history, culture, geography, economy, and government. Up-to-date information for each country or dependency includes maps of political divisions, physical features, land use, agriculture, industry, and mining; a history timeline; a fact sheet; a cultural synopsis; a government organization table; and graphs of demographic and economic statistics. A separate section presents contemporary regional issues. Printed on heavy card stock, the high-contrast maps and graphics feature fine details and easy-to-read lettering especially designed for making clear photocopies.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 12 **Length:** 292pp. **Price:** \$185.00

***Latin America: World Cultures***, Peoples Publishing Group (Social Studies School Service), 2001.

Designed to hook students and keep them reading, this appealing text offers a rich overview of Latin America's geography, history, and diverse peoples. Among the features: goals and review activities for each unit, abundant maps and photographs, boxes for key vocabulary, focus questions, and sidebar stories: for instance, baseball in the Caribbean, Chico Mendez—rainforest defender, and Nobel Prize-winner Gabriela Mistral. In addition, chapters incorporate map study, check-up questions, vocabulary work, critical thinking exercises, and assignments to extend learning. *Latin America: Using Geography* is a 43-page supplement to help students become geographically informed. It has 20 map-based lessons relating to Latin America culture and geography. In addition to lesson plans, the teacher's guide has activity sheets, chapter tests, and an answer key. Free teacher's guide with 20 or more student paperbacks.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 12 **Length:** 152pp. **Price:** \$11.59 (Teacher's Guide) \$12.99 (Student Paperback) and \$10.99 (*Latin America: Using Geography Workbook*).

***Lessons on Latin America***, by Robert W. Shedlock. Social Studies School Service.

A wide variety of high-interest exercises, contests, games, projects, and skill-building assignments engage students in the study of Latin American geography, history, culture, economics, and politics. Each of the five parts contains 15 lessons; each lesson, designed for one or two class periods, includes two to five reproducible activity sheets. Each unit includes quizzes, summary tests, and a unit test.

*Part One:* Introduces geographic terms, map studies, climate, rural and city life, and ancient empires.

*Part Two:* Focuses on European explorers, imperialism, struggles for independence, the Spanish-American War, and the peoples and cultures of Latin America.

*Part Three:* Emphasizes Mexico, and also covers Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, and the West Indies.

*Part Four:* Spotlights Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Colombia, Chile, and Peru, and surveys the land, climate, and economy of South America.

*Part Five: Features Argentina, Brazil, and the Amazon; looks at Latin American religion, arts, and education; and considers the problems of developing nations.*

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** Complete set of 5 books: \$207.00  
Each: \$43.50

***Life in Ancient South America***, by Hazel Richardson. Crabtree Publishing, 2005.

The ancient Incas developed a government based on the conquest of neighboring communities, at the same time preserving the local customs and traditions of the cultures that came before. Beautiful images portray the land now known as Peru, as well as the astounding people who lived there prior to the arrival of the Spanish. Topics include: the Mocha and Anzac peoples; agricultural innovations, including irrigation and terraced farming; Anzac geoglyphs and ray centers; record-keeping when most could not read or write; mummification, textile weaving, pottery, ancestor and nature worship; and the extensive Inca road network.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 5 **Length:** 32 pp. **Price:** \$9.86 (paperback) \$20.76 (hard cover).

***Love and Roast Chicken: A Trickster Tale from the Andes Mountains***,

by Barabara Knutson. Lerner Publishing Group, 2004.

With echoes of "Tar Baby" and other African American trickster tales, this lively yarn from Peru and Bolivia focuses on Cuy, a wily guinea pig that uses its brain to outwit a hungry fox and a powerful farmer. The dramatic wood-block artwork, with thick black lines and bright watercolors, first shows tiny Cuy, high in the Andes Mountains, in search of something to eat. Along comes the fox Tio Antonio hunting Cuy, who escapes by convincing the fox that the sky is falling and tricking him to hold it up with a rock. Later, after being trapped by a farmer's sticky gum doll and marked for the farmer's dinner, Cuy deceives the fox into taking his place. Knutson, who has lived in Peru, includes an author's note as well as a glossary and pronunciation guides for the Spanish and Quechua words that are part of the text. An appealing tale of a trickster being tricked, this has solid child appeal.

**Level:** Grades K to 2 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$12.71

***Mapping Latin America***, Spice-Stanford IIS, 1992.

*Mapping Latin America* has been designed to serve three purposes. First, the unit acts as an introduction to, or review of, fundamental geographical concepts and vocabulary. Second, it teaches students about the basic physical and political geography of Latin America. Third, students will learn to examine maps with a critical eye towards political and technical limitations. Students are future world citizens who need geography skills taught within the context of international education. These lessons are intended to introduce the basic geography competencies, which can then be applied to any world region. *Mapping Latin America* contains seven lessons. These could effectively be taught sequentially in two weeks (50-minute periods), or each self-contained lesson could be taught independently.

**Level:** Grades 6 to 9 **Length:** 57pp./7 lessons **Price:** \$21.95

***The Mysterious Amazon***, by Charnan Simon. Social Studies School Service, 2005.

Looking for adventure? Take a trip down the Amazon with this book! From its start as an icy stream high in the Andes all the way to the Atlantic Ocean, each turn of this mysterious river reveals new and wonderful secrets.

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$27.07

***Pablo Neruda***, by David Goodnough. Enslow Publishers, 1998.

Pablo Neruda: Nobel Prize-Winning Poet from Chile recounts the life and career of a great Hispanic poet. Considered one of the greatest literary figures of the twentieth century, Neruda dedicated his life and his work to fight social and political injustice.

**Level:** Grade 6 to Adult **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest***, by Jean Craighead George and Gary Allen. HarperTrophy, 1990.

In order to save his tropical rainforest home, Tepui must find a butterfly no one has ever seen, and soon. Through his exploration of the forest, we learn about the amazing creatures and plants that live there, how important the rainforest are to the world, and how it is endangered. An Outstanding Science Trade Book for Children in 1990, a Notable Children's Trade Book in Social Studies in 1990.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 66pp. **Price:** \$4.25

***Rain Forest: Extended Thematic Unit***, by Ilene Miller and Laurie Agopian. Teacher Created Materials (Social Studies School Service), 1995.

Easy to read, but with broad-based background information on key topics, this resource contains reproducible readings, crossword puzzles, story starters, clip art, role-playing activities, and games on exotic animal, plant, and human life in tropical rain forests. Focusing on the dangers of rapid change and deforestation, this multi-disciplinary unit is crammed with flexible, creative lessons teaching geography, biology, literature, and history skills. Students read about Chico Mendes, compose leafy limericks, design a rainforest museum, and learn about indigenous peoples struggling to survive—the Wayana of South America and the Mbuti Pygmies of the Congo.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 8 **Length:** 174pp.

**Prices:** Paperback with reproducible pages: \$15.99 Downloadable eBook: \$15.95

***Ready-To-Use Geography Activities for the American Continents: Lessons and Skillsheets Featuring North and South America***, by James F. Silver. C.A.R.E., 1996.

Offering a generous selection of much-needed activities for the study of South America, this practical resource also focuses on the basic geographical features of Canada, Mexico, Central America, and each of the 50 U.S. states. Inventive activities stress skills ranging from reading comprehension to recognizing statistical patterns to visual identification. Each lesson provides an instructor's page with background information and teaching suggestions, plus reproducible student handouts with activities that feature numerous maps, graphs, charts, pictures, and tables. In addition to covering specific regions, the book offers a section on map reading skills, a collection of geography games and puzzles, and labeled and unlabeled outline maps.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 12 **Length:** 306pp. **Price:** \$28.95

***Rediscovering Easter Island***, by Kathy Pelta. Lerner Publishing, 2001.

Staring blankly out from the coast of Easter Island stand imposing stone statues that have intrigued countless explorers, archaeologists, and anthropologists. How were they built? What can they tell us about the people who inhabit this tiny island in the South Pacific? Explore the culture, history, and traditions of the people of Easter Island, and delve into the past to uncover how and why this extraordinary civilization came to be.

**Level:** Grade 5 to 12 **Length:** 112pp. **Price:** \$17.95

***Regions of the World: Internet-Based Activities: South America***, Social Studies School Service, 2003.

Using the wealth of visual information available on the Internet to enliven area studies, these fast-paced activities take students on fascinating journeys through different regions the world. Aligned to National Geography Standards, each lesson is designed to be completed in one or two class periods and has students look at photographs, maps, and other compelling images, each of which can be found on the Internet. Reproducible worksheets present targeted questions which ask students to analyze the images and complete tasks such as recording and interpreting evidence, comparing/contrasting, and speculative writing. Each unit contains five activities plus a culminating activity that focuses on broader themes to help students synthesize information from each of the unit's lessons. Clear objectives, teacher directions, extension activities, assessment guidelines, and related websites complete the package.

Lesson topics: Chile's geographic diversity, Igazu Falls (near the intersection of Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina), the Pantanal (the world's largest freshwater wetland), the land of the Inca, eco-tourism in the Galapagos.

**Level:** Grades 6 to 9 **Length:** 40pp.

**Price(s):** Reproducible unit: \$16.95 Downloadable eBook: \$13.45

***The Shaman's Apprentice: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest***, by Lynn Cherry and Mark J. Plotkin. Voyager Books, 2001.

For thousands of years, in the jungles of the Amazon, shamans have passed their wisdom of the medicinal values of rain forest plants from one generation to the next. *The Shaman's Apprentice* tells the story of a Tirio Indian boy who dreams of one day being the tribal shaman, and how he and his people learn the importance of their own knowledge about the healing properties of the rain forest.

**Level:** Grades K to 2 **Length:** 36pp. **Price:** \$6.00

***South America***, Mark Twain (Social Studies School Service), 1998.

Readings, review activities, and map exercises (outline maps provided) introduce students to the South American continent and to individual countries. One- to two-page summaries provide overviews of climatic variations, European conquest, indigenous cultures, fights for independence, animals, and holidays, while fact sheets detail each country. Among the activities: map ocean and wind currents, complete the "Spanish Rule" crossword puzzle, match Argentinean terms with definitions, rank countries by population, and analyze the role location played in the development of the Inca Empire.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 8 **Length:** 92pp. **Price:** \$11.99

***South America***, by Madeline Donaldson. Lerner Publications Company, 2005.

South America is home to the world's largest rain forest. The Amazon River runs through it. More than 350 million people and a huge variety of plants and animals live there. Learn more about this fascinating continent in this informative book.

**Level:** Grades K to 3 **Length:** 32 pp. **Price:** \$16.95

***South America***, by Cheryl Striveildi. ABDO Publishing Company, 2003.

Which continent is largest? Which one has the longest river or tallest mountain? These are just a few of the things children will learn from this fun, easy-to-read series that explores what makes each continent so unique. Each book includes information about: special geographic features, plant and animal life, size and population, areas of interest, and countries.

**Level:** Grades K to 4 **Length:** 32 pp. **Price:** \$15.95

***South America, Surprise!***, by April Pulley Sayre. Lerner Publishing, 2003.

Where in the world can you see the world's largest rodents, galloping around in herds? Where can you find the world's largest river or the highest waterfall? The continent of South America!

**Level:** Grades 2 to 5 **Length:** 32 pp. **Price:** \$16.95

***South American Animals***, by Caroline Arnold. HarperCollins, 1999.

This book discusses the variety of animals in the rain forests, mountains, grasslands, and coastal regions of South America, including birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. Large, close-up, color photographs accompany the 25 descriptions.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$16.00

## Audio-Visual Materials

***Americas Before the Europeans***, Social Studies School Service.

The Maya, Aztec, and Inca civilizations of Central and South America built magnificent cities, with paved roads, universities, and majestic places of worship. The pre-Columbian empires are re-created in this program that probes the reasons the empires were unable to withstand conquest by Spanish explorers.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 12 **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$69.00

***Fiestas: A Year of Latin American Songs of Celebration***, by Elisa Kleven, 2002.

A delightful collection of 21 children's songs that focus on holidays honoring Latin American culture as well as fiestas around the world. This beautifully illustrated book gives the lyrics in Spanish and English, includes simple musical arrangements, and tells the history and the significance of the songs and rhymes. **Level:** Grades 1 to 3 **Medium:** Cassette or CD Book **Length:** 21pp. **Price:** \$17.99

***Historic South America - An Aerial Perspective DVD (2 films)***, MyFamilySoftware.com.

Follow The Lindbergh Trail! Watch This Two-Part Film Of Historic Footage Of Life In South America In 1937! Plus Get Free Bonus Footage Of The Continent From 1943! ***Flying the Lindbergh Trail:*** This is a powerful two part descriptive aerial travelogue of South America that follows the path of Lindbergh's earlier flights. It was created as a way to advertise the Pan Am Clipper Ships as a new way to tour the world. Among other highlights, you get to see fascinating footage of Carnival in Rio – the same festival that is still hugely popular today! South America has changed more since the late 1930s than any other continent in the world. This film is an historic chance to see a virtually unspoiled continent rich in jungle vistas, rural terrain and new cities! This DVD contains the two-part Pan Am travelogue "Flying The Lindbergh Trail". The film is an attempt to get Americans excited about commercial flying – highlighting the safety of being in the air along with the beauty of seeing the world at large! See ancient civilizations, diverse lifestyles and wild geography all from a dizzying aerial perspective! Plus you will receive a free bonus track - "Roads South" - shot on the ground in 1943 to give you a perspective of what life was like when not seen from these lofty heights! Among other highlights, you get to see fascinating footage of Carnival in Rio – the same festival that is still hugely popular today! ***Roads South:*** This film, shot six years after the Pan Am piece, compares various modes of transportation in Latin America before and after the advent of commercial flight. It is promotional and meant to demonstrate exactly how the airplane helped increase the standard of living of the South American people. It is an incredible bonus that adds to the value of the Lindbergh film.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 44:37, 17:16 min. **Price:** \$14.50

***Historical Time Travel - Lifestyle in South America (2-DVD Set)***, MyFamilySoftware.com.

See what life was like in South America in the 1930s, 40s And 50s! View powerful historic footage of our southern neighbor! Travel back in time to an era long lost to modernization. See how South American people lived their lives in rural communities and developing cities alike:

***South Chile:*** This film highlights the people, places, culture, lifestyle and agriculture of South Chile. It includes rare footage of the culture of the Patagonia region as well!

