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Chapter: 9

South America: Location, Political Division
and Physical Features.

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Physical Features

The Continent of South America can be divided into four physical features:

- (A) Western Coastal Strip
- (B) Western Mountains
- (C) Central Plains
- (D) Eastern Highlands.

(A) Western Coastal Strip:

The western coastal strip lies between the Andes Mountain and Pacific Ocean, from north to south.

→ It is widest in the northern parts.

→ Atacama Desert also lies here, driest desert in the world.

(2) Western Mountains:

→ Known as the Andes.

- A continuation of North American western cordilleras.
- They are young fold mountains, with length of about 7,242 km that pass through seven countries.
- Andes are the second highest mountains in the world.
- Highest Peak - Mt. Aconcagua (6962m)
- Andes create a natural barrier between the coastal desert on one side and the forests on the other.
- It has active volcanoes - Chimborazo, Cotopaxi

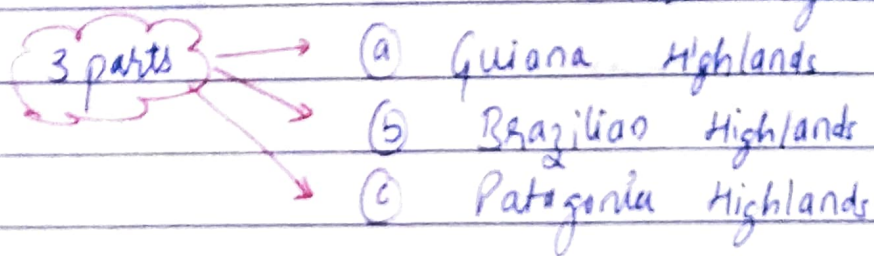
(3) Central Plains:-

→ Found between the Eastern Highlands and the Andes mountains.

- Plains consist of three rivers - Orinoco, Amazon, La Plata River.
- Basin covered with grassland called Llanos (mean plain)
- Amazon River is the largest and the second longest river in the world. It is home of rain forests called Selva.
- The Central Area consists of miles of flat grasslands of Argentina called the Pampas.
- Patagonia Plateau: Arid Region.

(4) Eastern Highlands:

The Eastern Highlands can be divided into



→ These highlands are composed of old rocks that contain important minerals.

→ The Guiana Highlands lie to the North of the Amazon and Brazilian Highlands lie in the South East.

• Highest water fall in the world: - Angel Falls

↓ located in Guiana Highlands.

* Patagonia Plateau lies close to the Andes Mountains in the south.

→ Rivers and lakes of South America:

(1) Amazon - River is the largest river of South America. Rising high in the Andes, its irrigates almost half of the continent.

(2) Orinoco - one of the longest rivers in South America. its flow like a giant arc from Colombia and Venezuela.

→ Lakes:

(1) Titicaca - • Highest lake in the world
• largest lake in South America

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- ② Lake Maracaibo :-
- Has a larger surface area.
 - Connected to the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Venezuela.

- ③ Lake Titicaca:
- One of the highest lakes in the world.
 - It is a crater lake situated in Chile.

Home Assignment:

Read Page no: 105 to 110 of your textbook.