Ch 9: Brazil

I already know...Brazil is the biggest country in South America.

They have wild parties there every year.

I want to learn... Is Brazil the richest country as well as the biggest?

A. Vocabulary.
   1. mulatto.
      a. There are many black people and mulattos.
      b. A person of mixed Caucasian and negro blood.
      c. Our President Obama is a mulatto.
   2. Carnaval.
      a. Brazil is famous for its Carnaval holiday.
      b. A holiday in Brazil celebrated with costumes and parades
      c. Carnaval sounds a lot like the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

B. Annotation.

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<td>• largest = Sao Paulo</td>
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Built a new capital (Brasilia) in the interior
Many natural resources, but hard to reach in the interior

**Brazil’s Amazon Rain Forest**
World’s largest rain forest
Covers half of Brazil and parts of neighboring countries
Climate = hot, wet, muddy, shady
Thousands of plants and animals
Many resources, including medicines from the trees and plants

**Deforestation**
The rain forest is being destroyed so that people can start farms and cattle ranches, sell lumber, and mine metals
The rain forest produces oxygen for the planet.

**Working for a Better Future**
Brazil is a developing nation.
Much coffee and sugar come from Brazil.
Poverty and a serious problem.

**Chico Mendes (1944-1988)**
Rubber tapper who was killed while trying to save the rain forest.

I wonder if Carnaval is wilder than Mardi Gras.

Doesn’t Brazil understand the importance of rain forests?

Why do Brazilians cut down the rain forest if it’s not good soil for farming and ranching?

Can’t we stop Brazil from destroying the Amazon rain forest?

What about the Indians who live in the rain forest? What’s happening to them?

What a guy! He looks so ordinary, too.

C. Summary (approx. 100 words).

Brazil is the largest country in South America in both size and population. The Amazon is the longest river in South America, and the second-longest in the world. It was settled by the Portuguese in the 1500’s, which is why they still speak Portuguese. Carnaval is a famous holiday. The interior is mostly rain forest—very valuable for the world, but Brazil is destroying it. Brazil is a developing nation, but poverty is still a serious problem. Chico Mendes was a heroic rubber tapper who tried to save the rain forest but was killed.

The most important thing I learned about Brazil is that its rain forest is extremely valuable to the entire planet.