***Fundo in Chile:*** This film contrasts new and old farming methods on large Chilean ranches and shows the daily lives of fundo workers and their families. It also highlights the latest farming technology and developments available to the region in the late 1940s. The focus of the film is on Chilean farming modernization.

***Uruguay:*** This clip is a good comparison of the agriculture, economic growth and culture of the Uruguayan people with those of the United States in 1949. What is particularly interesting

is that the contrast between the two nations teaches you little known facts about both the United States and Uruguay.

**Assignment: Venezuela:** This film is an overview of the life of an American oil company executive who relocates with his family to Venezuela to work for the Creole Petroleum Company in the 1950's.

**Introduction to Haiti:** This film presents a tourist's view of Haiti including its history, tradition, and daily life of the people; Port-au-Prince, Cap Haitian and Henri Christophes' Palace are highlighted as well.

**Report on Puerto Rico, U.S.A.:** This film promotes the social and economic benefits of commonwealth status for Puerto Rico, a self-governing commonwealth associated with the United States. The film highlights efforts the United States took to improve the economy, social welfare and tourist attractions of Puerto Rico.

**History's Mysteries: Cliff Mummies of the Andes, A & E.**

The Chacopoyan people thrived in South America for almost a thousand years, from 700 AD to 1500 AD. Then, in just a few generations, they were virtually eradicated by the Aztecs and Spanish. But high up in the Andes, Chacopoyan tombs serve as time capsules, preserving a glimpse into a vanished civilization. "History's Mysteries" heads into the South American mountains with Keith Muscutt of the University of California, Santa Cruz in search of an unlooted Chacopoyan tomb. As Muscutt and his team challenge more daunting peaks in their difficult quest, viewers are treated to extraordinary footage of this wild and remote land. After visiting several sites and finding them violated by raiders, Muscutt uncovers an archaeological treasure—the first untouched Chacopoyan tomb discovered in modern times.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

**In Search of History: Death Cult of the Incas, A & E.**

500 years ago, when Spanish conquistadors descended on the New World in search of gold and treasure, they were dazzled by the splendors of the Incan empire. But they were also amazed by the presence of mummies among the living, who were accorded places of honor at banquets, sought out as sources of guidance and advice, and even maintained in vast estates! THE DEATH CULT OF THE INCAS journeys high into the Andes to investigate the mysterious role the dead played in Incan culture. Leading experts such as Jorge Flores-Ochoa, from Peru's Cuzco University, detail the astonishing beliefs that governed the Incas' relationship with their dead, and reveal how the mummies were preserved. Period accounts from the Spanish invaders tell of opulently dressed mummies being offered the finest food and drink at ceremonies, while ancient art and artifacts help shed light on the pervasive death cult. It is often said that one can tell how civilized a society is by how they treat their dead, and the dead of the Incas were treated very well indeed!

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

**In Search of History: Lost City of the Incas, A & E.**

The spectacular Incan city of Machu Picchu, high in the Andes Mountains, was long thought to be legendary. Then in 1911, the intrepid explorer Hiram Bingham stumbled upon its remains. But while the walls and chambers have been extensively studied in the years since, the purpose of this ancient site remains unclear. Go to the top of the world to unravel the mysteries of this enigmatic place. See incredible footage of the earliest expeditions to Machu Picchu, and meet the men and women who have dedicated their lives to unearthing its secrets. Wander through the incredible ruins and feel the eerie presence of the past and the timeless secrets that are locked somewhere within. Was it a pleasure palace, an observatory, a fortress or something else entirely? The answers await just below the clouds in Lost City of the Incas.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Introducing the Amazon***, Educational Video Network Inc., 1995.

The Amazon of South America flows through the richest area of plant and animal life on the planet. Explore this magnificent basin and meet the people who enjoy nature's bounty. Also, learn about those who threaten to destroy the entire region.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 23 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Introducing South America***, Educational Video Network Inc., 2004.

From the Caribbean to Tierra del Fuego, from the mouth of the Amazon to the Andes --the history, cities, geographical features, and people of South America are investigated. Narrated in English.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 22 min. **Price:** \$39.95

***Latin America In Transition***, The Southern Center for International Studies (Social Studies School Service), 1995.

In Latin America, how did democracy develop and what challenges does it face? Why are corporatist states reforming to more open economies? What are the pros and cons of NAFTA? What obstacles block solutions to environmental problems? Who is responsible for human rights violations? How do illegal drugs and illegal immigration affect North-South relations? What is the status of U.S.-Cuban relations? What role has the U.S. played in Haiti? When is U.S. intervention justified? In a videotaped roundtable discussion, high-level policy analysts (former Secretaries of State and Defense, U.S. ambassadors to the UN, and other world leaders) assess Latin America and U.S. interests in the region. Recent and historical news footage adds context to their discussion. An extensive 201-page instructional guide offers background readings, primary source documents, lesson plans, and activities.

**Level:** Grades 10 to 12 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 65 min. **Price:** \$75.00

***Latin American Historical Personalities***, Video Knowledge, Inc.

Any map of South America will read like a directory of families and towns in Spain. The Spanish conquerors created nations and left their language and culture everywhere in South America. Who were these explorers and founders of nations? Who led these nations, built capitals, and developed the countries we see today? This program introduces the major Hispanic figures of Latin American History.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$29.95

***The Latin Americans***, Video Knowledge, Inc.

It has been said that "America" was not discovered, but rather it was invented. Mistakenly attributed to Amerigo Vespucci, the name of the lands that Europeans saw for the first time at the end of the fifteenth century referred to the two western hemisphere's continents...both north and south, and the land in between. The earliest and largest of these colonizers of the hemisphere were from "Latin Europe," that is Spain, Portugal, and France. Eventually England became a dominant factor as well. But it was those speaking the languages based upon their Roman heritage that came to dominate first, nearly all of the earliest "America." Today, Latin Americans populate most of the hemisphere. While the population of the U.S. and Canada exceeded 270 million by 1998, the Spanish/Portuguese speaking population in the hemisphere exceeded 450 million at the same time. This program presents this exciting, important story.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** Not Specified **Cost:** \$29.95

***Modern Marvels: Machu Picchu***, A & E.

It is perched on a mountain ridge in the Andes, 1,600 feet above a river valley - and 8,000 feet above sea level. A city of stone built without mortar, the wheel, or iron tools, it is so perfectly constructed that the thinnest knife blade cannot fit between the joints in the massive granite blocks that make up most of the structures. But why was it built? And why was it abandoned, apparently only a couple hundred years after it was built? MODERN MARVELS® heads high into the Andes to explore the mysterious cloud city of the Inca, and meets the

archeologists and scholars who are leading the efforts to reveal its many secrets. Well above the surrounding cloud forest, Machu Picchu likely had no commercial, military or administrative use, but many theorists now believe that it was a royal estate and religious retreat, and we'll examine the evidence that points to this conclusion.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Natural Wonders of South America***, Library Video, 1997.

This breathtaking program takes students to the southernmost tip of South America into Patagonia for a close-up view of towering blocks of moving ice that glow with an eerie blue light. On the walls of these ancient glaciers, viewers will find traces of the people who hunted here at the end of the Ice Age. The journey continues north into the jungle to discover the poetry of Iguacu Falls, found on the border of Argentina and Brazil. Students learn the myths and the science behind the creation of the majestic "devil's throat" and surrounding waterfalls. From there, viewers travel off the coast of Ecuador to the Galapagos, a rugged archipelago of volcanic origins. The islands, with their forbidding landscape and uniquely adapted wildlife, prompted Darwin's theory of natural selection and the concept of evolution. Part of the multi-volume *Natural Wonders of the World DVD Series*. A Teacher's Guide is included and available online.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 37 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***The New Explorers: Inca Gold***, A & E.

When the Spanish invaded the Incan Empire, they captured King Atahualpa and held him ransom. The captured ruler ordered his armies to collect vast amounts of gold and give it to the Spanish to win his freedom. But after receiving riches beyond anything they could imagine, his captors killed Atahualpa. Legend has it that one general had not yet made it to the capitol when he heard of the death of his liege. He is said to have been transporting 750,000 pounds of gold, which he hid in the rugged Llanganati Mountains of modern Ecuador. The search has been on ever since. *Inca Gold* follows the efforts of archeologist John Rick and electronics whiz Roger Vickers as they pool their talents in an effort to uncover the long-lost treasure. Ride along as they fly over the difficult terrain to create a virtual reality map of the area, which may help reveal where the gold is buried.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***People of the Andes***, Video Knowledge, Inc.

Living throughout South America are people who are part of the world's Hispanic people, but remain apart in their pre-Hispanic worlds. While the impact of Spain on the people in the western hemisphere is to be seen everywhere, many people living in the Andes Mountains seem, even today, to have either absorbed the Spanish influence into their own indigenous cultures, or survived the impact of the Conquistadores nearly completely. This program presents an overview of several contemporary Andes Mountain communities. (Available in both Spanish and English).

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$29.95

***People of the Rainforest***, Social Studies School Service, 1996.

Introduces the people who live in the tropical rainforests of Brazil, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Papua New Guinea—their customs, skills, food, shelter, crafts, music, celebrations, and spiritual beliefs that are all inextricably linked to the rainforest environment. Part of the *Rainforest for Children Video Series*.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 25 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***Regions of the World: South and Central America***, United Learning, 1998.

This two-part program on the physical and human geography of South and Central America features exciting live-action footage and state-of-the-art maps. Part One begins by presenting the global locations of South and Central America and the countries which comprise the region.

Next, the program introduces the students to the major land forms. Part Two begins by locating and defining the climates of the region and then presents the ecosystems found in South and Central America, emphasizing the tropical rain forest and the coastal waters. The final selections present the human geography of the region. The first of these traces the history of the people from the earliest natives-13,000 years ago-to the great empires of the Mayans and Incas, to the European settlement in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century-to the present.

**Level:** Grades 6 to 12 **Medium:** VHS & DVD **Length:** 37 min.

**Price(s):** VHS video and guide: \$59.00 DVD guide with On-Line Links: \$59.00

***The Sights and Sounds of South America***, by Ed Dubrowsky, Video Knowledge Inc., 1998.

The Hispanic nations of the South American continent have a unique flavor. The beautiful sights of the colonial capitals together with the sounds of Spanish and Indian voices and music, fill the eye and ear as no other region on earth. These sights and sounds are captured in this program.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$29.95

***South America: The Andean Region***, Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1992.

Forming the "Backbone of South America," this region contains the nations of Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Chile. This episode takes viewers through some of the most variegated geography of the continent. Follow vicunas and llamas as they bound across the high plains; visit the mountain shores of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable body of water; tour the remains of the once-mighty Inca Empire; witness how irrigation makes the Atacama Desert bloom; and see the results of the dynamic growth of such modern cities as Cuzco and Valparaiso.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 8 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min **Price:** \$39.95

***South America: Brazil and the Northern Countries***, Encyclopedia Britannica, 1992.

Explore a "region of dramatic contrasts," from the majesty of precipitous Angel Falls in the Amazon Basin to the crowded industrial center of Sao Paulo. This area encompasses the countries of Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and the continent's largest country, Brazil. The episode pays particular attention to the process and consequences of rainforest destruction.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 9 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min **Price:** \$39.95

***South America: Continent of Diversity***, Educational Video Network Inc., 1995.

From wild, tropical jungles to some of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, South America is a study in contrasts. The Andes, the Amazon, and the Atacama Desert are among the wonders examined. Narrated in English.

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 30 min. **Price:** \$49.95

***South America Series***, Encyclopedia Britannica (Social Studies School Service), 1992.

Combining colorful photography, artwork, and 3-D computer graphics with insightful narrative, these cultural geography programs focus on the physical, human, and economic features of the three major regions of the South American continent. Each episode explores the landscape, flora and fauna, various peoples, history, economic activities, and prospects for the future of individual areas. In addition, special emphasis is placed on the ecological implications of the interaction of human inhabitants with the environment in order to impart a healthy respect for how society's future is closely intertwined with that of nature. One program discusses, for example, the ecological impact of using sugar cane alcohol instead of oil in Brazil. Titles include: *Brazil and the Northern Countries*; *The Andean Region*; *The Southern Plains*.

**Level:** Grade 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. (each)

**Price for complete set (3 VHS tapes):** \$132.00 **Price for each:** \$49.00.

***Spanish History-A Continent Conquered***, Video Knowledge, Inc.

From the Caribbean Sea to the tip of the continent of South America, the history, the power, and the culture of Spain lives today, and is to be seen from one end of that continent to the other. Along with the indigenous cultures of the Ancient peoples of those lands, the impact of the conquest and colonization by the Spaniards is fully evident today in the countries that occupy the world's fourth largest continent. Who are the people of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile today? Who are these speakers of Spanish, these believers in Christianity, these transplanted Europeans? This program presents a look at the Hispanic nations of South America as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century dawns. (Available in both English and Spanish).

