

Map Skills



The Amazon River Basin is the largest river drainage system in the world. The system drains nearly 2.3 million square miles.

Use the map above to answer the questions below.

- 1. Using a Key** In what country does the Amazon River begin? In what country does it end?

- 2. Finding Locations** Through how many countries do the Amazon River and its tributaries flow?

- 3. Inferring Relationships** What might be one benefit to humans of this river system?

- 4. Understanding Topography** Examine the course of the Amazon River and its tributaries. In which direction do you think the rivers are flowing? Explain your answer.

- 5. Analyzing Data** If it rains heavily in the northern Andes Mountains, where does that rainwater eventually end up?
