Lesson 5: Brazil: The Diamond Range

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Learning Objective	Questioning Prompts	Lesson Activities	Vocabulary
Students will learn about the diamond	Why is the Chapada Diamantina considered an oasis? Why is this area so important as a source of water? How did the discovery of diamonds in the area change the economy and industry over the years? If you were a spelunker giving a tour of the cave in the video, what highlights would you focus on? Include the light, sound, formations and other relevant details. Compare the ecology, climate and weather of the Chapada Diamantina with that of your hometown. What aspects from the video stood out to you as most appealing and how do these compare to the area	Create a brochure highlighting the Chapada Diamantina area of Brazil and the diamond industry for the purpose of attracting tourists to the area.	adjacent
range in Brazil, including ecological			arid ecosystem
highlights of the area.		Create a 3-way Venn Diagram or chart that lists facts about the day in the life of a townsperson, miner and tourist. How might their day-to-day activities differ? Create a booklet that lists 10-15 environmental highlights of the area. Include terminology, definitions and drawings.	escarpment
Social Studies			intercept
Standards People, Places &			limestone
Environments,			geology
E, F, K	where you live?	Write a factual report on the caves of Chapada	spelunker
		Diamantina. List some of the specific features that make these caves unique.	travertine

Far inland from the tropical beaches of Brazil's Bahia state lies an ancient escarpment that juts into Bahia's vast interior. Host David Yetman takes us on a tour of the Chapada Diamantina, once a rich source of diamonds, now an increasingly popular recreation region. The sheer cliffs and steep mountainsides intercept moisture from the distant Atlantic. The resultant rainfall brings flow into the arid sertáo and waters the great swamp where runaway slaves hid from their owners.