**Level:** Not Specified **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** Not Specified **Cost:** \$29.95

***The Southern Plains***, Encyclopedia Britannica, 1992.

From the gauchos herding cattle on the Patagonian pampas to the oil rigs in the icy waters off the port of Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego, from the Guaraní Indian farmers of the arid Chaco Boreal to the high finance of populous Buenos Aires, economic activity here embraces a curious blend of the old and the new. This episode demonstrates how the democratic nations of this region wage a constant struggle against the threat of economic insecurity caused by underdevelopment and neo-imperialism. Includes the countries of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$49.00

***Wonders of the Ancient World: Aztec, Inca, & Zotec***, Library Video, 2000.

Explore the empires that once populated Mexico and Peru, from the ancient Incan city of Cuzco to the legendary Machu Picchu, situated in a natural setting high in the Peruvian Andes. Discover Mexico City, one of the world's largest urban centers, which was built on the ruins of Tenochtitlan, the ancient capital of the Aztec empire. And experience a firsthand look at the Zapotec ruins of Monte Alban and the nearby city of Oaxaca, one of the region's prime examples of Spanish colonial town planning. Includes a teacher's guide.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS & DVD **Length:** 49min. **Price:** \$29.95

***The World Through Kids Eyes***, by Maryknoll World Productions, 1997.

A video in which children at risk talk about how they see life. Six short segments reveal the reality and dreams of children from the Philippines, Peru, Brazil, the United States, India, and South Africa. Includes a study guide.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 67 min. **Price:** \$19.95

## II. Series with Books on Individual Countries

***Cultures of the World: (Series)***, Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 2000.

Easy-to-understand books that describe the people, geography, history, government, economy, and culture of South American countries. Include a map, a glossary of terms, and an index. Well-illustrated with colorful photographs.

South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile

- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Venezuela

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$35.95

***Discovering South America's Land, People, and Wildlife(Series)***, by Davis Schaffer. Enslow Publishers (MyReportLinks.com), 2004.

These three distinct books focus on the land, the People, and wildlife of South America. Presented in the different books are interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire-to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 12 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$25.26 (School and public libraries arte eligible for a 25% discount.)

***Enchantment of the World: (Second Series)***, Children's Press, 1998.

Informative and full of colorful photographs and maps, these books describe the geography, history, economy, natural resources, culture, religion, and people of the country. Includes a timeline, "fast facts" section, bibliography, and an index.

South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Paraguay
- Peru

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$33.95

***Facts and Figures: South America(Series)***, Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Through this colorfully illustrated series of books, you will travel through 13 countries, from giant Brazil to small Suriname. On your way, you will learn about the geography, the history, the economy, and the people of each one. Geared to the needs of teachers and students, each volume contains book and Web sources for further study, a chronology, an index, project and report ideas, and even recipes of tasty and easy-to-prepare dishes popular in the countries studied. Each volume describes the country's national holidays and the cities and towns where they are held.

South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Guyana
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Suriname
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***Globetrotter's Club: (Series)***, Carolrhoda Books (Lerner Publishing), 1998.

Geared to middle-school readers, this fun, colorful guide discusses each country's history, key cultural features, landforms, and major ethnic groups. Enhanced by lively color photographs, vocabulary in English and Spanish, sidebars with additional information, and suggestions for further reading.

South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Venezuela

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$21.95

***In Pictures: (Series)***, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1994.

Provides well-organized information about each country's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina
- Brazil

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$20.95

***The Lands, Peoples and Cultures (Series)***, Crabtree Publishing, 2001.

The *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series provides a wealth of information on diverse topics including flora and fauna, geography, religion, food, festivals, industry and business, transportation, history, art, music, clothing, and much more. Presented in a mini series format, three books per country ensures thorough coverage of all the important aspects. It also allows many students to work on different projects at the same time. Each type of book covers the following areas:

**the Land:** geography, agriculture, transportation, history, industry, and glorious wonders

**the People:** unique customs, customs we share, problems faced by minority groups and women

**the Culture:** modern festivals, ancient processions, food, games, and more.

South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Peru

**Level:** 2 to 6 **Length:** 32 pp. **Price:** \$7.95.

***South America (SERIES A)***, ABDO Publishing, 2003.

Presented in an easy to read format, with large type, short sentences and paragraphs, and generous line spacing. Controlled vocabulary, and large, color photographs.

Specific South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Peru
- Venezuela

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$22.78

***South America (Series B)***, Marshall Cavendish Publishing, 2000.

Introduces readers to: the geography, history, government, economy, people, lifestyle, religion, language, arts, leisure, festivals, and foods of these countries.

Specific South American countries featured in this series:

- Argentina

-Brazil

-Venezuela

**Level:** Grades 4 to 7 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$25.95

***South America (Continents)***, by Myra Weatherly, 2004.

Introduces the geography, topography, climate, flora, fauna, and population of the continent of South America.

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$27.07

***A Ticket to (Series)***, Carolrhonda (Lerner Books), 1998.

Geared to young readers, this fun, colorful guide examines Argentina's history, key cultural features, landforms, major ethnic groups, and the daily lives of its people. Enhanced by lively color photographs, vocabulary in English and Spanish, sidebars with additional information, and suggestions for further reading.

Specific South American countries featured in this series:

-Argentina

-Brazil

-Venezuela

**Level:** Grades 1 to 3 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$21.95

### III. Individual Countries

#### Print Materials

#### Argentina

***Argentina***, by E. Gofen and J. Jermyn. Marshall Cavendish Publishing, 2000.

The Argentina of the romantic imagination is a land of spectacular scenery, colorful gauchos, dramatic tango dancers, polo players, and soccer champions. The real Argentina has all of these, plus a sophisticated culture centered in Buenos Aires and a stormy history dominated by charismatic and often controversial leaders. This "Cultures of the World" series takes you into the heart of Argentina, where you will learn about the country's geography, history, government, economy, culture, lifestyle, religion, language, arts, food, festivals and leisure activities.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 7 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$35.95

***Argentina***, by Kate A. Conley. ABDO Publishing, 2004.

Here's all the important, up-to-date information young readers should know about the world's countries. Each book in the series is presented in an easy-to-read format, with large type, short sentences and paragraphs, generous line spacing, controlled vocabulary, and large, color photographs. Topics include: History, Land, Plants & Animals, People, Economy, Cities, Transportation, Government, Holidays & Festivals, Sports & Leisure. You'll also find a "Fast Facts" section and a graphic timeline for quick access to important information. And there's recommended, child-friendly internet sites for further research. (Note: Although the outside cover indicates that this book is designated for primary level readers, it is actually more appropriate for intermediate [4th-6th grade] level readers).

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 40pp. **Price:** \$22.78

***Argentina: The Culture***, by Greg Nickles. Crabtree Publishing, 2001.

The *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series provides a wealth of information on diverse topics including flora and fauna, geography, religion, food, festivals, industry and business, transportation, history, art, music, clothing, and much more. Presented in a mini series format, three books per country ensures thorough coverage of all the important aspects. It also allows many more students to work on different projects at the same time. Specifically, ***the Culture*** features information on: modern festivals, ancient processions, food, games, and more.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

***Argentina: The Land***, by Greg Nickles. Crabtree Publishing, 2001.

See description above. Specifically, ***the Land*** features information on: geography, agriculture, transportation, history, industry, and glorious wonders.

**Level:** 2 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

***Argentina: The People***, by Greg Nickles. Crabtree Publishing, 2001.

See description above. Specifically, ***the Culture*** features information on: modern festivals, ancient processions, food, games, and more.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

***Buenos Aires***, by Nancy Furstinger. ABDO Publishing, 2005.

This series presents up-to-date profiles of some of the most fascinating cities in the world. Young readers learn about the unique geography, government, economy, and culture of Buenos Aires. They will be guided through the neighborhoods and tourist hot spots and will meet the people who live there. Students will tour the cities of today while also learning what life was like there hundreds of years ago. Easy-to-read text with colorful photos, a "City at a Glance" section, and a graphic timeline provide a fun reference while furthering the reader's voyage to this amazing city! (Note: the cover indicates that this material is suitable for primary students, but the content is more appropriate for intermediate level [4-6th grade] students).

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$22.78

***Cultures of the World: Argentina***, by Ethel Caro Gofen. Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 2000.

An easy-to-understand book that describes the people, geography, history, government, economy, and culture of Argentina. Includes a map, a glossary of terms, and an index. Well-illustrated with colorful photographs.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$35.95

***Enchantment of the World: Argentina (Second Series)***, by Martin Hintz. Children's Press, 1998.

Each book in the *Enchantment of the World* series attempts to provide a rather comprehensive overview of the culture, history, and geography of an individual country. The chapters of the ARGENTINA volume are: Buenos Días, Argentina; The Tail of South America; Plants & Animals; Tumultuous History; Running the Country; Rich in Resources; Many Faces of Argentina; The Spiritual Side of Life; Land of Poets, Scholars, and Athletes; and The Day Off. Chapters are followed by a timeline, "Fast Facts," and "To Find Out More." The volume also contains maps, drawings, and a generous number of color and black and white photos.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$33.95

***Globetrotter's Club: Argentina***, by Suzanne Paul Dell'Oro. Carolrhoda Books (Lerner Books), 1998.

Geared to middle-school readers, this fun, colorful guide discusses Argentina's history, key cultural features, landforms, and major ethnic groups. Enhanced by lively color photographs, vocabulary in English and Spanish, sidebars with additional information, and suggestions for further reading.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$21.95

***In Pictures: Argentina***, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1994.

Provides well-organized information about Argentina's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64 pp. **Price:** \$20.95

***The Little Blue House***, by Sandra Comino. Groundwood Books, 2004.

In the small village of Azul, in rural Argentina, Cintia and Bruno discover that their secret treasure means much more than they had ever imagined. When Cintia's grandmother turns out to hold the missing link to their legends, the two find themselves facing a fantasy that may change all of their young lives. A very enjoyable read! Americas Award Winner.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 7 **Length:** 155pp. **Price:** \$6.95

***The Magic Bean Tree: A Legend from Argentina***, by Beatriz Vidal. Houghton Mifflin Company, 1998.

A young Quechuan boy sets out on his own to bring the rains back to his parched homeland. He is rewarded by a gift of carob beans that come to be prized across Argentina. A 1998 Américas Award commended title (from the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs).

**Level:** Grades 1 to 4 **Length:** 40pp. **Price:** \$15.00

***People of the Pampas***, FACES magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 2000.

More than 65% of Argentina's population lives in a region known as the Pampas. Most of the area consists of grassy plains where wild cattle once roamed. During the 1800's, men called gauchos tamed wild horses and rounded up cattle. Eventually the open areas were taken over by large ranches. Today, although some ranch workers dress as gauchos, the legendary figure is mostly a thing of the past. Learn about life on the Pampas today. Meet the people who call this area home and discover how the image of the gaucho is remembered and celebrated today.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 9 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***A Ticket to Argentina***, by Suzanne Paul Dell'Oro. Carolrhonda (Lerner Publishing), 1998.

With the help of an older reader, take a new look at the world around you. *A Ticket to Argentina* lets you see Argentina like you've never seen it before. Join us as we check out Argentina's landscape, meet its people, and learn about its culture-without packing any bags. Enjoy your trip, and bring a friend!

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$21.95

## Bolivia

***Cultures of the World: Bolivia***, by Robert Pateman. Benchmark Books, 2000.

An easy-to-understand book that describes the people, geography, history, government, economy, and culture of Bolivia. Includes a map, a glossary of terms, and an index. Well-illustrated with colorful photographs.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$35.95

***Discovering South America: Bolivia***, by Leeanne Gelletly. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

All of the books in this series depict interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***Enchantment of the World: Bolivia***, by Marion Morrison. Children's Press, 1988.

Informative and full of colorful photographs and maps, this book describes the geography, history, economy, natural resources, culture, religion, and people of the country. Includes a timeline, "fast facts" section, bibliography, and index.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$33.95

***This Place Is High: The Andes Mountains of South America***, by Vicki Cobb. Walker & Company, 1989.

Personal and detailed descriptions celebrate the living conditions, culture, and animal life in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia. Imagine living in a place so high the air has less oxygen. Or where animals spit and have tassels in their ears. Beautiful paintings illustrate each page. In the "Imagine Living Here" series.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 3 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

## Brazil

***Amazon Adventures***, Appleseeds Magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 2001.

The world's most complex river system has drawn and continues to attract explorers and adventurers from all over the world. Some come seeking riches, some come seeking knowledge, and some seek a solution to the ills that plague humankind. APPLESEEDS takes you on a historic and geographical journey through this immense region, with profiles and interviews with some of the explorers who've come before you.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 5. **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***Asphalt Angels***, by Ineke Holtwijk. Translated by Wanda Boeke, Front Street Publishers, 2003.

Thirteen-year-old Alex is the main character in *Asphalt Angels*, an unsparing look at a band of street kids trying to survive in Rio de Janeiro without family, money, or resources. Theirs is a life of deprivation and despair, lightened by luck and tenacity and the bonds these desperate children must form with one another. His stepfather throws Alex into the streets when his mother dies. Hazards abound: drug dealing, theft, glue sniffing, harassment, and brutality, even murder. It's not easy steering clear of them, yet Alex manages to survive, eventually making a home with 14 other boys in a house, working in an office, and attending night school. *Asphalt Angels* grew from the real-life drama the author observed while on assignment. In an afterward, she reports that 10,000 children sleep in Rio's streets, and more than that number roam them by day, victims of inadequate nutrition, education, and shelter, and prey to drugs and violence. Alex is based on a real boy; his name was changed for this story.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 12 **Length:** 192pp. **Price:** \$7.95

***Brazil***, by C. Richard/ L. Jermyn, Benchmark Books (Marshall Cavendish Publishing), 2002.

This book introduces readers to Brazil's geography, history, government, economy, people, lifestyle, religion, language, arts, leisure, festivals, and foods.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$25.95

**Brazil**, by Kate A. Furlong. ABDO Publishing, 2005.

This book presents Brazil in an easy to read format, with large type, short sentences and paragraphs, and generous line spacing. The vocabulary is controlled, and there are large, color photographs.

