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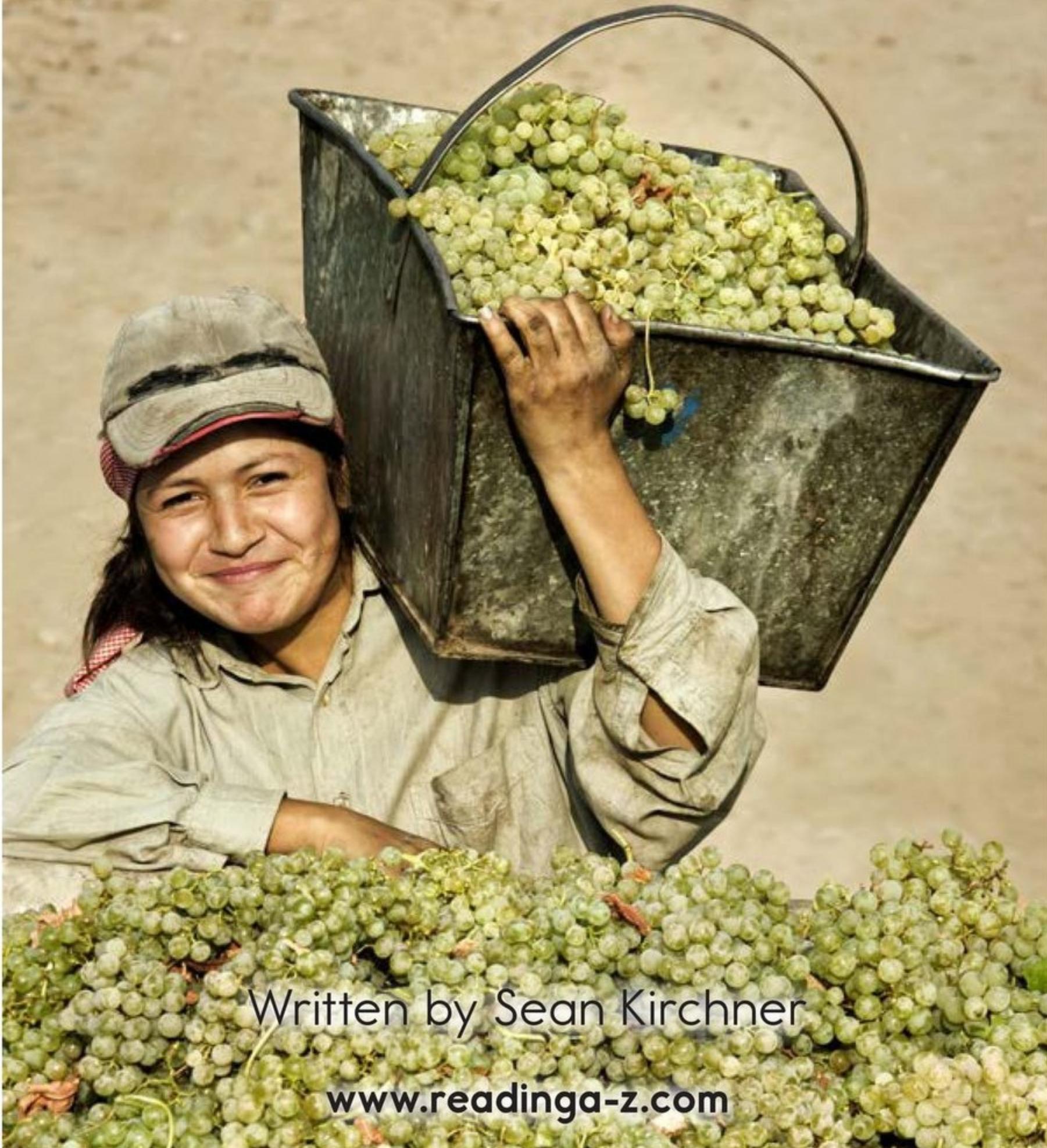
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Focus Question

How do Argentina's people make it a special country?

Words to Know

borders

crops

capital

Europe

control

wheat

Front cover: A mountain lake in Argentina

Title page: A farmer carrying grapes

Page 3: A boy in Argentina takes care of his horse.

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Where Is It?

Argentina is the second-largest country in South America. It is the eighth-largest country in the world.

Five countries share **borders** with Argentina.

About forty-three million people live in Argentina.

The **capital** of Argentina is Buenos Aires.

Its name means “fair winds.”

About fifteen million people live in Buenos Aires.



Buenos Aires is Argentina's largest city.



Farmers gather wheat (above) and grapes (below).

People

Most people in Argentina

live in large cities.

Other people live in the country.

Some of these people are farmers.

They grow **crops** such as **wheat** and grapes.

