

CHAPTER 12

**Chapter Tutorial
South America**

IDENTIFYING TERMS Choose the term that correctly matches each definition.

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| _____ 1. tree line | a. small country between two larger, more powerful countries |
| _____ 2. latifundia | b. use of fear and violence as a political force |
| _____ 3. buffer state | c. line of elevation above which trees do not grow |
| _____ 4. favelas | d. large estates |
| _____ 5. terrorism | e. term used in Brazil for large slums |

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

1. What created the Andes? How does tectonic activity affect the region today?

2. Why does the continent of South America have a wide variety of climate regions?

3. How did the independence movements in South America affect people's lives?

4. Why is it that the majority of South Americans today are Roman Catholic?

5. What is the purpose of Mercosur? What countries are full members in Mercosur?

Chapter 12 Tutorial, continued

THINKING CRITICALLY

1. Supporting a Point of View Provide evidence to support the view that the Amazon River is unique.

2. Identifying Cause and Effect Why did the South American Indian population fall sharply during the colonial period?

3. Finding the Main Idea How have the creation and distribution of resources affected development in the Amazon Basin?

EXPLORING INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS

1. Meteorology What is El Niño? What occurs during an El Niño event?

2. Foreign Language Describe the language known as Portunol. Where is it spoken?

WRITING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Expressing Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter living in Colombia. Write a brief editorial describing how terrorism is affecting life in your country.