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 40pp. **Price:** \$22.78

**Brazil**, FACES magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 1989.

The immense country of Brazil is home to a great mixture of peoples, beginning with the Indians who came thousands of years ago. A South American tale and features on performing capoeira, early mound builders, and games Brazilians play are just part of the line-up that also introduces soccer superstar Pele and a recipe for picadinho.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 9. **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$4.95

**Brazil: The Culture**, by Malika Hollander. Crabtree Publishing Company, 2003.

Part of the *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series. See description in Section II. **Brazil: The Culture** features information on modern festivals, ancient processions, food, games, and more.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

**Brazil: The Land**, by Malika Hollander. Crabtree Publishing Company, 2003.

Part of the *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series. See description in Section II. **Brazil: the Land** features information on geography, agriculture, transportation, history, industry, and glorious wonders.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

**Brazil: The People**, by Malika Hollander. Crabtree Publishing Company, 2003.

Part of the *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series. See description in Section II. **Brazil: the People** features information on modern festivals, ancient processions, food, games, and more.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

**A Child's Day in a Brazilian Village**, by Maria de Fatima Campos. Marshall Cavendish, 1994.

Takes young readers on a journey where they follow one child through the course of a day in Brazil to learn about the child's family and friends, cultures and language, school and play.

**Level:** Grade 2 to 5 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$17.95

**Count Your Way Through Brazil**, by Jim Haskins and Kathleen Benson. Carolrhoda (Lerner Publishing), 1996.

Count your way, from one to ten, through Brazil, home of the Amazon rain forest and the exciting city of Rio de Janeiro, a land of music and dancing, and people of all races. Readers are introduced to Brazil as they learn to count to ten in Portuguese. The simple, appealing text is accompanied by the vibrant illustrations of artist Liz Brenner Dodson.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Length:** 24pp. **Price:** \$14.95

**Cultures of the World: Brazil**, by Christopher Richard. Benchmark Books, 1999.

An easy-to-understand book that describes the people, geography, history, government, economy, and culture of Brazil. Includes a map, a glossary of terms, and an index. Well-illustrated with colorful photographs.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$35.95

**The Dancing Turtle: A Folktale from Brazil**, by Pleasant DeSpain. August House Publishers, 1998.

Turtle loves to dance and sing, but her jubilation attracts a hunter who traps her to make turtle stew. Now her talents are necessary to save her life. This folktale, first told by the

indigenous people of Brazil and now told throughout Latin America, shows how Turtle survives through courage and wit, just as the people do. Lively illustrations.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 3 **Length:** 30pp. **Price:** \$15.95

***Discovering South America: Brazil***, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

All of the books in this series depict interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***Enchantment of the World: Brazil (Second Series)***, by Ann Heinrichs. Children's Press, 1997.

Each book in the *Enchantment of the World* series attempts to provide a rather comprehensive overview of the culture, history, geography of an individual country. The chapters of the BRAZIL volume are: Keeping the Fires Alive; Forests, Beaches and Plains; Wild Things; Once Upon a Time in Brazil; How the Republic Works; Cycles and Solutions; Faces in the Crowd; Miracles and Magic; Culture and Fun; and Slices of Life. Chapters are followed by a timeline, "Fast Facts," and "To Find Out More." The volume also contains maps, drawings, and a generous number of color and black and white photos.

**Level:** Grade 4 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$33.95

***Globetrotter's Club: Brazil***, by Elizabeth Weitzman. Carolrhoda Books (Lerner Publishing), 1998.

One of the *Globetrotter Club* series designed for upper elementary/middle school students who can read for themselves. Language, writing style, photos and graphics are all very "kid friendly." The book covers - in kid terms - basic history, geography/geographic diversity, ethnic diversity and the blending of cultures, language, distribution of wealth and poverty, religious diversity, education, food, and pastimes.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 48 pp. **Price:** \$21.95

***Golden Tales: Myths, Legends, and Folktales from Latin America***, by Lulu Delacre. Turtleback Books, 2001.

Folktales from 13 countries offer a new perspective on Latin American people and their many-faceted cultures. The tales are grouped by the four native cultures from which they spring (Taino, Zapotec, Muisca, and Quechua). Vibrant oil paintings accompany each story. By an award-winning author/artist. A 1996 Américas Award commended title (from the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs).

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 74pp. **Price:** \$5.99

***In Pictures: Brazil***, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1994.

Provides well-organized information about Argentina's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64 pp. **Price:** \$20.95

***Marina Silva: Defending Rainforest Communities in Brazil***, by Ziporah Hildebrandt. Feminist Press, 2001.

Born into a poor rubber tapper family, Marina Silva went on to become a Senator in Brazil, and in that position developed laws to protect rainforests and the lands and culture of the indigenous people who rely on that environment to provide for themselves. As part of the "Women Changing the World" series, the book uses Silva as an example of the leaders we can all be, and details what has made her effective in her role.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 112pp. **Price:** \$9.95

***Me in the Middle***, by Ana María Machado. Greenwood Books, 2003.

In this novel for young people, Isabel finds a photo of her great grandmother as a girl of her own age (13 years). When she loses the picture, it seems that Bisa Bea begins living inside Isabel. Bisa Bea tells stories of her own growing up, which sometimes conflict with what Isabel knows is appropriate today. And then another voice enters the picture. Figuring out how customs change helps Isabel to know herself better and to develop a voice of her own. A fanciful story about family, friendship, and growing up in a changing world. Translated from Brazilian Portuguese. Named to the 2002 Americas Award commended list (from the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs).

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 110pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***This Place Is Wet: The Brazilian Rain Forest***, by Vicki Cobb. Walker & Company, 1989.

Focuses on the land, ecology, people, and animals of the Amazon rain forest in Brazil, presenting it as a place where there is so much water some houses need to be built on stilts. Beautiful paintings illustrate each page. In the "Imagine Living Here" series.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 6 **Length:** 32 pp. **Price:** \$7.95

***A Ticket to Brazil***, by Suzanne Paul Dell'Oro. Carolrhonda (Lerner Publishing), 1998.

The *A Ticket To. . .* series is an engaging approach to world geography, cultures, and history for younger students. These books feature large-letter text, lots of colorful photos and maps, and box inserts that include mapping activities and interesting facts about geography, plant and animal life, language, etc. Unfamiliar but important vocabulary is highlighted with bold letters and appears in a glossary at the end. Chapter titles are unintimidating, but nevertheless cover such topics as geography, history, pastimes, school, religion and art.

**Level:** 1 to 6 **Length:** 48 pp. **Price:** \$21.95

***The Yanomami of South America***, by Raya Tahan. Lerner Publishing, 2002.

Widely accessible with engaging photographs, this book offers young readers a unique view into the lives of the Yanomami, one of the few indigenous peoples who have retained their traditional way of living. Their life in the Amazon rain forest of Brazil provides a basis for understanding a people confronting culture clash through an examination of this culture—from work and recreation to language and ritual, from deforestation to disease, alongside an examination of the alarming impact the outside world has had on their environment and livelihood. In the "First Peoples" series. Includes a glossary and resource list.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 8 **Length:** 48 pp. **Price:** \$17.95

## Chile

***Chile***, by P. Ferroa/ Y.L. Chan. (Benchmark Books) Marshall Cavendish Publishing, 2002.

This book introduces readers to Chile's geography, history, government, economy, people, lifestyle, religion, language, arts, leisure, festivals, and foods of these countries.

**Level:** Not Specified **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$25.95

***Chile***, *FACES* magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 2002.

Situated along the West Coast of South America, Chile enjoys a varied climate, reaching from the world's driest desert in the north to vast glaciers in the south. Explore the mystery of Easter Island, settled by Polynesians around 400 AD, and tour the beautiful squares and parks of Santiago, Chile's capital city, founded in 1541. Read about a group of women who used their needlework to create story clothes, seeking justice for the victims of General Pinochet's cruel dictatorship. Meet Chile's rodeo riders, learn about Chilean cuisine, and try your hand at weaving a traditional Auracarian headband. Also included are profiles of Chilean writers

Gabriela Mistral, the first Latin American woman to win a Nobel Prize in literature, and Isabelle Allende, niece of Salvador Allende, president of Chile, who was overthrown in 1973.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 9 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***Cultures of the World: Chile-Second Edition***, by Jane Kohen Winter. Benchmark Books, 2004.

Chile has a unique geography and great natural beauty. This long, narrow country lines South America's western coast from the Peruvian border to the island of Tierra del Fuego. The result is a rich diversity of climates and landscapes. Chileans share a common language, religion, and ethnic background. Educated, artistic, and cosmopolitan, Chileans are some of the friendliest and receptive people in Latin America. This "Cultures of the World" series takes you into the heart of Chile, where you will learn about the country's geography, history, government, culture, lifestyle, religion, language, arts, food, festivals and leisure activities.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$36.95

***Discovering South America: Chile***, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishing, 2004.

All of the books in this series depict interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.96

***Easter Island: Giant Stone Statues Tell of a Rich and Tragic Past***, by Caroline Arnold. Clarion Books, 2000.

Through text and color photographs, the author describes the geography, ecology, and inhabitants of Easter Island, explaining how archaeologists have uncovered a culture that survived for a thousand years and built more than 900 stone statues. A 2001 NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$15.00

***The Enchanted Raisin***, by Jacqueline Balcells. Latin American Literary Review Press, 1988.

These short stories combine folklore motifs with contemporary details, psychology and whimsy.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 103pp. **Price:** \$11.00

***A Family in Chile***, by Jetty St. John. Lerner Publishing Group, 1986.

The story of Tonino Fuentes and his family, who live in the countryside of Chile. Photographs depict their home, family and daily lives.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 7 **Length:** 31pp. **Price:** \$13.95

***Folk Tales from Chile***, by Brenda Hughes. Hippocrene Books, 1999.

This collection of 15 traditional Chilean tales represents "both the Old World culture of the Spanish soldiers and priests who colonized the region...and the native Indian culture of the original inhabitants of Chile," according to the book jacket.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 121pp. **Price:** \$12.50

***In Pictures: Chile***, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1994.

Provides well-organized information about Chile's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$20.95

***Mariana and the Merchild: A Folk Tale from Chile***, by Caroline Pitcher. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.

This story of the beautiful friendship between a lonely old woman and a Merchild is based on a traditional Chilean folktale. A 2001 NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 3 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$17.00

## Colombia

***Colombia: Countries and Cultures***, by Tracey Boraas. Bridgestone Books, 2002.

These two volumes in the new *Countries and Cultures* series offer rudimentary introductions to their subjects. Both books supply a bit of information about major landforms, climate, history, current government, and arts and culture. The visuals in both volumes are average, but there are useful political and physical maps included among the scattered color photos and historical portraits. While most of this information can easily overlap with encyclopedia entries, students will appreciate the straightforward language that doesn't rely on excessive stereotypes, and report writers will like the slim, easy-to-carry size. Recipes, time lines, and suggested further readings round out these basic titles.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$24.95

***Colombia: Faces and Places***, by Caleb Owens. Child's World, 2003.

Brief and simple overview of the country of Colombia, its flora, fauna, landscape, history, and people. An accessible introduction to Colombia that includes information on the enslavement of indigenous peoples, the drug trade, and poverty amongst other things.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 7 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$26.95

***Colombia in Pictures***, by Tom Streissguth. Lerner Publications, 2004.

Located in the northwest corner of South America, Colombia is a nation of many natural resources. However, high unemployment, widespread poverty, government corruption, a history of illegal drug distribution and growth, and long running guerrilla warfare has led to an unstable government. American involvement has further upset the delicate balance between the Colombian government and its citizens. Colombia's potential to become an economic leader in South America is prevented by its lack of stability.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Length:** 80pp. **Price:** \$20.95

***Cultures of the World: Colombia-Second Edition***, by Jill Dubois. Benchmark Books, 2004.

An easy-to-understand book that describes the people, geography, history, government, economy, and culture of Colombia. Includes a map, a glossary of terms, and an index. Well-illustrated with colorful photographs.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$36.95

***Discovering South America: Colombia***, by LeeAnne Gelletly. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to Web sites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64 **Price:** \$19.95

***Enchantment of the World: Colombia (Second Series)***, by Marion Morrison. Children's Press, 1999.

Each book in the *Enchantment of the World* series attempts to provide a rather comprehensive overview of the culture, history, geography of an individual country. The chapters of the COLOMBIA volume are: Old Gold, New Gold; Country of Contrasts;; A Naturalist's El Dorado; A Rich History; Governing the People; Economic Resources; People of

Colombia; Spiritual Life, Creativity and Sports; and Day in, Day Out. Chapters are followed by a timeline, "Fast Facts," and "To Find Out More." The volume also contains maps, drawings, and a generous number of color and black and white photos.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$33.95

## Ecuador

***Children of the Ecuadorian Highlands***, by Barbara Beirne. Carolrhoda Books (Lerner Publishing), 1996.

The lives and daily activities of several children in the Andes Mountains represent different aspects of Ecuadorian culture and history. Large, colorful photographs illustrate and honor the life and people in this beautiful country.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 46pp. **Price:** \$21.95

***Cultures of the World: Ecuador***, by Erin Foley. Benchmark Books, 2000.

An easy-to-understand book that describes the people, geography, history, government, economy, and culture of Ecuador. Includes a map, a glossary of terms, and an index. Well-illustrated with colorful photographs.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$35.95

***Discovering South America: Ecuador***, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***Enchantment of the World: Ecuador***, by Marion Morrison. Children's Press, 2000.