Men, women, and children from all over the world live in Argentina. Many people are from Europe. Most people in Argentina speak Spanish.

People watch a parade in Buenos Aires (right). People shop in a chocolate shop (below). A teacher shares a lesson with her students (bottom).



Argentina's Land



Land

Argentina has mountains, lakes, and rivers.

The Andes Mountains are in the west. They are the longest group of mountains in the world.

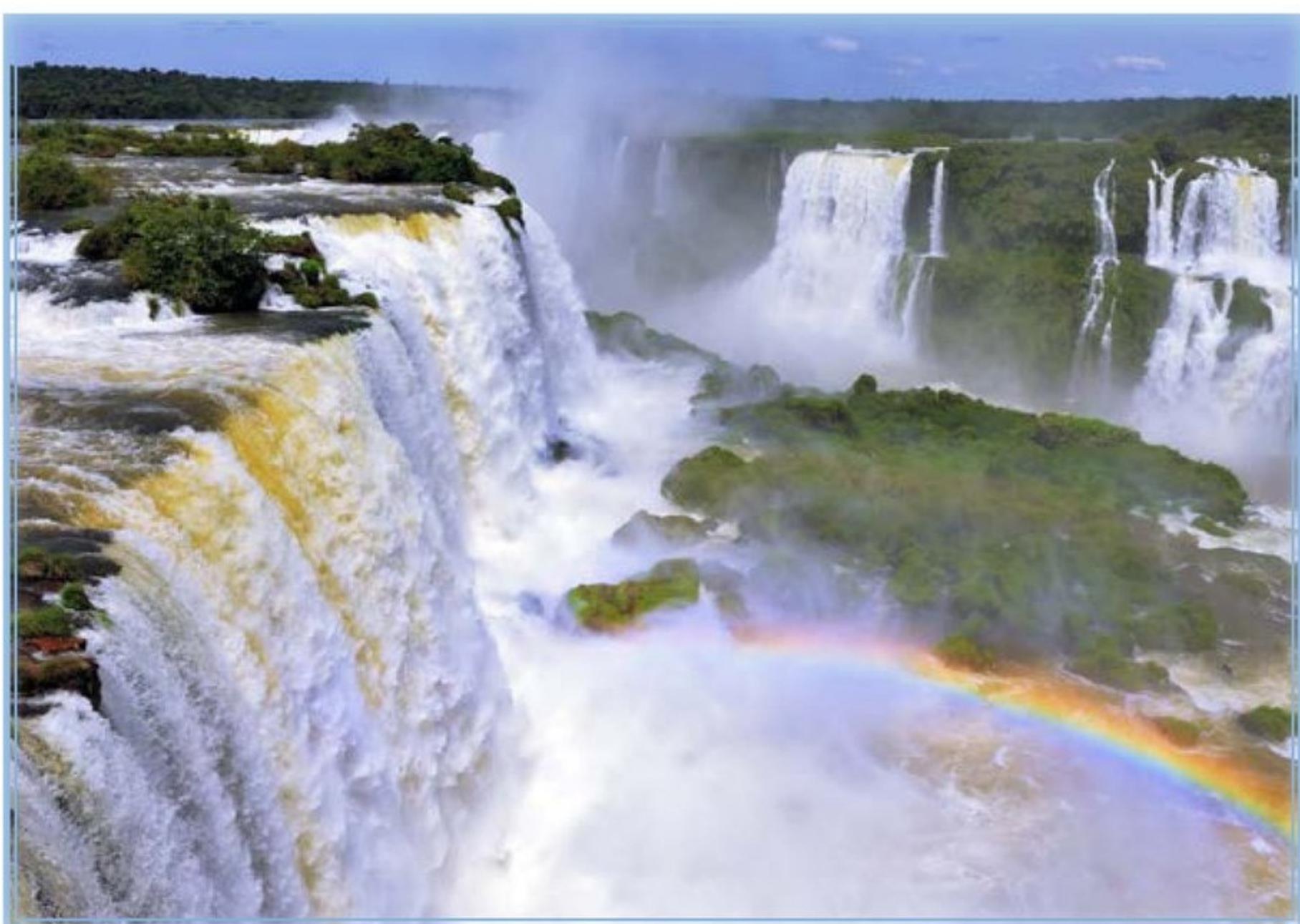
Argentina has many different kinds of animals.

Monkeys, wild cats, and many other animals live there.

