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Discovering the Wonders of South America

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. South America is known for its remarkable geographical diversity, from the Amazon Rainforest to the Atacama Desert. Discuss how these diverse landscapes have influenced the region's climate, wildlife, and cultures.
2. The Galápagos Islands are famous for their role in Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Explain why these islands are considered a living laboratory of evolution and mention some of the unique species found there.
3. South America has a rich cultural heritage influenced by indigenous, European, and African traditions. Discuss how this cultural diversity is reflected in the arts, music, and cuisines of the continent.
4. The struggle for independence in South America was a significant historical event. Describe the key factors that led to the fight for independence, the role of leaders like Simón Bolívar, and the ultimate outcome for many South American nations.

