Chapter 5: Atlantic South America, Answer Key

Chapter Opener
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MAP ZONE

1. The city of Manaus lies on the Amazon River.
2. Answers to this question will vary. Student answers may reference the idea that Buenos Aires location is beneficial because of its proximity to the mouth of the Parana River and to Uruguay.

Section 1

MAP ZONE
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1. The Amazon River flows through eastern Brazil.
2. Student answers will vary. Students may suggest that the Pampas is good for raising cattle because of its wide, grassy plains.

Some of the region's major landforms are plains and plateaus. Examples of these are the Amazon Basin, the Brazilian Highlands, the Mato Grosso, the Gran Chaco, the Pampas and Patagonia. The Andes Mountains can also be found in this region. Some rivers located in this region are the Amazon and the Parana.

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Answers will vary. Students may suggest animals who cannot survive or flourish in a rainforest canopy environment, made of tree branches at the top of very high trees.

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The climate of the rain forest is tropical, warm and moist, or humid, with rainfall almost every day.

Many resources come from the Amazon. Some of these are wood, rubber, and medicinal plants.

Section 2-

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Colonial Brazil's economy was based on sugar plantations and cattle ranches. In the late 1600s and early 1700s, there was a mining boom and later an increase in coffee production, each of which added to the colonial economy.

Answers will vary. Students may speculate that soccer is popular in Brazil because it is more than a game or sport, it is a national pastime that is part of being a Brazilian.

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From the photos on page 108, it seems that the southeast, with its large cities appears to be the wealthiest.

Because more than half of Brazilians consider themselves of European descent, cultural borrowing is common in religious practices, festivals and in popular foods.

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Answers will vary. Students may suggest that building roads in the Amazon changes the natural landscape, and takes resources away from the forest. Deforestation also threatens the survival of many plant and animal species and hundreds of unique ecosystems.

The northeastern section of Brazil is poor and often suffers from droughts.

There are beautiful beaches which are a tourist attraction. The southeastern part of Brazil differs from the northeastern Brazil because it has the highest percentage of population, has major port cities like Rio de Janeiro, spectacular setting and exciting culture. This region is the most wealthy in the country, is rich in natural resources and has most of the country's industry and farms.

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SOCIAL STUDIES SKILLS

1. Answers will vary. Students should articulately explain why he or she thinks that graphic organizers, possibly referencing the idea that word webs help to organize specific facts and details around a main topic.
2. The main topic of this word web is Brazilian Culture.
3. The three main ideas connected to the main topic are African, Native, and European.

Apply

Answers will vary. Students should accurately copy and complete the graphic organizer from page 111, adding appropriate additional details about the main topic.

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Argentine cowboys were called gauchos herded cattle and horses on the open grasslands. Horses were important to gauchos as a means of transportation.

Because she was the wife of Argentina's president, Eva Peron was able to help improve the living conditions of people in the country, establish schools and hospitals, and help women gain the right to vote.

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In the 1900s, Argentina struggled under dictators and military governments.

MAP ZONE

1. Buenos Aires is approximately 6 times bigger than Cordoba, Argentina's second-largest city.
2. Student answers will vary. An example of a benefit of having most of the country's population is that the government is able to concentrate supplies and resources in one area and a drawback would be overcrowding.

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Answers will vary. Students may suggest that the people who built the city planned for easy travel and green spaces to offset the urban environment. Buenos Aires and the Pampas are located close to one another. These two areas are different in their main economic focus - while Buenos Aires is focused on industry, the Pampas is primarily agriculturally based.

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Answers will vary. Students should reference the section material to appropriately and accurately compare the two countries. Answers may include, but are not limited to the ideas that Uruguay and Argentina are similarly located, both on the coast, with large urban areas where most of the people in the country live.

MAP ZONE

1. The Parana River creates a border between Uruguay and Argentina.
2. Answers will vary. Students should reference the map when explaining why they think Uruguay is more economically developed than Paraguay.

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Paraguay is a very rural country, whose economy is based on agriculture, which is different from its more urban focused neighbors.

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LITERATURE

1. Answers will vary. Students should quote and be able to justify those quotes they choose to share in their answer. Answers may include but are not limited to the following - Hernandez's joy is evident in terms such as: "What a time that was", or "And the games that would get going".
2. Answers will vary. Students should articulately explain what aspects of gaucho life they think modern people might find appealing and provide details for their reasons.