

Facts

- Brazil is the largest country in South America.
- The name Brazil comes from a tree named brazilwood.
- Brazil is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese.

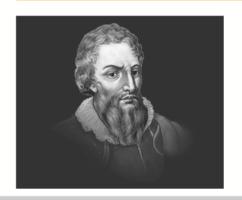






History

- The first European to colonize Brazil was Pedro Álvares Cabral on April 22, 1500 under the sponsorship of Portugal.
- On November 15th, 1822, Brazil declared its independence from Portugal and became its own country.
- A military coup in 1889 established a republican government.







Culture

- Brazil is a mixture of races and ethnicity, resulting in rich diversity.
- Many original Portuguese settlers married native women, which created a new race, called 'mestizos'.
- 'Mulattoes' are descendents of the Portuguese and African slaves.







Government

- Brazil is governed under the 1988 constitution as amended.
- The president is both head of state and head of government.
- The president may unilaterally intervene in state affairs.

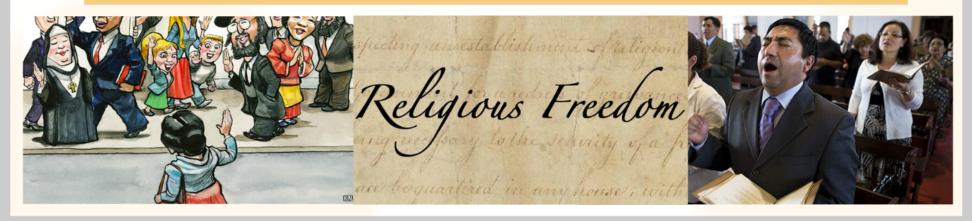






Religion

- Religion in Brazil is diverse.
- Brazil's constitution establishes a secular government, where citizens are free to choose their religion.
- Protestant Christianity is growing in the country, especially Neo-Pentecostalism.



Sports

- Brazil has won several medals in the Summer
 Olympics in various sports events in which it had been
 participating since 1920s.
- The most popular and widely spread sport in Brazil is, undoubtedly, football (or soccer).
- Volleyball is the second most popular sport in Brazil







Art

- Brazil Art is a unique combination of ingenious and contemporary creativities.
- The ingenious Art of Brazil speaks a lot about the nature and lifestyles of the so-called original inhabitants of the country.
- The modern Brazilian Art saw a gradual transformation from native culture to fine arts.