Informative and full of colorful photographs and maps, this book describes the geography, history, economy, natural resources, culture, religion, and people of the country. Includes a timeline, "fast facts" section, bibliography, and an index.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$35.95

***In Pictures: Ecuador***, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1987.

Provides well-organized information about each country's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$20.95

***The Little Birdwatcher and the Whispering Bird/La Pequeña Birdwatcher y el Pájaro Susurrador***, by B.D. Krohnke. 2003.

Little Birdwatcher spends her days in the Ecuadorian cloud forests, armed with a pair of binoculars and her desire to find new and interesting birds to record in her field guide. When she comes across a new, bright yellow bird she is so excited to ask its name that she shouts and scares it away. From that point on she must learn to whisper to find the true identity of the bird.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$10.00

***Lost Treasure of the Inca***, by Peter Lourie. Boyds Mills Press, 2001.

Peter Lourie's expedition to the Llaanganatis mountain range of Ecuador combines beautiful imagery and photography of the land with the exciting story of his search for the golden treasure of the Incas. Although Lourie and his companions never found the hidden treasure, he left the adventure with an experience he would never forget.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$9.95

**Major World Nations: Ecuador**, by Sarita Kendall. Chelsea House Publications, 1999.

Explores the people, history, culture, land, climate, and economy of Ecuador, which takes its name from the fact that the equator crosses through its mountains just north of the capital city of Quito.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 104pp. **Price:** \$26.95

## Guyana

**Discovering South America: Guyana**, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire-to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 63pp. **Price:** \$19.95

**Enchantment of the World: Guyana**, by Marrion Morrison. Children's Press, 2003.

Informative and full of colorful photographs and maps, this book describes the geography, history, economy, natural resources, culture, religion, and people of the country. Includes a timeline, "fast facts" section, bibliography, and an index.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$35.00

**In Pictures: Guyana**, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1997.

Provides well-organized information about each country's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$20.95

## Paraguay

**Discovering South America: Paraguay**, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire-to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to Web sites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.95

**Enchantment of the World: Paraguay**, by Byron Augustin. Children's Press, 2005.

Informative and full of colorful photographs and maps, this book describes the geography, history, economy, natural resources, culture, religion, and people of the country. Includes a timeline, "fast facts" section, bibliography, and an index.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$36.00

## Peru

***Cultures of the World: Peru***, by Kieran Falconer. Benchmark Books, 1995.

The *Cultures of the World* series provides a comprehensive overview of individual nations at a secondary student level. Material is text and photo driven. The major areas covered in the text are: Geography, History, Government, Economy, the Peruvians, Lifestyle, Religion, Language, Arts, Leisure, Festivals, and Food. The body of the text is followed by a map showing provinces and basic physical features; "Quick Notes" thumbnail sketch, and a glossary of terms.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$35.95

***Discovering South America: Peru***, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire-to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***Discovering the Inca Ice Maiden: My Adventures on Ampato***, by Johan Reinhard. National Geographic, 1998.

In 1995, two anthropologists discover a frozen, mummified Inca maiden in a snow-covered volcano in Peru. Share in this thrilling story of discovery, laboratory investigation, and world inquiry.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$17.95

***Enchantment of the World: Peru (Second Series)***, by Marion Morrison. Children's Press, 2000.

Informative and full of colorful photographs and maps, this book describes the geography, history, economy, natural resources, culture, religion, and people of the country. Includes a timeline, "fast facts" section, bibliography, and an index.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 144pp. **Price:** \$33.95

***From Beans to Batteries***, by Steve Brace. Child's Play International Ltd, 1999.

In this sweet story about a boy who sells beans to buy batteries for his radio, readers see snippets of life for a child in the Andes.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$4.99

***A Gift for Ampato***, by Susan Vande. Griek, Groundwood Books, 1999.

The fictional account of Timta, a young Inca girl, who is chosen by her people to become the sacrificial gift that will appease the mountain gods and save the community's crops. With the help of a great friend, she overcomes the fear she feels about this honor. Interspersed is information about the discovery of a 500-year-old mummy of an Incan girl thought to have perished in a sacrificial ritual. Runner-up, Groundwood Books 20th Anniversary First Novel for Children Contest.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 109pp. **Price:** \$14.95

***Go and Come Back***, by Joan Ablove. Rebound by Sagebrush, 2000.

This beautiful novel for young adults tells of two anthropologists from the north that go to study a tribe in the Amazon jungle. Though the author is an anthropologist, she tells the story through the eyes of a young tribeswoman and writes in such a way that readers feel and grapple with the tension caused by differences in cultural perspectives and values. An ALA Notable Book, an ALA Best Book for Young Adults, and a 1999 Los Angeles Times Book Prize Finalist.

**Level:** Grades 10 to 12 **Length:** 177pp. **Price:** \$5.99

***Inca's of Peru***, FACES magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 2000.

Travel south to Peru and meet the fascinating Inca. Join Hiram Bingham as he braves the high altitude of the Andes in search of ancient ruins. Meet the "Ice Maiden" face-to-face, and learn the myths of Lake Titicaca, the sun god's birthplace. Find out why the ancestor worship and mummy processions were important. Enter the period when Pachacuti rules and read how he organized the government, firmly established a strict form of taxation, and ordered the building of a great palace in the capital city of Cuzco. You'll also learn how the Inca built one of the world's greatest road systems, but used no wheeled vehicles. These topics are just a few of those covered in this exciting issue.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 9 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***In Pictures: Peru***, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1997.

Provides well-organized information about Peru's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$20.95

***Life in Ancient South America***, by Hazel Richardson. Crabtree Publishing, 2005.

The ancient Incas developed a government based on the conquest of neighboring communities, at the same time preserving the local customs and traditions of the cultures that came before. Beautiful images portray the land now known as Peru, as well as the astounding people who lived there prior to the arrival of the Spanish. Topics include: the Mocha and Anzac peoples; agricultural innovations, including irrigation and terraced farming; Anzac geoglyphs and ray centers; record-keeping when most could not read or write; mummification, textile weaving, pottery, ancestor and nature worship; and the extensive Inca road network

**Level:** Grades 4 to 5 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$9.86 (paperback) \$20.76 (hard cover)

***Lost City: The Discovery of Machu Picchu***, by Ted Lewin. Philomel Books, 2003.

Story of how in 1911 Yale professor Hiram Bingham finds a lost Incan city on the top of Machu Picchu in Peru with the help of a young Peruvian boy. An adventurous tale and beautifully detailed illustrations aid children in learning about this rediscovery of Peruvian ruins by a foreigner.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 7 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$16.99

***Moche of Peru***, FACES magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 1993.

Learn what is known about the Moche people and their way of life from their clothing, ornaments, burials, and painted pottery. Activities include a Peruvian potato feast and a word scramble.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 9 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***Peru***, by Bob Italia. ABDO Publishing, 2005.

This book is presented in an easy-to-read format, with large type, short sentences and paragraphs, and generous line spacing. Controlled vocabulary, and large, color photographs.

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 40pp. **Price:** \$22.78

***Peru: The Land***, by Bobbie Kalman. Crabtree Publishing Company, 2003.

The *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series provides a wealth of information on diverse topics including flora and fauna, geography, religion, food, festivals, industry and business, transportation, history, art, music, clothing, and much more. Presented in a mini series format, three books per country ensures thorough coverage of all the important aspects. It also allows many more students to work on different projects at the same time. ***The Land*** specifically covers topics including: geography, agriculture, transportation, history, industry, and glorious wonders.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

**Peru: *The Culture***, by Bobbie Kalman. Crabtree Publishing Company, 2003.

The *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series provides a wealth of information on diverse topics including flora and fauna, geography, religion, food, festivals, industry and business, transportation, history, art, music, clothing, and much more. Presented in a mini series format, three books per country ensures thorough coverage of all the important aspects. It also allows many more students to work on different projects at the same time. ***The Culture*** specifically covers the topics of: modern festivals, ancient processions, food, games, and more.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

**Peru: *The People***, by Bobbie Kalman. Crabtree Publishing Company, 2003.

The *Land, Peoples, and Cultures* series provides a wealth of information on diverse topics including flora and fauna, geography, religion, food, festivals, industry and business, transportation, history, art, music, clothing, and much more. Presented in a mini series format, three books per country ensures thorough coverage of all the important aspects. It also allows many more students to work on different projects at the same time. ***The People*** specifically covers the topics of: unique customs, customs we share, and problems faced by minority groups and women.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$7.95

**Peru**, *FACES* magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 1997.

Welcome to the rainforest of Peru! Meet the Cashinahua, a tribe of the rainforest who have been the subject of an intensive long-term study of Kenneth Kennsinger. Read about an exciting development in the study of the region's ecology-the Canopy Walkway. This walkway allows scientists to examine the rich variety of life found in the hard to reach areas of the treetops. Read about the EARTHWATCH Project and its focus on katydid as the foundation of the rainforest food web. Enjoy and introduction to Rainforest Rescue, Inc., a promising organization at work in the rainforest. Visit the National Aquarium in this country, which promotes an understanding of the ecosystem through various education programs and through a simulation of the rainforest environment. Discover the new industry of "eco-tourism." Practice the native craft of weaving bird feathers to create a mat or flag, as the Cashinahua have done for centuries.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 9 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***Tonight Is Carnival (Puffin Unicorn)***, by Arthur Dorros. Puffin Books, 1995.

The text, illustrated with photographs of arpilleras (three-dimensional fabric wall hangings), covers three days in the life of a Peruvian boy as he and his family prepare for a carnival celebration in the nearby village. The boy describes the everyday work that must be finished as he anticipates the festivities and practices the music he will play with his band. The information about the daily life of the people of the Andes is reinforced by the brilliantly colored folk art, made by a cooperative of women. The problem is that the boy exists only as a voice to convey information--which he does in an earnest, but unconvincing, monologue. The folk art, while appealing, does little to convince readers that this is a particular child with emotions. Although the book is a bit of a throw-back (it is primarily an informational book clothed as fiction), it packs in a lot of detail and would be a useful introduction to the culture. The photographs of the arpilleras give an additional dimension, and the two pages of photos showing the women making them are among the most interesting in the book. The sale of the arpilleras and a percentage of the royalties will go to support relief efforts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 4 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$6.99

***The Way of the Condor: An Adventure in Peru***, by Nathan Kravetz. Backinprint.com, 2000.

Young Carlos lives in the Peruvian mountains and must travel to Lima to find work and help support his family in their small town. This is the story of his adventures on the bus that takes him to the city, and of his difficult and exciting life there. He must make a decision to return home and go to school, or to stay in Lima.

**Level:** Grades 7 to 9 **Length:** 142pp. **Price:** \$14.95

## Suriname

***Discovering South America: Suriname***, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire-to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to Web sites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 63pp. **Price:** \$19.95

## Uruguay

***Discovering Uruguay***, by Charles J. Shields. Mason Crest Publishers, 2003.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire-to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. The books are filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to Web sites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Length:** 63pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***In Pictures: Uruguay***, by Visual Geography Dept. Lerner Publishing, 1994.

Provides well-organized information about each country's geography, history, economy, culture, society and politics. Abundant photographs, maps and charts.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$20.95

## Venezuela

***Venezuela***, by J. Kohen Winter/ K. Baguley. Marshall Cavendish Publishing, 1993.

This book introduces readers to Venezuela's geography, history, government, economy, people, lifestyle, religion, language, arts, leisure, festivals, and foods.

**Level:** Not Specified **Length:** 128pp. **Price:** \$25.95

***Venezuela***, by Kate A. Conley. ABDO Publishing, 2004.

This book is presented in an easy-to-read format, with large, short sentences and paragraphs, and generous line spacing. There is also controlled vocabulary, and large, color photographs.

**Level:** Grade 4 **Length:** 40pp. **Price:** \$22.78

***Venezuela***, *FACES* magazine. Cobblestone Publishing, 2004.

Located in the northeast corner of the continent, Venezuela is a land of varied geography and culture. From rainforests to grassy plains, this region seems to have it all. Explore Venezuela and all it has to offer. Journey with one of our authors as she describes her tour of the Angel Falls region. Did you know that Spanish and English are related languages? You may

not be aware that you already know some Spanish. Take part in our Spanish language activity and discover how alike the languages are. Caracas is the capital and the largest city in Venezuela. Tour the city and see how its colonial roots and modern architecture blend to reflect the city's past and present. Read about the foods of the country.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 9 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$4.95

***Cultures of the World: Venezuela***, by Jane Kohen Winter. Benchmark Books, 2000.

The *Cultures of the World* series provides a comprehensive overview of individual nations at a secondary student level. Material is text and photo driven. The major areas covered in the text are: Geography, History, Government, Economy, the Environment, Venezuelans, Lifestyle, Religion, Language, Arts, Leisure, Festivals, and Food. The body of the text is followed by a map showing states and basic physical features, "About the Economy," "About the Culture," a timeline, glossary and resources for further information.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 128 **Price:** \$35.95

***Discovering South America: Venezuela***, by James D. Henderson. Mason Crest Publishers, 2004.

Interesting facts about South America's history and culture from the Inca Empire-to the samba. Also discussed are the continent's economy, land and climate, plant and animal life, exploration and history, and much more. This book is filled with images and maps, and will direct the reader to websites where the student can do further research.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 64pp. **Price:** \$19.95

***Globetrotter's Club: Venezuela***, by Helga Jones. Carolrhoda Books (Lerner (Publishing)), 2000.

Geared to middle-school readers, this fun, colorful guide discusses Venezuela's history, key cultural features, landforms, and major ethnic groups. Enhanced by lively color photographs, vocabulary in English and Spanish, sidebars with additional information, and suggestions for further reading.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 6 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$21.95

***Jaguar***, by Helen Cowcher. Milet Publishing, 1997.

In this story set in Venezuela, Jaguar sets off to hunt animals for food. At the same time, however, a man sets out to hunt Jaguar! Will man kill Jaguar or is there a way for animals and humans to live together in the forest? This parable offers a message about balance between nature and humankind.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 3 **Length:** 32pp. **Price:** \$15.95

***The Night of the Stars***, by Douglas Gutiérrez. Kane/Miller Book Publishers, 1997.

A Venezuelan folktale. This original story from Venezuela sounds convincingly like a folktale, retold with folk simplicity. The hero is a simple peasant who does not like the night because it is dark. Every evening he complains to the night, which can do nothing to change its ways. Finally, the man pokes his finger through the night and makes a star. He finds the effect so wonderful that he creates many more, and even uses his fist to punch a hole large enough to be the moon. To celebrate the lightness of the night, the whole town turns out for a nighttime celebration.