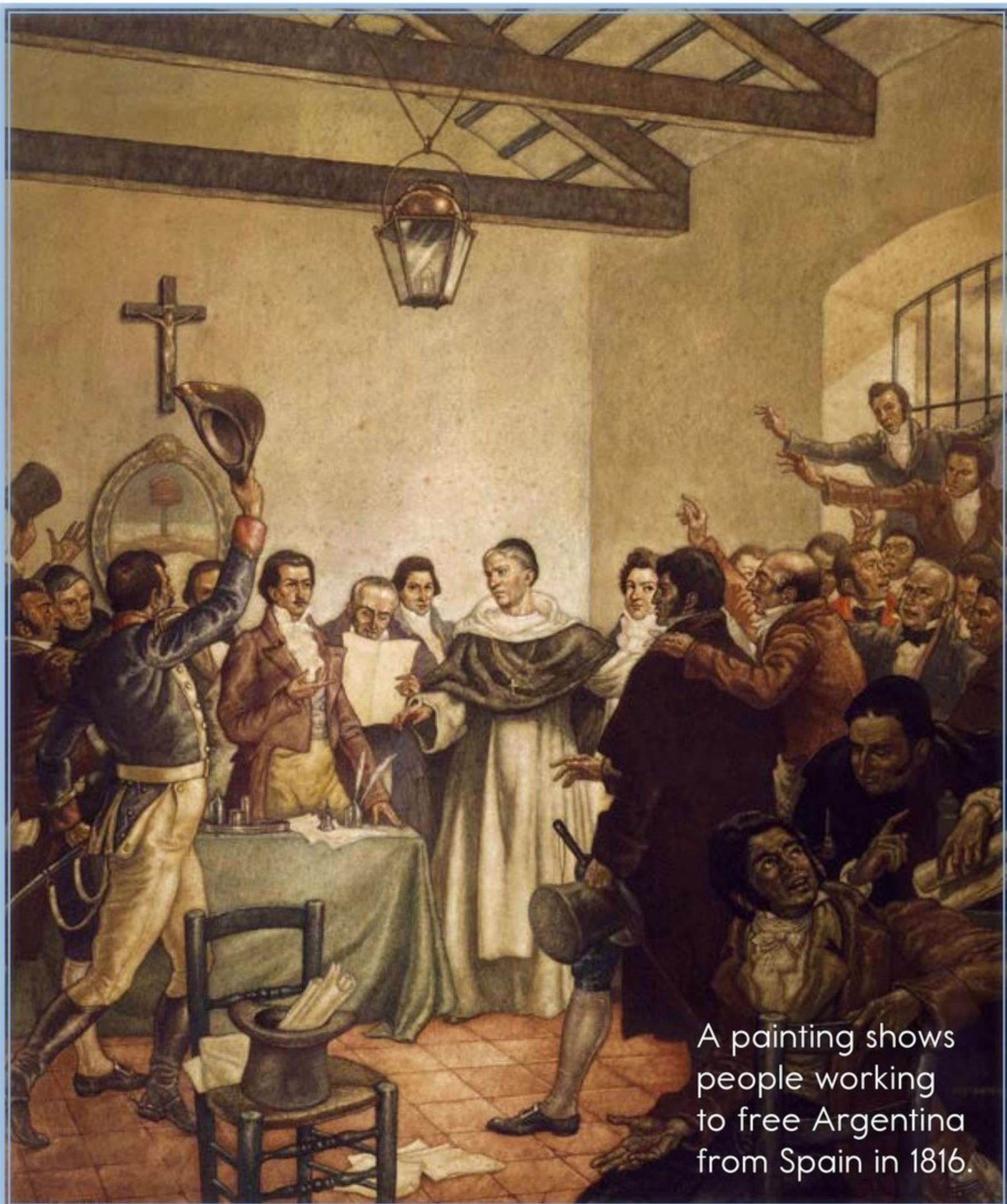
Some of the most beautiful places in Argentina are rivers.

Some of the river water falls from very high places.

The falls are some of the biggest in the world.



Iguazú Falls are on the border between Argentina and Brazil.



A painting shows people working to free Argentina from Spain in 1816.

History

People have lived in Argentina for thousands of years.

Long ago, the Spanish ruled the country.

Then, army leaders took **control**.

The army leaders did not let people have any say in their rules.

This was unfair for most people.

Today, people in Argentina can help make rules.

They choose leaders who share their ways of thinking.



A woman votes in Argentina (left). People have a fireworks show (below).



Celebration

One of the biggest parties
in Argentina lasts for days.

People dress up as clowns
and animals.

They have a lot of fun.

There is music, dancing,
and a big parade.



This colorful float is part
of Carnival in Argentina.



