

CHAPTER 8, SECTION 1: MAIN IDEAS

1. Caribbean South America has a wide variety of physical features and wildlife.
2. The region's location and elevation both affect its climate and vegetation.
3. Caribbean South America is rich in resources, such as farmland, oil, timber, and rivers for hydroelectric power.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND WILDLIFE

- 1) Where are the **Andes** located in this region? _____

- 2) Define **Cordillera**. _____

- 3) What is the name of the series of plateaus that stretch from Venezuela to Suriname?

- 4) Describe how the *tepuís* were formed and how high they stand above the plains.

- 5) Identify which part of the Caribbean South America has the highest elevation. (Hint: Use the map on page 187.) _____

- 6) Describe the **Llanos**.
 - a. _____

 - b. _____

- 7) Which countries have the **Orinoco River** as part of their border? _____

- 8) Name **FOUR** types of animals that inhabit this region of South America.

CLIMATE AND VEGETATION

9) Why does the region have warm temperatures year-round? _____

10) How does the temperature change in the Andes as the elevation rises? _____

11) Name the two types of landscapes in this region of South America, and **then** describe each.

a. _____

b. _____

12) Why does the sunlight barely reach the jungle floor? _____

RESOURCES

13) What major crops are grown in this region? Why do they grow so well? _____

14) Which natural resources found in this region of South America can be used for energy?

(Hint: There are **more** than two.) _____

CRITICAL THINKING

Choose a place to live in the Caribbean South America. Use what you have learned about the physical features, wildlife, climate, vegetation, and resources to support your choice. Write one to two paragraphs about your “new” home in South America on a separate sheet of paper.