**Level:** Grades K to 2 **Length:** 26pp. **Price:** \$5.95

***A Ticket to Venezuela***, by Suzanne Paul Dell'Oro. Carolrhonda (Lerner Publishing), 1998.

The *A Ticket To. . .* series is an engaging approach to world geography, cultures, and history for younger students. These books feature large-letter text, lots of colorful photos and maps, and box inserts that include mapping activities and interesting facts about geography, plant and animal life, language, etc. Unfamiliar but important vocabulary is highlighted with bold

letters and appears in a glossary at the end. Chapter titles are unimimidating, but nevertheless cover such topics as geography, history, pastimes, school, religion and art.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 4 **Length:** 48pp. **Price:** \$16.95

***The Streets Are Free***, by Monika Doppert Kurusa. Annick Press, 1995.

When a group of children in the barrio of San José la Urbina outside of Caracas, Venezuela, don't have room to play in the streets, they go to the city government for help. If the mayor won't help, they decide to work within their own neighborhood to build a playground. A true story of stunning human initiative and child empowerment. Recipient of the Skipping Stones Honor Award.

**Level:** Grades 2 to 5 **Length:** 46pp. **Price:** \$7.95.

### III. Individual Countries

#### Audio-Visual Materials

#### Argentina

***Argentina: Land of Natural Wonder***, Library Video Company, 1990.

Argentina's collection of terrains and climates is among the most diverse anywhere, equaled only by the variety of animals and ocean life found in and around them. The andes offer majestic, snow-capped peaks and tropical rainforests.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 51 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Evita***, Library Video Company, 1996.

Madonna, Antonio Banderas and Jonathon Pryce star in this adaptation of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical about the famed First Lady of Argentina. Directed by award-winning filmmaker Alan Parker, *Evita* is the riveting true-life story of Eva Peron, who rose above childhood poverty and a scandalous past to achieve unimaginable fortune and fame. Despite widespread controversy, her passion changed a nation forever.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 135 min. **Price:** \$14.95

***Evita: The Woman Behind the Myth***, Social Studies School Service, 1996.

*A&E Biography* explores the life and legacy of controversial historical figure, Evita Peron, from her humble beginnings to her tragic death from cancer at 33. Using rare photographs and interviews with friends and foes, the program offers firsthand accounts of Eva Duarte de Peron. The program tracks the once-minor actress's rise to power via her marriage to Argentine president-to-be Juan Peron and looks at her reputation as both a power-hungry Marie Antoinette and a savior of the working poor.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Golden Dorado & Life in the North***, Library Video Company, 2002.

This program travels to northern Argentina to explore the culture, history and outdoor adventure located in this area of South America. The documentary follows the pursuit of a freshwater game fish native to Argentina called the Golden Dorado and travels throughout the region in exploration of the rich diversity of the Argentine people. Viewers will gain a glimpse of rural life in northern Argentina, with video essays on the gauchos of Corrientes, the city of Salta, the local markets of Jujuy, the Posadas, the ruins of San Ignacio Mini, the basilica at

Itati and more. Viewers will also experience the unique grace, color and artistry of the Tango in Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires.

**Level:** Grades 5 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 100 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Juan & Evita Peron***, Library Video Company, 1995.

As President and First Lady of Argentina, Juan (1895-1974) and Evita (1919-1952) Peron won the loyalty and admiration of millions. Together, they fought to improve conditions for the average worker and established charitable and welfare systems during turbulent times in Argentina. Although highly criticized by the upper classes, Juan Peron is remembered for unifying the working class and, for a time, energizing the Argentine economy. Considered a kind of modern-day saint by some Argentine people and an opportunist by others, Evita is remembered for her strength and determination. Part of the multi-volume *Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Video Collection*, a compelling set of biographies that introduces students to outstanding Hispanic and Latin American men and women. Available in both English and Spanish.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 30 min. **Price:** \$39.95

***Natural Wonders of South America***, Library Video Company, 1997.

This breathtaking program takes students to the southernmost tip of South America into Patagonia for a close-up view of towering blocks of moving ice that glow with an eerie blue light. On the walls of these ancient glaciers, viewers find traces of the people who hunted here at the end of the Ice Age. The journey continues north into the jungle to discover the poetry of Iguacu Falls, found on the border of Argentina and Brazil. Students learn the myths and the science behind the creation of the majestic "devil's throat" and surrounding waterfalls. From there, viewers travel off the coast of Ecuador to the Galapagos, a rugged archipelago of volcanic origins. The islands, with their forbidding landscape and uniquely adapted wildlife, prompted Darwin's theory of natural selection and the concept of evolution. Part of the multivolume *Natural Wonders of the World Video Series*. A Teacher's Guide is included and available online.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 37 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***Nature's Spectacle***, Library Video Company, 2002.

Part of the *Discoveries...Argentina DVD Series*, and filmed in high definition format, this film allows viewers to experience Argentina, the land where hundreds of bird species, monkeys, rheas, guanacos, burrowing owls, orca whales, Magellan penguins, flamingoes, sea lions, elephant seals and an incredible variety of flora flourish. From Iguazu Falls and Ibera Marsh in the subtropical north to Peninsula Valdes in the rugged Patagonia region, viewers will see one of the most diverse and beautiful wildlife areas in the world.

**Level:** Grades 5 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 80 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Patagonia***, Library Video Company, 2004.

Part of the *Discoveries...Argentina DVD Series*, this film allows viewers to experience the colorful history, landscape and culture of Argentina's Patagonian region. At the Neuquen province, viewers will go trout fishing and see a working cattle ranch. On the Atlantic coast of Patagonia at the shore of Peninsula Valdez, viewers will see rare scenes of killer whales chasing sea lions up to the beach and nearby a colony of Magellan penguins. In Esquel, viewers will ride the historic narrow gauge rail line on "La Trochita." In addition, viewers can visit the "digs" of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, experience the outdoors in San Carlos de Bariloche along the shores of Lago Nahuel Huapi and witness the street fairs of Buenos Aires with its antiques, art, music, and dance.

**Level:** Grades 5 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Pilot Guide to Argentina, The***, Library Video Company, 2003.

Argentina is the world's eighth largest country, featuring contrasts between the desolation of Patagonia and the high Andes to the urban frenzy of Buenos Aires, one of the world's largest and most cosmopolitan cities. Traveler Justine Shapiro begins her adventure in Iguazu before traveling west to Jujay. After a train journey to Salta, she continues south to the capital, Buenos Aires. She ends the journey at the southern extreme of the country amidst the scenery of the Parque Nacional Los Glaciares. Along the way, viewers join Justine as she visits the Iguazu Falls; catches the Train to the Stars, one of the most spectacular railway journeys in Latin America; spends a day with the Gauchos, the amazing Argentine cowboys; learns the Tango and parties in Buenos Aires; and visits the San Moreno glacier at the top of Latin America.

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$17.95

***The Southern Plains***, Social Studies School Service, 1992.

From the gauchos herding cattle on the Patagonian pampa to the oil rigs in the icy waters off the port of Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego, from the Guarani Indian farmers of the arid Chaco Boreal to the high finance of populous Buenos Aires, economic activity here embraces a curious blend of the old and the new. This episode demonstrates how the democratic nations of this region wage a constant struggle against the threat of economic insecurity caused by underdevelopment and neo-imperialism. Includes the countries of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina. Part of the *South America Series*.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

## Bolivia

***The Andean Region***, Social Studies School Service, 1992.

Forming the "backbone of South America," this region contains the nations of Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Chile. This episode takes viewers through some of the most variegated geography of the continent. Follow vicunas and llamas as they bound across the high plains; visit the montane shores of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable body of water; tour the remains of the once-mighty Inca Empire; witness how irrigation makes the Atacama Desert bloom; and see the results of the dynamic growth of such modern cities as Cuzco and Valparaiso. Part of the *South America Series*.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***The Pilot Guide to Bolivia***, Library Video Company, 2002.

Bordered by Peru, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, and Argentina, Bolivia is the highest Latin American Republic. Land-locked and isolated, it is one of the poorest countries in Latin America, but it is rich in culture and landscape. Traveler Ian Wright starts his journey on Lake Titicaca, before heading to the capital La Paz. He then travels to the mining center of Potosi, the salt lakes of Salar de Uyuni, and attends the Fiesta of San Miguel in Uncia. After cycling to the cocoa fields of Coroico, he treks up the Andean peaks of Huayna Potosi. Along the way, viewers will join Ian as he explores a silver mine where miners have been working for more than three centuries, attends a "Tinku Fight," a traditional Bolivian form of combat, rides the road of death, the world's most dangerous highway, and witnesses the views of Potosi, the highest city in the world.

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$17.95

***Simon Bolivar***, The Library Video Company, 1995.

Vowing not to rest until he had broken "the chains of Spain," Simon Bolivar (1783-1830) was instrumental in uniting and liberating South America. An eloquent, persuasive speaker and writer, his political statements stirred sympathies, but gained little political support for South

American countries that were badly in need of social, political and economic reform. Bolivar eventually liberated five countries, adopting a Declaration of Independence for Venezuela and making it the first free Spanish-American colony. Simon Bolivar is known today by the people of South America as El Liberador-the Liberator. Part of the multi-volume Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Video Collection, a compelling set of biographies that introduces students to outstanding Hispanic and Latin American men and women. Available in both English and Spanish.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 30 min. **Price:** \$39.95

## Brazil

**Amazon**, The Library Video Company, 2004.

Wildlife expert Jeff Corwin travels to the Amazon, the most impressive river system in the world, in this live-action program. In Brazil, Jeff encounters the exotic and beautiful creatures whose natural history can help to determine the health of the Amazon ecosystem. As seen on *Animal Planet*.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 8 **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 45 min **Price:** \$49.95

**Brazil**, The Library Video Company, 1996.

Brazil has the largest economy in Latin America, is the world's largest producer of orange juice, has the world's largest iron ore mine and is the world's fastest-growing computer market. However, it's long history of inflation and corruption has prevented the perennial "country of the future" from living up to it's potential. Join Brazilian TV correspondent Pedro Bial as he takes a look at the forces that are dramatically changing Brazil's economy.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

**Brazil**, The Library Video Company, 2004.

Wildlife expert Jeff Corwin travels deep within the immense land mass of Brazil to Pantanal in this live-action program, originally seen on *Animal Planet*. Jeff explores the region's wetlands, the largest system in the world, and introduces the habitat's inhabitants as the masters of this lush and perilous world.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 8 **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 45 min. **Price:** \$49.95

**Brazil and the Northern Countries**, Social Studies School Service, 1992.

Explore a "region of dramatic contrasts," from the majesty of precipitous Angel Falls in the Amazon Basin to the crowded industrial center of Sao Paulo. This area encompasses the countries of Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and the continent's largest country, Brazil. The episode pays particular attention to the process and consequences of rainforest destruction.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

**Brazil: Emerging Powers**, Social Studies School Service, 1996.

In the 1980s, widespread labor strikes lead to a socialist agenda in Brazil, but the fall of the USSR ushers in a new era of cooperation between workers and bosses. Brazil's resurgent economic growth is said to derive from a growing awareness that the foundation of progress is "respect for the people." Main topics: youthful street musicians, ethnic Japanese, world's fastest growing computer market, Avon's sales rep on the Amazon, TV as Brazil's dream-maker, scientific farming techniques, and the ultra-modern city of Curitiba. Part of the *Emerging Powers Series*.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Brazil: Heart of South America***, Educational Video Network, 1988.

Experience the beauty and grandeur of cities in Brazil, the heart of South America. Visit various cities and learn about the people, culture and history of this country. Enjoy a look at this tropical land.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 55 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Child Labor In Brazil***, Social Studies School Service, 2003.

In a dump on Recife's outskirts, 12-year-old Eleandra picks garbage seven days a week, and a boy named Reina earns a few pennies pounding rocks into gravel. Susan Sarandon interviews them. This program correlates with NCSS standards on the study of people, places, and environments as well as interactions among individuals, groups, and institutions. Hosts travel to each location with UN personnel to meet the children, tell their stories, and offer help through the world organization. Part of the *What's Going On?* Series.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 28 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***Destination Brazil***, The Library Video Company, 2002.

