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Brazil
Lapbook

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Welcome to Brazil! Well, at least to the Brazil Lapbook!

Start by getting your materials ready. You’ll need a file folder or a large sturdy paper to use as your book. You will also need scissors, glue, tape (if you like), a stapler, pen or pencil and something to color with. Take your folder or paper and fold the short sides into the middle as shown below.

Take a look through these pages before you begin to get an idea of what you’ll need to do. Don’t miss the additional notes, money math and Bible connection!

You’ll see below an example of how to assemble your lapbook. One thing not shown below is to take the whole “Additional Notes” page and attach it to the back of your lapbook. This way you have all your Brazil info in one place.

Front Cover

Another idea for a cover is to get out construction paper and make a flag with at least the basic colors and shapes.
This is a dancer at the festival held four days before Ash Wednesday each year.  
*CARNIVAL*

This famous statue is a symbol of the Catholic country. It is on top of Corcovado Mountain, 2,400 feet above the city.  
*CHRIST THE REDEEMER*
“Rio” is the second largest city in Brazil. Photo by Galen R. Frysinger

Cut out the three photographs. Stack them in this order: “Rio de Janeiro” picture on top, “Christ the Redeemer” in the middle, “Carnaval” on the bottom. Staple at the top.

Color in Brazil, the largest country in South America, and the only two countries that do not touch Brazil’s border. Using the same colors, color in the map key so the color you used on the map matches the color next to the country’s name. Use an atlas, globe or the internet to find out the country names. Cut out along rectangle.
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Capital</th>
<th>Brasilia</th>
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<tr>
<td>Population</td>
<td>190 Million</td>
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<tr>
<td>Size</td>
<td>about 3,280,000 sq. miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Language</td>
<td>Portuguese</td>
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<tr>
<td>Money</td>
<td>Real</td>
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Learn Portuguese!

*Te amo!*
Chee-ah-moe
“I love you!”

*Você me ama?*
Voe-say-mee-ah-mah
“Do you love me?”

Cut out as one piece. Fold in the right-hand side first so the words are on the inside. Crease the fold. Then cut along the dotted lines. On the other side of each flap you can copy the word written on it. For example, on the back of the “Money” flap, write “Money.” Fold in left side so that the Portuguese words are on the inside. The blank side on top is the cover. Continued on p.7. *See additional notes.*
Cut out “Brazil” and attach to cover of facts book on page 6. You can also decorate the cover how you like.

Color in each section of the pie chart whatever color you like. Color in the labels to match the chart. For example the largest part of the pie chart should match the largest number in the label (51%). Whatever color you use to color in the smallest section of the chart, you should use to color in the label for the smallest number, 5%. See “additional notes” about percentages.

- European (white) 51%
- African (black) 7%
- Mixed 42%
In Brazil, as in much of the world, soccer is called a version of the word “football.” Doesn’t that make a lot of sense?

Soccer is Brazil’s favorite sport and one of the world’s most famous players ever, Pelé, was Brazilian.

Cut out as one big piece. Fold accordion style so that the words are on the inside and the picture is the cover. Crease well. Attach to lapbook by gluing down the back of “Soccer is…” *See additional notes.
Cut out the boxes above as one piece. Fold down the middle so the words are on the outside. Inside write the answer: New Year’s Eve. Attach it to the lapbook. Cut out the ovals below as one piece. Fold down the middle so that the question is on the cover. Open and write the answer on the inside. It’s WINTER! *Read more about this in the additional notes.
Deforestation is the cutting down of trees in a forest. The most trees are cut down in the Amazon jungle because people want the land for farming. In the last few years about 5,000 square miles of trees were cut down each year.
Cut out as one piece. Attach to cover of booklet on next page.
<table>
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<th>The Green Anaconda is the largest snake in the world. It can grow to 29 feet long!</th>
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<tr>
<td>The Spider Monkey can use its tail to grip tightly to a branch.</td>
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<td>Macaws can live to be 50 years old or sometimes even older.</td>
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Cut out as one piece. Fold down the middle so the words are on the inside. Glue the animal pictures to the cover. Then cut between each picture (so you are cutting two pieces of paper). Attach to lapbook gluing or taping the backside of the words.
Cut out these two strips each as one piece. Fold down the top so the words are on the inside. Don’t worry about the bottom not lining up. Attach to lapbook. Color the cover: the top half of the strip (river) should be a light sandy brown, the bottom half of the strip (river) should be a dark muddy brown. *See additional information.

**teem**: to be full of things; The Amazon River is teeming with life means that there are many things living in it, like piranhas!