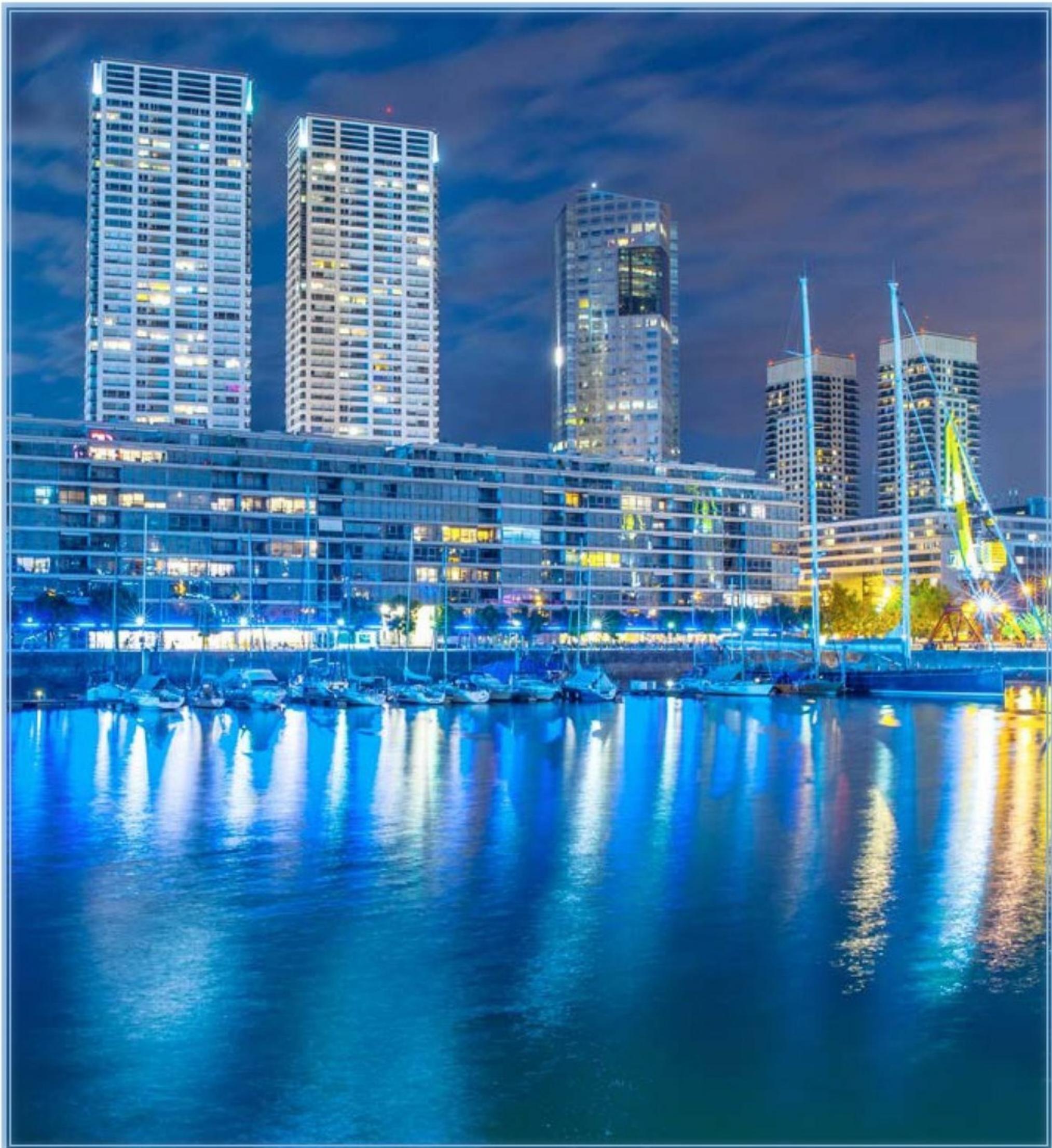
Argentine pies can be filled with lots of different things (left). A family cooks meat on a grill (below).



Food

People in Argentina eat meat cooked on a grill.

They also eat little pies filled with meat, vegetables, or cheese.



The buildings of Buenos Aires glow at night.

Conclusion

Argentina is a country with people from all over the world.

They help to make it a great place with a bright tomorrow.



Population: 43,646,358

Land: 2,736,690 sq km (1,056,642 sq. mi.)

Capital City: Buenos Aires

Primary Language: Spanish

Primary Religion: Roman Catholic

Name of Currency: Argentine peso



Source: Central Intelligence Agency World Factbook (2016)

Glossary

borders (n.)

the lines between countries (p. 4)

capital (n.)

the city where a government's main offices are (p. 5)

control (n.)

the ability or power to decide or manage something (p. 10)

crops (n.)

plants grown by farmers for food or other uses; the amount of plants gathered in one season (p. 6)

Europe (n.)

an area of land that is to the east of the Atlantic Ocean and to the north of Africa (p. 7)

wheat (n.)

a type of grain ground into flour to make bread, pasta, and many desserts (p. 6)

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Connections

Writing and Art

Make a poster about Argentina. Write sentences that describe its people, land, celebrations, and food. Share your poster with your class.

Social Studies

Look at a detailed map of South America. Find where the Andes Mountains start and end. How many countries do they pass through?

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