Traveler Ian Wright visits the historic Northeast from Salvador, following the coast to the mouth of the Amazon - the world's largest river. He then goes to Rio, a lively melting pot of Portuguese settlers and African slaves, and the home of samba, soccer and the carnival capital of the world. In addition, viewers will attend a Candomble ceremony - one of the fastest and most popular cults in Brazil, which was brought over by African slaves - go down a mine near the colonial town of Lancois where diamond miners are still at work, follow a guide into the heart of the rainforest and visit Rio de Janeiro, with its modern Museum of Contemporary Art and the famous temple to soccer - Macarena.

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 104 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Families of Brazil***, Social Studies School Service, 1999.

Meet Luca who lives in Rio de Janeiro. Luca and his brother love soccer. They watch their father play on an amateur team. Next, meet Louisa who lives with her brother, grandmother, mother and father on their family farm. Each day, Louisa's mother drives the children to their school in the city, which is 50 miles away. When at home, the children entertain themselves by roller blading, bicycling, watching TV or playing video games. Part of the "Families of the World" Series.

**Level:** 1999 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 30 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***The Keyapo-Indians of the Brazilian Rain Forest***, The Library Video Company, 1987.

Life changed dramatically for the fiercely independent Kayapo when gold was discovered on their land in 1982. This program traces what happened when the Amazon was opened up for prospecting. Thousands of Brazilians invaded their homeland and turned it into one of the largest gold mines in the world.

**Level:** Grades 8 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***My Family From Brazil***, The Library Video Company, 2003.

Meet Lilian, the youngest member of a Brazilian family of 60! She lives in a small house with her parents, aunts and grandparents, and has plenty of cousins nearby. Though only 4 years old, Lilian is learning how to perform household chores, like cooking and doing laundry. But it's not all work and no play -- join Lilian as she spends a fun day at the beach, plays with her pet hen and celebrates at a festive family party. A Teacher's Guide is included and available online. Part of the multivolume *Families Around the World Video Series*.

**Level:** Grades K to 4 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 15 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***The Pantanal: Brazil's Forgotten Wilderness***, The Library Video Company, 1997.

Based on the book by Vic Banks, this program explores the wildlife and plantlife of the world's largest wetland in western Brazil, eastern Bolivia and northeast Paraguay, and the dangers the area is facing due to modern development.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 52 min. **Price:** \$69.95

***Peru & Brazil***, The Library Video Company, 2002.

Viewers will explore the mysterious Inca ruins of Machu Picchu hidden deep in the Andes of Peru, and see why Brazil is not only a cultural crossroads, but also a natural paradise. Meets National Education Standards.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 26 min. **Price:** \$49.95

***South America Close-Up: Peru & Brazil***, The Library Video Company, 1997.

In Peru, meet a 13-year-old Aymara Indian girl named Bette Tuso who lives in the Andes Mountains. She introduces her small village, whose cultural roots date to before the Spanish conquest. She shows us the activities of her family, including farming, herding, spinning and weaving traditions. In Brazil, we meet Lucivaldo Santos de Lima. Lucivaldo's family are members of the Sem Terra Movement -- farmers without land. Part of the *Children of the Earth Series*.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 8 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 28 min. **Price:** \$16.95

***Warriors of the Amazon***, The Library Video Company, 1996.

NOVA travels to the remote, inhospitable reaches of the Amazon rain forest to visit the Yanomami. Discover this endangered tribe, whose culture is built on fierce rivalries and communal harmony. Please note that this program contains nudity in the context of tribal rituals.

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$19.95

## Chile

***The Andean Region***, Social Studies School Service, 1992.

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**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***Chile: Defeat of a Dictator***, Social Studies School Service, 2000.

Looks at the 1983 national protest led by Chilean copper miners. This signaled the start of a nonviolent democratic opposition to brutal repression of General Augusto Pinochet's military government, which was eventually toppled in a 1988 referendum.

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** Not Specified **Price:** \$89.95

***Geography of South America***, The Library Video Company, 2004.

Presented by the *Discovery Channel*, this multi-part documentary explores the geography of South America beginning with a look at the continent's varied landscapes and terrains in *South America: Landscape of A Continent*. *Brazil's Carnival* examines how this diverse country's history, religions and cultures are reflected in its world-famous festival. *Making a Living in Peru*

explores the ways in which the country's natural resources are helping Peruvians out of poverty. Finally, *Santiago: Chile's Capital City* travels to this bustling metropolis at the foot of the Andes Mountains to explore the city's economy, culture and problems.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 6 **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 25 min. **Price:** \$69.95

***My Family From Chile***, The Library Video Company, 2003.

Meet Kevin, a 5-year-old boy living in Chile's coastal Valparaiso Hills. Kevin's dad works away from home in a gold mine for most of the month, but fortunately, his mother and grandmother live with and care for him -- and teach him important things like how to count pesos and what it means to be Catholic. Join Kevin on an important day -- his graduation from nursery school! The entire extended family gathers together to honor Kevin and celebrate his passage to primary school. A Teacher's Guide is included and available online. Part of the multivolume *Families Around the World Video Series*.

**Level:** Grades K to 4 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 15 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Pilot Guide to Chile and Easter Island***, The Library Video Company, 1996.

Chile is bordered by the Pacific Ocean to the west and separated from the rest of South America by the Andes Mountains. Nearly 3,000 miles in length and rarely more than 100 miles wide, Chile stretches from the tropics almost to Antarctica. Traveler Ian Wright begins his journey in the scorching aridity of the Atacama Desert. He then moves south to the capital, Santiago, before taking a train to visit the indigenous Mapuche Indians. He travels across the glacier-streamed mountains of Torres del Paine National Park. After viewing Robinson Crusoe Island, he then flies to Easter Island to end his journey on one of the most remote inhabited places on Earth. Along the way, viewers will join Ian as he looks at ancient mummies, watches dawn break over the highest geyser field in the world, learns how to herd llamas, observes the stars through the largest telescope in the southern hemisphere and observes the colossal moai on Easter Island, among the most fascinating archaeological mysteries of all time. Please note that the material in this program was previously released under the title of "Lonely Planet."

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Pablo Neruda***, The Library Video Company, 1995.

(1904-1973) Chile's Pablo Neruda was a poet and writer who was also inspired to serve his country and promote social reform. His poetry and speeches roused the political consciousness of the world, and expressed the political struggles of the people, reflecting both the pleasant and harsh realities of everyday life. Though his belief in Communism and his radical ideas on social reform caused him to be exiled for a time, Neruda's moving poetry showed his passion for the written word and his commitment to political reform in Latin America. Part of the multivolume *Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Video Collection*, a compelling set of biographies that introduces students to outstanding Hispanic and Latin American men and women. Available in both English and Spanish.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 30 min. **Price:** \$39.95

***The Sights and Sounds of South America***, Social Studies School Service, 1997.

Students journey to a continent of true contrasts—South America—where old and new worlds collide to create a stunning kaleidoscope of sight and sound. The 12 nations of this vast continent are briefly explored from cultural, geographic, and political perspectives accompanied with breathtaking visuals and rich musical counterpoint. From Venezuela to Chile, this beautifully filmed video fills the eye and ear as it takes viewers on a grand tour of the "other" American continent.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 28 min. **Price:** \$32.95

## Colombia

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**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***Botero: Four Seasons***, The Library Video Company, 1992.

This documentary looks at the life and career of Colombian artist, Fernando Botero. The leading sculptor of the 20th century, Botero is known for his voluptuous figures and distorted landscapes. The program follows Botero as he travels through Paris, New York, Bogota and Florence, offering insights into his work and his role in contemporary art.

**Level:** Grades 8 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 53 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***The Monkey People***, The Library Video Company, 1991.

Raul Julia narrates a Colombian fable about the laziest village in the jungle in this animated *Rabbit Ears* presentation, featuring music by jazz guitarist Lee Ritenour. Deep in the rain forests of the Amazon jungle, a village of very lazy people wishes to do nothing but lie in their hammocks and think great thoughts. One day, a mysterious man arrives and offers to create monkeys that are capable of doing absolutely everything for them. Soon, the monkeys multiply and take on every human activity, including complaining.

**Level:** Grades Pre-K to 4 **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 30 min. **Price:** \$24.95

## Ecuador

***Ancient Inca***, The Library Video Company, 1998.

The Incan empire was built in the 15th century and lasted less than 100 years. Amazingly, in that short time, the Inca created an incredibly organized and productive society. Located in what is now part of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, the Inca were excellent farmers, builders and craftsmen. Students will visit the ruins of the lost city of Machu Picchu, a remarkably well-preserved example of an Incan city. Artifacts like pottery fragments, pieces of cloth, old toys and stone tools help archeologists piece together a picture of the daily life of the Inca. What happened to the Inca? When the Spanish explorers arrived in 1532, they found the empire in turmoil. In addition, the Spanish brought new diseases, killing people by the thousands. In the end, the Spanish conquered the Inca, destroying their way of life and religion. Hosted by the intriguing archeologist, Arizona Smith, and his young detective-in-training, the program includes a teacher's guide featuring additional information on the topic, vocabulary words, discussion questions, follow-up activities and lists of recommended books and Internet resources. Part of the multivolume *Ancient Civilizations for Children DVD Series*.

**Level:** Grades 3 to 7 **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 23 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***The Andean Region***, Social Studies School Service, 1992.

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high plains; visit the montane shores of Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable body of water; tour the remains of the once-mighty Inca Empire; witness how irrigation makes the Atacama Desert bloom; and see the results of the dynamic growth of such modern cities as Cuzco and Valparaiso. Part of the *South America Series*.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***The Cloud Forest***, The Library Video Company, 2002.

Dr. Nalini M. Nadkarni seeks to uncover the miraculous secrets of the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest. Unfortunately, the poverty of this region forces the local culture to devastate the natural resources. Conservationists Michelle Kirby and Andrew Hammerman stand guard as the deforestation that has stolen millions of acres of neighboring rain forests now threatens to claim the pristine beauty of the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 25 min. **Price:** \$12.95

***Ecuador***, The Library Video Company, 1993.

Examine the cultures and lifestyles of children from Ecuador in this engaging live-action program, which is part of a series. Includes information on schools, families, people at work and play, historical sites, traditional arts and celebrations.

**Level:** Grades K to 7 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 26 min. **Price:** \$39.95

***Hello! From Around the World DVD 1: Ecuador, Venezuela, The United States, Mexico and Central America***, The Library Video Company, 1993.

Examine the cultures and lifestyles of children from North, South and Central America in this engaging, live-action program. This program profiles children from Ecuador, Venezuela, the United States, Mexico and Central America, offering information about school and family life, work and play, historical sites, traditional arts and celebrations.

**Level:** Grades K to 7 **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 125 min. **Price:** \$49.95

***Inca Gold***, The Library Video Company, 1996.

Join an expedition in the Ecuadorian wilderness, searching for a legendary horde of gold. When the Spanish invaded the Incan Empire, they captured King Atahualpa and held him for ransom. The captured ruler ordered his armies to collect vast amounts of gold and give it to the Spanish in exchange for his freedom. But after they received the riches, the captors killed him. Legend has it that one general had not yet made it to the capital when he heard of the death of his liege. He is said to have been transporting 750,000 pounds of gold, which he hid in the rugged Llanganati mountains of modern Ecuador. The search has been on ever since. This program follows the efforts of archeologist John Rick in an effort to uncover the long-lost treasure. Ride along over the difficult terrain to create a virtual reality map of the area that may reveal where the gold is buried.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$24.95

***Natural Wonders of South America***, The Library Video Company, 1997.

This breathtaking program takes students to the southernmost tip of South America into Patagonia for a close-up view of towering blocks of moving ice that glow with an eerie blue light. On the walls of these ancient glaciers, viewers find traces of the people who hunted here at the end of the Ice Age. The journey continues north into the jungle to discover the poetry of Iguacu Falls, found on the border of Argentina and Brazil. Students learn the myths and the science behind the creation of the majestic "devil's throat" and surrounding waterfalls. From there, viewers travel off the coast of Ecuador to the Galapagos, a rugged archipelago of volcanic origins. The islands, with their forbidding landscape and uniquely adapted wildlife, prompted Darwin's theory of natural selection and the concept of evolution. Part of the multivolume *Natural Wonders of the World DVD Series*. A Teacher's Guide is included and available online.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 37 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***Pilot Guide to Ecuador & the Galapagos Islands***, The Library Video Company, 2004.

Ecuador is the smallest of the Andean countries that stretch along the western coast of South America. Despite its size, Ecuador has an incredible landscape and climate, making it one of the world's greatest geographical wonders. Traveler Justine Shapiro starts her travels in Guayaquil before taking a train up into the Andes. After climbing the highest active volcano on Earth, she heads north to the capital of Ecuador, Quito. Following a trek in the Amazon, she completes her trip with a visit to the Galapagos Islands. Along the way, viewers join Justine as she heads into the Amazon on an old army airplane, rides on the roof of a train, bathes in hot water from a volcano, romps with sea lions and climbs 18,000 icy feet. Please note that the material in this program was previously released under the title of "Lonely Planet."

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** DVD **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Volcanoes & Rainforests***, The Library Video Company, 1998.

James Avery takes viewers on a journey to Ecuador for an up-close look at Cotopazi, the world's tallest active volcano. This program also tours the picturesque setting of a newly restored 17th-century luxury inn, a myriad of cathedrals and pre-Colombian art collections. A local guide also brings viewers on an exploration of the dense rainforests and helps to identify exotic birds, reptiles and Archuar villages inhabiting the area.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 58 min. **Price:** \$12.95

## Guyana

***Brazil and the Northern Countries***, Social Studies School Service, 1992.

Explore a "region of dramatic contrasts," from the majesty of precipitous Angel Falls in the Amazon Basin to the crowded industrial center of Sao Paulo. This area encompasses the countries of Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, and the continent's largest country, Brazil. The episode pays particular attention to the process and consequences of rainforest destruction.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***Guyana***, The Library Video Company, 2004.

