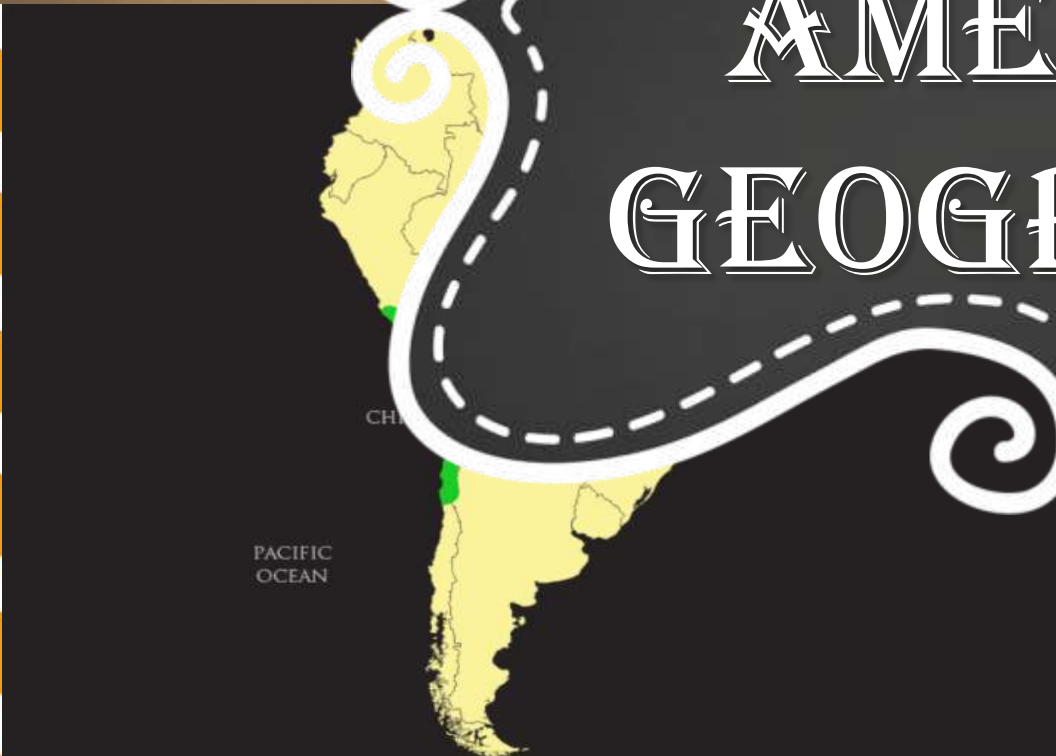




# LATIN AMERICA GEOGRAPHY



**Standard:** SS6G1 – Locate selected features of Latin America.

**Element:** e. Locate on a world and regional political- physical map: Amazon River, Amazon Rainforest, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Panama Canal, Andes Mountains, Sierra Madre Mountains, and Atacama Desert.



# PHYSICAL MAP

Latin America is located in the **western** hemisphere.

It extends from **Mexico** to the southernmost tip of the **South American Continent**.

**Central** America is a part of Latin America. Central America is located below **Mexico** but above **Columbia**.



# PHYSICAL MAP

Latin America is bordered by the **Pacific Ocean** to the west and the **Atlantic Ocean** to the east.

The Pacific is the world's **largest** and **deepest** ocean.

The **Gulf Stream** in the Atlantic and is located south of Cuba.





# PHYSICAL MAP

The **Gulf of Mexico** is located off the eastern coast of Mexico.

It is known for its crystal clear waters attracting millions of visitors each year to the Mexican **coast**.

It is the **9<sup>th</sup>** largest body of water on the planet.

It Supports some of the largest **fisheries** in the world.



A scenic view of a tropical coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. A white sandy beach is visible in the distance, nestled between rocky cliffs. A single palm tree leans over the water from the right side of the frame. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

# GULF OF MEXICO



# PHYSICAL MAP

The **Caribbean Sea** is located east of Central America and north of South America.

