

Amazon River Facts



The Amazon River in South America is the largest river by discharge of water in the world, and the second in length.

The Amazon river runs 4,000 miles from the Andes to the sea, and is longer than any river but the Nile.

- The Amazon River is located in South America within the Amazon Rainforest. It runs through Guyana, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru.
- The initial source of the Amazon river is Lago Villafro in the Andes Mountains, Peru. The mouth of the Amazon river is from Brazil into the Atlantic ocean.

- The largest city along the Amazon River is Manaus. This is a Brazilian city with a population of 1.7 million.
- No bridges cross the Amazon River. This is due to the river running through the rainforest.
- The Amazon River is so vast that it is estimated to be responsible for one fifth of the fresh water that reaches the surrounding oceans.
- It is said there are over 3000 different species of fish within the Amazon River. More are discovered every single year.
- Perhaps one of the most well-known fish within the Amazon River is the Piranha. With its razor sharp teeth it's one of the most feared fish in the world.
- The Amazon river is sometimes referred to as the 'River sea' due to its vast size.
- The Amazon is home to the Amazon River Dolphin. This is a freshwater dolphin. This is also known as the pink river dolphin.
- Other well-known animals also found in the Amazon river. These include the Anaconda, catfish, electric eel, crabs, turtles and caiman.

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Follow-Up Activities: Choose 2 or more activities to do from the following choices.

- Activity 1: Use a highlighter (or a yellow marker/pencil) to underline 3-5 interesting facts you have learned.
- Activity 2: Use a blue marker and trace a line where the Amazon river flows.
- Activity 3: Pick an animal that lives in the Amazon river and do a research (Animal research sheet is provided below).
- Activity 4: Do the Amazon River Word Search on the following page.

Map of
South
America

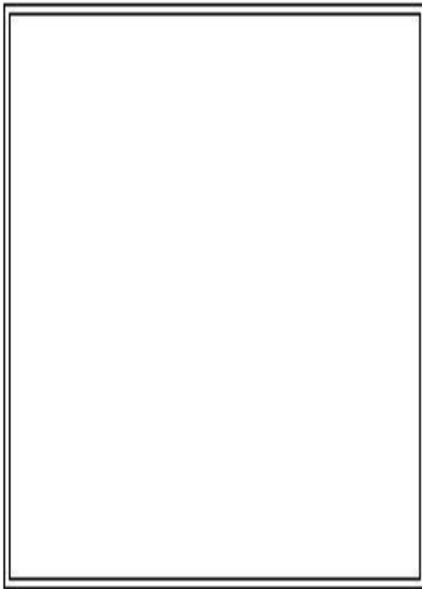


Animal Research Report by: _____

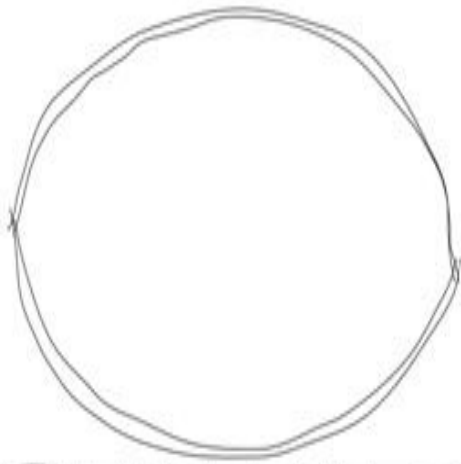
Animal Name: _____

This animal is a: Amphibian Bird Fish Insect Mammal Reptile

Here is a picture of my animal.



My animal's habitat is...



Animal Facts:

Height/Size: _____

Weight: _____

Color: _____

It has Fur/Feathers/Skin: _____

What it Eats: _____

Where it Lives: _____

Predators: _____

Lifespan: _____

Three Interesting Facts About My Animal

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AMAZON RIVER WORD SEARCH

A	D	A	V	T	Y	E	L	G	C	T
M	O	I	U	D	S	C	I	H	O	Y
A	N	A	Y	U	G	U	F	O	L	U
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M	E	X	I	C	O	L	O	I	A	B
V	E	N	E	Z	U	E	L	A	F	A

Can you find the following terms in the grid above?

Amazon - Guyana - Ecuador - Venezuela - Bolivia -
Brazil - Colombia - Peru