

Waterways

- Rivers
 - Amazon River- Andes 4000 miles to Atlantic
 - Fed by rains and tributaries
 - Tributary (small river that feeds into a larger river)
 - Ships can sail 2500 miles up the Amazon
 - Important for fishing

Waterways

- Parana River, the Paraguay River, and the Uruguay River
 - Second largest river system
 - Drain all of eastern South America
 - Flow into an estuary (where river currents and ocean tides meet)- Rio de la Plata (“River of Silver”)
- Orinoco River- Venezuela to Caribbean- fertile soil to the llanos

Waterways

- Other Waterways
 - Lake Maracaibo- Venezuela
 - South America's largest
 - Holds oil
 - Lake Titicaca- between Bolivia and Peru
 - 12500 ft. above sea level- highest lake used by large ships
 - Panama Canal
 - Connects Atlantic to Pacific

A Wealth of Natural Resources

- Brazil's Abundant Resources
 - 55% forests- mostly rainforests
 - Timber, rubber, palm oil, Brazil nuts, etc
 - Minerals- bauxite, gold, and tin
 - Iron ore and manganese- one of world's largest steel industries
 - Limited oil and natural gas
 - Makes alcohol from sugarcane to fuel cars- gasohol

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- Energy Resources
 - Venezuela- largest oil and natural gas in LA
 - Mexico- many oil/ng along Gulf Coast
 - Both provide for themselves and exports
 - Bolivia and Ecuador- oil/ng
 - Bolivian oil controlled by foreign companies
 - Can't benefit from exports

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- Other Resources
 - Silver- Mexico and Peru
 - Iron Ore- Venezuela
 - Emeralds- Columbia
 - Copper- Chile
 - Bauxite (makes aluminum)- Jamaica
 - Nickel- Cuba
 - Gold/Silver- Dominican Republic
 - Gold- Nicaragua and Guatemala