It is known for attracting millions of visitors a year to **Columbian** and **Venezuelan** coast.

Home to the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef (second largest **barrier reef** in the world).

Has over **7,000** islands.





**Caribbean Sea**



# PHYSICAL MAP

The **Sierra Madres** is a series of mountain ranges extending along the eastern, western, and southern sides of **Mexico**.

Madres means “**mother**” in Spanish.

Adding up all parts of the mountain range totals up to 1,700 miles.





An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The central part of the image shows a series of ridges and valleys covered in dense green forest. The ridges are highlighted by bright sunlight, creating a strong contrast with the deep shadows in the valleys. In the lower-left corner, a river flows through a valley, with a small dam or bridge visible. The overall scene is a lush, mountainous landscape.

# ***SIERRA MADRES***



# PHYSICAL MAP

The **Panama Canal** is located in Panama and is known as the central American land bridge.

It connects the **Pacific** ocean with the **Atlantic** Ocean.

The **Panama Canal** is 50 miles long, 110 feet deep, and 10,500 feet wide.

It was completed in 1914 and took over **10** years to build.

Thousands of people their **lives** due to construction accidents.





# PHYSICAL MAP





# PHYSICAL MAP

Prior to the Panama Canal being dug, ships had to travel around South America saving **time** and **money**.

Today the Panama Canal is considered one of the modern wonders of the world made completely by **man**.





# PHYSICAL MAP

Did you know the Panama Canal is one of the few man made structures that you can actually see from space?







**Panama Canal**



# PHYSICAL MAP

The **Andes Mountains** are found on the western side of South America.

It is the **longest** continental mountain **range** at over 4,500 miles long.

It is the world's **highest** mountain range outside of Asia.







# Andes Mountains

# PHYSICAL MAP

The **Atacama Desert** is located on South America's western coast.

It is located primarily in Chile.

It is over 600 square miles.

Temperatures there can reach **131-**degree F and below freezing at night.

This desert, located primarily in **Chile**, is over 600 square miles in size and is the **driest** place on Earth.







# Atacama Desert



# PHYSICAL MAP

The **Amazon River** is located in the northern **central** section of South America.

It is located mainly in **Brazil**

It is nearly 4,000 miles' long

It is the world's **second** longest river next to the Nile River.

It has some of the world's deadliest **fish** and **crocodiles**.








**Amazon River**





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**Element:** f. Locate on a world and regional political-physical map the countries of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, and Panama.



# Political Map

**Mexico** is located South of the United States.

It borders California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

There are more Spanish-speakers in **Mexico** today than in **Spain** itself.

It is home to **Mexico City**, which is one of the largest cities in the world.







