

Geography • Rivers: The Amazon

Key Learning Question: What is the geography of the Amazon river?



Crucial Knowledge

- Rivers sources are usually on high ground. They flow downhill and at their mouth flow into another body of water.
- There are rivers on every continent in the world.
- The Amazon river is in South America. It is in a tropical climate belt and is surrounded by rainforest.
- Rivers always flow downhill, and can meander around objects such as hills and large rocks.
- As rivers flow, the water can cause erosion of the land, creating valleys.
- Indigenous tribes live in the Amazon rainforest, using natural resources to survive. Illegal logging and forest fires put their lives at risk .
- Rivers are used by humans for transport, drinking water, fishing, growing crops and tourism .

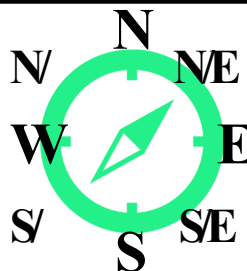


Key Vocabulary

- River source:** The starting point of a river, on high ground
- River mouth:** Where a river flows into another body of water, often the sea
- Equator:** An imaginary line halfway between the north and south poles.
- Tropics:** The mapped area between the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn, either side of the equator.
- Hemispheres:** Halves of the earth (divided by the equator)- Northern or Southern
- Climate:** Weather conditions connected to an area over a long time.
- Basin:** Area of land where the water collects and drains off into a common river
- Meander:** The way a river flows, around large rocks and hills
- Erosion:** Land being worn away by wind or water.
- Valley:** A low area of land between hills or mountains
- Climate:** Weather conditions over a period of time

Big Ideas:

Locations and Mapping • The Human World • The Physical World • Human Impact • Physical Processes



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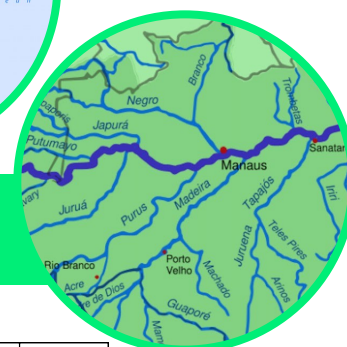
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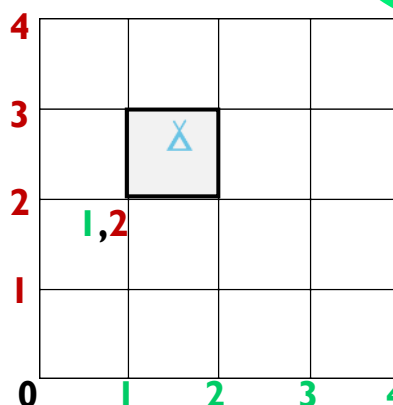
Location Maps



South America



Amazon Basin with tributaries



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