Wildlife expert Jeff Corwin explores the Guyana Shield, the dense rainforest that thousands of "giants" call home in Guyana, in this live-action program. In Guyana, Jeff discovers the largest toad found in South America, the largest freshwater turtle and the largest creature equipped with a giant tongue. As seen on *Animal Planet*.

**Level:** Grades 1 to 8 **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 45 min. **Price:** \$49.95

## Paraguay

***Dams***, The Library Video Company, 2000.

David Macaulay, the author and illustrator of *The Way Things Work*, goes to extremes to give an unprecedented look at the power of dams. From the banks of the Nile to the top of the Hoover Dam, viewers will meet the courageous and ambitious builders, relive the deadly disasters and discover the little-known personal triumphs and tragedies behind the greatest dams ever built. Program highlights include: Egypt's ancient Saad El Kafara, Aswan High Dam, Hoover Dam, Brazil and Paraguay's shared Itaipu Dam, Johnstown and Pennsylvania's South Fork Dam. Also features a bonus "build a mini dam" activity. As seen on PBS.

**Level:** Grades 5 to Adult **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***The Southern Plains***, Social Studies School Service, 1992.

From the gauchos herding cattle on the Patagonian pampa to the oil rigs in the icy waters off the port of Ushuaia in Tierra del Fuego, from the Guarani Indian farmers of the arid Chaco Boreal to the high finance of populous Buenos Aires, economic activity here embraces a curious blend of the old and the new. This episode demonstrates how the democratic nations of this region wage a constant struggle against the threat of economic insecurity caused by underdevelopment and neo-imperialism. Includes the countries of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina. Part of the *South America Series*.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***Travelers South America***, The Library Video Company, 1997.

Viewers join the Travelers -- a lively group of young adults -- on a journey through South America where they participate in some of the continent's wildest celebrations. The journey enables viewers to consider their own familiar culture and traditions in a new light as centuries-old ceremonies and festivities are discovered. Viewers follow 2,000 galloping horses through dusty streets of Chile, dance the night away in Peru on the eve of the Christian celebration of Easter, witness a hair-raising adventure down the Amazon to the Boi Bumba festival on Brazil's Joy Island and discover Paraguay's *pelota tatas* event-tossing wire balls wrapped in flaming cloth.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 51 min. **Price:** \$59.95

## Peru

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**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***Aztec, Inca & Zapotec***, The Library Video Company, 2000.

Explore the empires that once populated Mexico and Peru, from the ancient Inca city of Cuzco to the legendary Machu Picchu, situated in a natural setting high in the Peruvian Andes. Discover Mexico City, one of the world's largest urban centers, which was built on the ruins of Tenochtitlan, the ancient capital of the Aztec empire. Experience a firsthand look at the Zapotec ruins of Monte Alban and the nearby city of Oaxaca, one of the region's prime examples of Spanish colonial town planning. Part of the multivolume *Wonders of the Ancient World Video Series*. A teacher's guide is included and available online.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 49 min. **Price:** \$29.95

***Desert Mummies of Peru***, The Library Video Company, 2001.

This informative program explores the mummified remains of the ancient Chiribaya culture found in the deserts of Southern Peru. Follows archaeologists as they piece together remains and artifacts in order to reveal clues about one of the world's least known ancient cultures. The program looks at the problem looters pose to archaeological research.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$19.95

**Peru**, The Library Video Company, 2001.

Elmer Hawkes explores the Amazon River, the Mazca Lines, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, the Andean highland culture and the city of Lima, as well as the people, cultures, geography, traditions, history, lifestyles and more.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 58 min. **Price:** \$49.95

**Peru: A Golden Treasure**, The Library Video Company, 1992.

Experience the mysterious beauty of Peru. High in the Andes in breathtaking Cuzco, Spanish cathedrals stand atop remnants of ancient sacred temples. Admire Lima's opulent colonial mansions, sparkling beaches and the treasure-laden Gold Museum. A travelogue of this South American country that stretches from coast to jungle to snow-capped peaks.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 53 min. **Price:** \$19.95

**Peru & Brazil**, The Library Video Company, 2002.

Viewers will explore the mysterious Inca ruins of Machu Picchu hidden deep in the Andes of Peru, and see why Brazil is not only a cultural crossroads, but also a natural paradise. Meets National Education Standards.

**Level:** Grades 5 to 12 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 26 min. **Price:** \$49.95

**Peru: Journeys to the Golden Cities**, The Library Video Company, 2002.

This educational travel documentary explores the landscape of Peru, while examining the legacy of the Incas in modern-day Peru. The program explores the history of the Incas as well as the fall of the empire, while touring the country's landscapes, natural wonders and mysterious ruins, and highlighting the origins of ancient rites and rituals.

**Level:** Grades 8 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 58 min. **Price:** \$24.95

**Peru: Kingdom in the Clouds/Egypt: Cycle of Life/Greece: Isle of Revelation**, The Library Video Company, 1996.

Offers insights into the spiritual beliefs of the Inca and the influence of their beliefs on their lifestyle, architecture and astronomical achievements. Explore the birthplace of modern civilization through the spirituality of ancient Egyptians. Examine the mythical home of a pantheon of ancient gods, Greece.

**Level:** Grades 8 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$19.95

**Peru: Warriors & Treasures**, The Library Video Company, 1995.

This in-depth program from A&E follows the strange story of one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century. The Royal Tombs of Sipan are among the richest burial sites ever found, but their wealth of precious metals was not discovered by archaeologists but by grave robbers. Find out how historians identified the stolen treasures as belonging to a well-known, extinct civilization after gold and silver artifacts began flooding the international art market. Then, follow this unbelievable adventure as the source of the vast treasure is eventually discovered.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$19.95

**Pilot Guide to Peru**, The Library Video Company, 2004.

Situated on the northwest corner of America, Peru is one of the most geographically and culturally diverse countries on Earth. Traveler Neil Gibson starts his adventure in Peru's capital, Lima. From there, he travels north to trek through the glaciers from the Andean city of Huaraz. Via the surfing town of Trujula, he moves into the Amazon to explore the abundant rain forest wildlife. Taking a flight south, he ends his journey in the Inca capital of Cuzco. Along the way, viewers join Ian as he climbs a glacier 10,000 feet above sea level, eats a piranha on an Amazon river trek, witnesses the spectacular celebrations of the Intero Raymi sun festival, treks to the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu and views the mysterious Nazca Lines.

The material on this video was previously released under the title of "Lonely Planet."

**Level:** Grades 9 to Adult **Medium:** VHS/DVD **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***South America Close-Up: Peru & Brazil***, The Library Video Company, 1998.

In Peru, meet a 13-year-old Aymara Indian girl named Bette Tusso who lives in the Andes Mountains. She introduces her small village whose cultural roots date to before the Spanish conquest. She shows us the activities of her family including farming, herding, spinning and weaving traditions. In Brazil, we meet Lucivaldo Santos de Lima. Lucivaldo's family are members of the Sem Terra Movement-farmers without land. Part of the Children of the Earth Series. Available in both English and Spanish.

**Level:** Grades 4 to 8 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 28 min. **Price:** \$16.95

***Treasures of Peru***, The Library Video Company, 2000.

Dr. Dwayne L. Merry, professor of anthropology and archaeology, demonstrates in this film that the Incas built their civilization on previous cultures dating back more than 3,000 years. Although much of the history of the Chimu, the Nazca, and the Mochica was lost when they were conquered by the Incas, recent archaeological discoveries uncover some of the fascinating history of these pre-Inca civilizations. Travel with Dr. Merry through the snow-covered Andes and the jungles of the Amazon in search of the treasures of Peru. Take a voyage across Lake Titicaca, where the Incas say man was created. Explore the 3,500-year-old temple at Chavin. Fly over the mysterious drawings on the plains of Nazca. Admire Enrique Poli's unrivaled collection of gold artifacts. Marvel at the mystical city of Machu Picchu. Visit with Thor Heyerdahl and Walter Alva as they tell of their discoveries of fabulous treasures. The program also looks at the modern cities of Lima, Trujillo and Arequipa, and travels to the Sunday market at Pisac and the ancient Inti Raymi Festival in Cuzco. The program also teaches about the colorful people while exploring the scenery of this magnificent country.

**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 75 min. **Price:** \$29.95

## Suriname

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## Venezuela

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**Level:** Grades 6 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 21 min. **Price:** \$49.00

***Land of the Anaconda***, The Library Video Company, 1998.

Land of the Anaconda follows biologist Jesus Rivera to the Venezuela wetlands as he tracks the world's largest snake. Among its spectacular footage, the show captures on tape a giant snake devouring a 30-pound (14-kilogram) capybara, the world's largest rodent. Part of the multi-volume National Geographic Series.

**Level:** Grades 8 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 60 min. **Price:** \$19.95

***Simon Bolivar***, The Library Video Company, 1995.

(1783-1830) Vowing not to rest until he had broken "the chains of Spain," Simon Bolivar was instrumental in uniting and liberating South America. An eloquent, persuasive speaker and writer, his political statements stirred sympathies, but gained little political support for South American countries that were badly in need of social, political and economic reform. Bolivar eventually liberated five countries, adopting a Declaration of Independence for Venezuela and making it the first free Spanish-American colony. Simon Bolivar is known today by the people of South America as El Libertador -- the Liberator. Part of the multi-volume *Hispanic and Latin American Heritage Video Collection*, a compelling set of biographies that introduces students to outstanding Hispanic and Latin American men and women. Available in both English and Spanish.

**Level:** Grades 7 to Adult **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 30 min. **Price:** \$39.95

***Venezuela***, The Library Video Company, 1993.

Examine the cultures and lifestyles of children from Venezuela in this engaging live-action program, which is part of a series. Includes information on schools, families, people at work and play, historical sites, traditional arts and celebrations.

**Level:** Grades K to 7 **Medium:** VHS **Length:** 50 min. **Price:** \$39.95

## **VII. WEB Sources for Teaching About South America**

Note: This is not a comprehensive list of web sources on South America. Sites were active as of August, 2005.

*Teachers: It is your responsibility to review the content of sites before using them in the classroom!*

**Background Notes** – [http://www.state.gov/www/background\\_notes/index.html](http://www.state.gov/www/background_notes/index.html)  
Informational profiles of the nations of the world prepared by the U.S. State Department.

**Building Chicano/Latino Communities through Networking-**  
<http://latino.sscnet.ucla.edu>  
Chicano/Latino, linguistic minority and educational research; general Latino-focused site.

**Classroom Connect**-<http://www.classroom.com/>  
An educational project and lesson plan website for K-12 teachers with links to Maya Quest '98, G.R.A.D.E.S., Products Resource Station, Teacher Contacts.

**Country Reports. org** - <http://www.countryreports.org>  
The site introduces itself this way: "Country information from around the world. A resource for business, tourists, students and teachers. The Internet's best source of country data!" That may or may not be the case, but it is certainly a user-friendly resource. From the home page you can select from World Countries, Country Flags, Online Discussion, Current Weather, and National Anthems. Pages for individual countries include a handy currency converter to find out the equivalent of the national currency in any world currency.

**Countrywatch** – <http://www.countrywatch.com>  
Countrywatch is composed of thumbnail sketches of individual countries. Search on a region, then by country.

**Curriculum Resources** -  
[http://www.Tulane.edu/~clas/html/LARC\\_Publications\\_index.htm](http://www.Tulane.edu/~clas/html/LARC_Publications_index.htm)  
Recommended because it links directly to curriculum materials on Latin American at Tulane University. Tulane's Latin American Outreach Center has curriculum packets, slides, and guides that are available for purchase and some free resources available online. Be aware of the fact that it is a long page and takes a while to load but then everything is there to use.

**Embassies** – <http://www.embassy.org/embassies>  
The Electronic Embassy is an index to all the international embassies in Washington, D.C. Many embassy sites have pages designed specifically for teachers and students.

**Fact Monster: Information Please** - <http://www.factmonster.com/countries.html>  
This site, sponsored by the University of Texas, provides kids with a basic almanac for general information about the countries of the world. Very usable for younger elementary students. Easy Navigation with basic overview and current information about the countries of the world. You select the country you need from a simple alphabetical listing along the left side of the page.

**Global Trek** – <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/globaltrek>

A site sponsored by Scholastic magazine, students are invited to "book a trip" to any one of 35 different nations. By plugging in a destination and dates of travel (a la adult "Orbitz" and "Expedia" sites), students are offered an itinerary that includes background information about the country and its people, a map, and other tidbits of interest to the targeted audience of 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

***Handbook of Latin American Studies***-<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/hlas/>

A multidisciplinary bibliography edited by the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress. Over 5, 000 works a year are chosen for inclusion in the Handbook.

***Infoplease 4 Teachers*** – <http://teachers.infoplease.com/countries.html>

The country profiles cover geography, maps, the flag, history, current rule, area, population, largest cities, languages, ethnicity/race, religion, literary, economics and government.

***Internet Resources for Latin America***-<http://lib.NMSU.EDU/subject/bord/laguia/>

A home base for links on various issues pertaining to Latin America.

***Latin America In Cyberspace*** -

<http://www.osu.edu/internationalstudies/clas/cyberspace/intro-www2.html>

This page, sponsored by Ohio State University, is a super site to pick individual countries to have access to links regarding: General Information, Government, History-Economics, Food, Art, Holidays, Business, and Places of Interest. This is a helpful site with explanations and some current pictures of everyday life.

***Latin American Data Base***-<http://ladb.unm.edu>

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