People and Culture
Most Brazilians have Portuguese, American Indian, and African ancestors. In the 1900s, immigration brought people from Germany, Italy, Spain, Syria, Lebanon, and Japan to Brazil.

Family and Faith in Brazil
Extended family is very important to Brazilians. Many families have a lot of children. It is common for family members to eat meals together and go to church together. There are more Catholics in Brazil than in any other country. Some Brazilians practice religions that started in Brazil, such as Candomblé, which blends African religions and Catholic beliefs.

Brazil’s Culture
The culture of Brazil comes from its many different traditions. In the 1700s and 1800s, Brazil’s culture was much like Portugal’s. By the 1900s, Brazilians had begun creating a culture of their own. Bossa nova is a form of popular music that combines American jazz with Brazilian samba music.

School and Fun
Students in Brazil learn Portuguese, math, geography, history, and science. All children from age seven to age fourteen have to go to school. In their leisure time, many young people in Brazil play soccer. Brazilians also enjoy watching professional soccer and going to the beach.