The Amazon River is the second longest river in the world, but it dumps more water into the ocean than any other river. It has more than one thousand branches to it and is **teeming** with life. Some parts of the river are light colored and some are dark because of the ground where the rivers form. When a “white” branch of the river meets a “black” branch of the river, the two colors run side by side for miles before mixing together.
### Moqueca de Peixe
*(Brazilian Fish Stew)*

<table>
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<tr>
<td>2 lbs white fish</td>
<td>ex: tilapia</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 1/2 T salt</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 T lime juice</td>
<td>2 T palm oil</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 T garlic, mashed</td>
<td>1 can (~1 c)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 tomatoes, seeded*</td>
<td>coconut milk</td>
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Mix the salt, garlic, and lime juice and rub over the fish. (You can use either fish fillets or cuts with bone.)

In a small bowl or on a large cutting board, mix the seasoning: thinly slice the tomatoes and onions, and chop the cilantro and scallions. Mix together and mash slightly to release the flavors.

In a larger bowl or casserole, layer the fish and seasoning: place the fish in single layers with the tomato/onion mix spread between each layer. Cover tightly and let marinade for at least 30 min.

Heat the palm oil in a large pan (or Dutch oven) over medium heat. Add all the fish and seasoning, cover, and simmer until fish flakes easily (10-20 min).

Remove from heat and gently stir the coconut milk into the broth that has formed (stir around the fish to avoid flaking).

*Serve with white rice.*

*Note: It really is necessary to seed the tomatoes; otherwise, the final dish will be too watery.

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### Carurú
*(Brazilian Gumbo)*

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<th>Ingredient</th>
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<tr>
<td>2 lb okra, sliced</td>
<td>1/4 c hot sauce</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 c water</td>
<td>1/2 T black pepper</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 lb onions, chopped</td>
<td>1 lb tomatoes, chopped</td>
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<tr>
<td>1/2 c palm oil</td>
<td>1 c cilantro</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 bulb garlic, mashed</td>
<td>1/2 c scallions</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 lbs shrimp, peeled</td>
<td>1/2 c farinha</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 c water</td>
<td>(manioc flour)*</td>
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Boil the okra in 3 c water while you prepare the rest of the dish (it will eventually soften & start to disintegrate).

In another large pot, sauté the onion in the palm oil until translucent; add the garlic and sauté till golden. Add the shrimp (if using large shrimp, may want to cut into pieces) and sauté till opaque. Add the salt, hot sauce, and pepper and mix well.

Stir in the tomatoes, cilantro, scallions, and the cooked okra. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for a few minutes.

In a small bowl, mix the farinha and water; pour into the pot and stir constantly for ~10 min or until the farinha cooks thoroughly (becomes transparent), the gumbo thickens, and the okra fully disintegrates.

*Serve with white rice.*

*Note: If you cannot find farinha, you can try a different thickener, or just omit (use less water).*

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If you want to include the recipe on the lapbook, attach it to the back of the lapbook along with the Additional Notes page!
Additional Notes:

*Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world. By comparison America is the third largest and has about 3,700,000 + square miles.

*I wrote phonetic spellings of the Portuguese words to help you pronounce them. The boldfaced letters are the part of the word which is “stressed.” That is the part of the word you say a little stronger than the rest. Can you hear the stress is at the beginning of the word “better” but at the end of the word “begin”?*

*51% percent of Brazil’s population is European. That means their ancestors came from European countries, and they have light skin. 51% (or fifty-five percent) are European means that if you took 100 random people from Brazil, 51 would be light skinned. (These percentages are approximate. Different places give different numbers. But about half the population has darker skin.)*

*Here is a YouTube video of Brazil’s soccer team through the years beating everyone else! [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly7NUr6kSZo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly7NUr6kSZo) Hint: to get the ads off the screen make the video box full screen by clicking on the button next to the volume on the video screen.*

*I’m told wearing white on New Year’s Eve is similar to people wearing green on St. Patrick’s day, more tradition than meaning.*

*In the Southern Hemisphere (south of the equator, or the bottom half of a globe or map) the seasons are reversed. Brazil is in the Southern Hemisphere so winter there is summer in America, and it is summer there during America’s winter.*

*Piranhas do live in the Amazon river, and they do bite! But, they only attack when they smell blood.*

*The Amazon River travels through seven countries, but Brazil is home to the largest part. Here’s an interesting fact: there isn’t a single bridge over the river.*

*Brazil’s flag says order and progress.*

**Money Math**
In 2009 the Brazilian Real (BRL) has been worth about fifty cents. How many BRLs are about equal to $1?

In Brazil a 2 liter bottle of Coca-Cola costs about 3 BRL. How much does that cost in dollars and cents?

**Bible Connection**
The people of Brazil are culturally Catholic. They are born into it and most don’t really follow the teachings of the church. There are many superstitions that many people do follow though. For instance people might believe statues of certain saints can give you answers to your prayers. This is similar to what we see the Israelites do when they made a golden calf, Exodus 32.
Answers:

Chile is the long skinny country.

Hope you enjoyed your visit to Brazil!

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