**Mexican Flag**



# Political Map

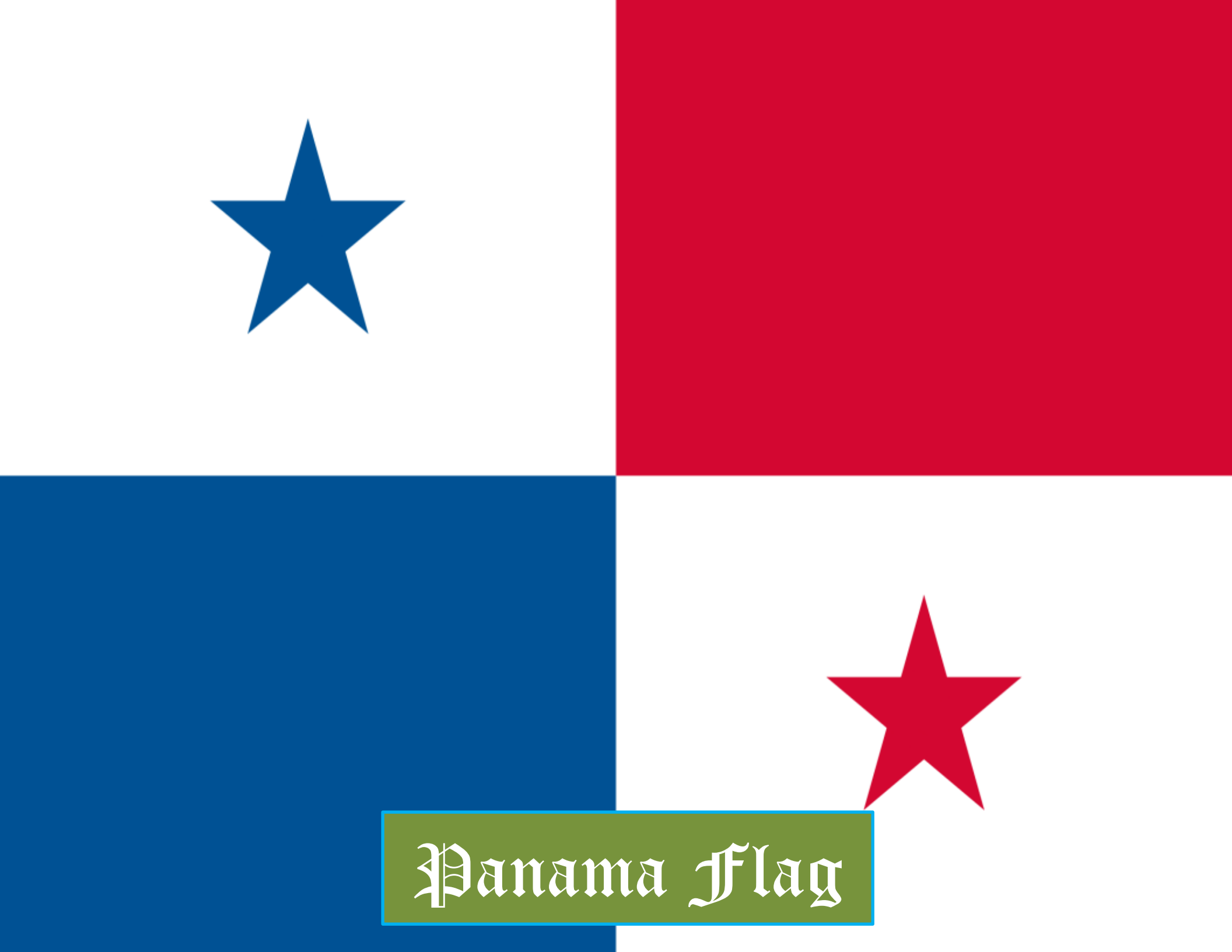
**Panama** is located in between South America and North America.

Its location is known as **Central America**.

It is the only place in the world you can see the sun rise in the **Atlantic** and set in the **Pacific**.







Panama Flag



# Political Map

**Cuba** is located 90 miles south of Florida.

Cuba is the largest country in terms of **population** in the Caribbean.

Cuba has a 99.8% **literacy rate** which is one of the highest in the World.

Cuba is made of over 4,000 islands.







**Cuban Flag**

# Political Map

**Brazil** is located in eastern South America.

It is bordered by the **Atlantic Ocean**.

**Brazil** is the largest country in Latin America.

It is the only country in South America that speak **Portuguese**.

It has the best **economy** in Latin America.







**BRAZILIAN FLAG**

# Political Map

**Chile** is located in the southern section of South America along the Pacific Ocean.

It is home to the driest place on Earth, the **Atacama Desert**.

Penguins can be found in Chile because it is so far **south**.

Chile has the longest **coastline** the world (6500 km long).







**Chile Flag**

# Political Map

**Colombia** is located in the northern section of South America.

It borders both the **Pacific** and **Atlantic** Ocean.

It is part of the “**Ring of Fire**”, many earthquakes happen here because it is on a plate boundary.

It is known for its many lush forest and **coffee** plantations.





The image shows the flag of Colombia, which consists of three horizontal stripes of yellow, blue, and red. The yellow stripe is at the top, the blue stripe is in the middle, and the red stripe is at the bottom. The stripes are of equal width.

**COLUMBIAN FLAG**