

Brazil – Secondary School Teaching Resource



Country Profile

Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world and the largest country in South America, with an area of more than 8.5 million square kilometres.

The country has many natural resources and some of the world's most diverse flora and fauna, including the Amazon rainforest, which makes up 30% of the world's remaining forest.

176 million people live in Brazil (about three times as many as in the UK), but a quarter of them live on less than 65p a day. Brazil's vast wealth is among the most unevenly distributed in the world.

The only South American nation to have been under the rule of the Portuguese, Brazil gained independence in 1822. Authoritarian rule was then followed by democracy in 1988.

Despite considerable economic growth, corruption has resulted in the poor being made poorer.

Brazil's fast-growing population favours urban areas for seeking better paid jobs but unemployment rates are high and so poverty in cities is widespread resulting in vast shanty towns, or favelas.

Faced with extreme poverty, many children are forced to beg on the streets to survive and are at risk from exploitation.

SOS Children's Villages in Brazil

SOS Children's Villages started working in Brazil in the late 1960s to provide support to the poorer members of society. Three SOS Children's Villages were built by 1970 providing new homes and security to children whose parents could no longer support them due to poverty.

Since then a further eleven SOS Children's Villages have been built, in



addition to twelve SOS Social Centres which support the local population with healthcare services, and four SOS Schools which provide the education and skills necessary for a brighter future for poorer children.



The '6 villages for 2006' campaign

This campaign is a joint project between FIFA and SOS Children's Villages which will run until the end of the 2006 FIFA World Cup.

Its aim is to raise funds for six new SOS Children's Villages in order to

provide more disadvantaged children with a new home and hope for the future.

One of these six villages will be in the North East of Brazil, in a town called Recife.

The new village will have twelve family houses and be home to 108 orphaned and abandoned children. There will also be an SOS Nursery School at the Children's Village, with two classrooms, and an SOS Social Centre which will offer medical and dental care as well as counselling and emotional support to the local population.



Brazil case study

Anna never knew her mother as she died in childbirth. Anna lived in a Brazilian village with only her father, who regularly went out with friends, returning home drunk.

Anna went to school for a while until she was told to leave because she couldn't afford the school fees. One night, Anna's father was returning home following his regular drinking spree, but the river he had to cross on his way home was swollen due to the heavy rain. Anna's father fell into the river and was carried away by the water.

Anna was only five years old at the time, and was left crying alone at home, waiting for her father's return. After a week, neighbours discovered her, locked inside the house and with no food.

When the recently opened SOS Children's Village in Amazonas began its search for vulnerable children, Anna's case came to our attention. On hearing her background and knowing that she had no one to care for her, Anna was accepted into the village

Today, Anna is a fun loving child and living happily with her SOS mother, brothers and sisters in a house in the village. She attends the local school and is doing well with her studies. Having no official date of birth, the village designated her date of admittance, 2 June, as her official birthday. On that day Anna will celebrate with her family. SOS Children's Villages, meanwhile, will celebrate the fact that a child, once desolate and forgotten, now has a hope for the future.

SOS Children's Brazilian Shopping list:

Just 27p pays for a month's education for a child at an SOS Social Centre

£5.50 will cover the costs of a child's food a month at an SOS Social Centre

£625 will pay for a week's worth of childcare training at an SOS Social Centre which includes counselling and support

£1600 will pay for one month's medical costs of a Mother & Child Clinic at an SOS Medical Centre



Green and Blacks Brownies

75g (3oz) unsalted butter
 60g (2 1/2oz) caster sugar
 1 large egg, beaten
 175g (6oz) wholemeal self-raising flour
 1/2 tablespoon vanilla extract
 1-2 tablespoons milk
 75g (3oz) Green & Black's Dark 70%

chocolate, roughly chopped
 75g (3oz) Green & Black's Milk chocolate, roughly chopped
 50g (2oz) brazil nuts, chopped
 pinch of salt

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/gas mark 4. Grease a baking sheet with melted butter.

Cream together the butter and sugar

in a bowl until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg.

Fold flour into the mixture. Beat well, adding the vanilla extract and milk to make a pliable dough. Add the chopped chocolate, nuts and salt. Roll out on to a lightly floured board to a thickness of about 5mm. Stamp into rounds and place the biscuits, spaced well apart, on a greased baking sheet. Bake in the oven for about 20 minutes. Cool and eat!