

Brazilian Carnival

Carnaval do Brasil



Aim

- To understand Brazilian culture and the tradition of Carnival.

Success Criteria

- I can locate South America and Brazil on a world map or globe.
- I can compare the cultures of Brazil and the UK.
- I can describe some of the events that take place during the Carnaval do Brasil.

Where is Brazil?

Who knows where Brazil is located?

The Population of Brazil

Over 202 million people live in Brazil, compared with the UK, which has a population of 64 million. How much of a difference is this?

UK
London

Brazil

Brasilia

The Capital City of Brazil

The capital of Brazil is Brasilia. Although it is not the largest city in Brazil, it is where the residence of the Brazilian president is located.

The Major Cities of Brazil

These are some of the major cities in Brazil. São Paulo is the largest with a population of approximately 11 million.

11
million



Brazilian Culture

Brazil is often referred to as a 'cultural melting pot'.
What do you think this means?

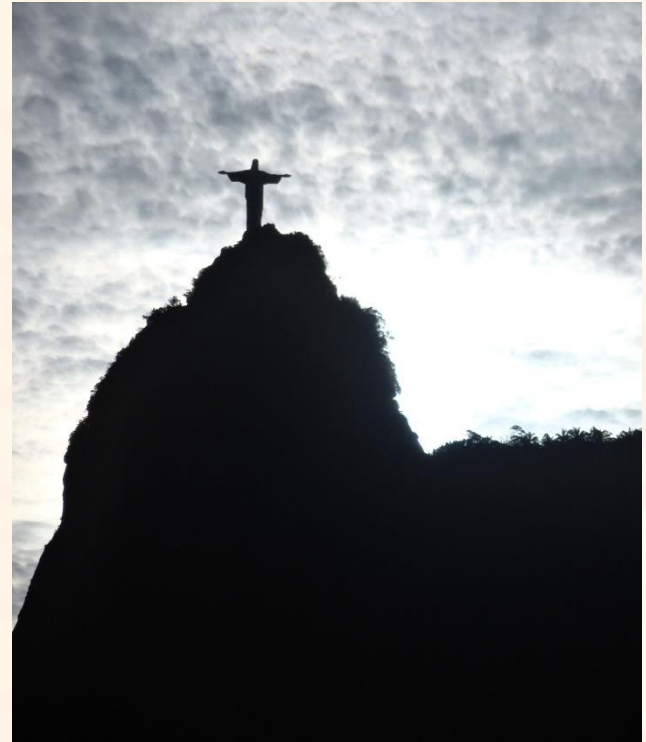
This means that there is a very diverse population in Brazil with people originating from lots of different countries and cultures.

In the 1500s, many Portuguese people settled in Brazil along with Native Brazilian Indians and a large African population.

Even though Brazil is no longer under Portuguese rule, nearly all Brazilians speak Portuguese as their main language. The Brazilian accent is influenced by African, European and American words and dialects, so it is often seen as softer and more musical than typical Portuguese.

Brazilian Culture

Approximately 80% of the population of Brazil are Roman Catholic and the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue overlooks the city of Rio de Janeiro.



What Is Carnival?

Carnival (*or Carnaval do Brasil*) is a festival that occurs before **Lent** which is usually around February.

It is one of the most well-known carnivals in the world and takes place over 3-4 days in cities all across Brazil.

It involves large parades, costumes, masks and lots of singing and dancing.

Lent

The six weeks leading up to Easter, where people prepare by fasting or giving up something that they enjoy to reflect on Jesus' sacrifices.

Why Is Carnival So Important in Brazil?

Carnival in Brazil is not just a fun celebration, but a chance to experience the wonderful culture of this country.

Carnival sums up the Brazilian way of life and their way of thinking.

There are many parties, which take place throughout the day and during the night, which celebrate the songs, music and dances that are typical of Brazilian culture.



Most of the music played at carnival is samba music. It is a unique style of music and dance that originated in Rio.

What Does Samba Music Sound Like?

Have a listen to the clips of Samba music provided.

How would you describe it?



Samba band
main-
Groove &
Break



Samba band
main-
Groove



Samba Music



Samba drum
rhythm

What Happens During Carnival?

Carnival begins on the Friday before **Ash Wednesday** and continues up to and including this day.

There are lots of street parties with lots of carnival floats, dancers, singers and musicians.

People dress up in colourful, vibrant costumes and often wear fancy masks.



Where Is the Largest Celebration?

The largest and most famous celebration takes place in Rio de Janeiro. It is sometimes called the Samba Parade.

The 'Sambódromo' is an avenue that was specially made to host Carnival in Rio. Every year, thousands of people go to this area to celebrate carnival including over 500,000 foreign visitors!



Does Carnival Only Happen in Brazil?

Even though Brazil is the most famous place in the world for their Carnival, they are celebrated in other countries.

One of the best known carnivals in the UK is the Notting Hill Carnival. This takes place during the Late Summer Holiday on the last weekend of August.

In Spain, there is a large carnival in the city of Cadiz. This carnival is quite different from many around the world. The costumes are less flamboyant and often they make fun of political events and some traditions.