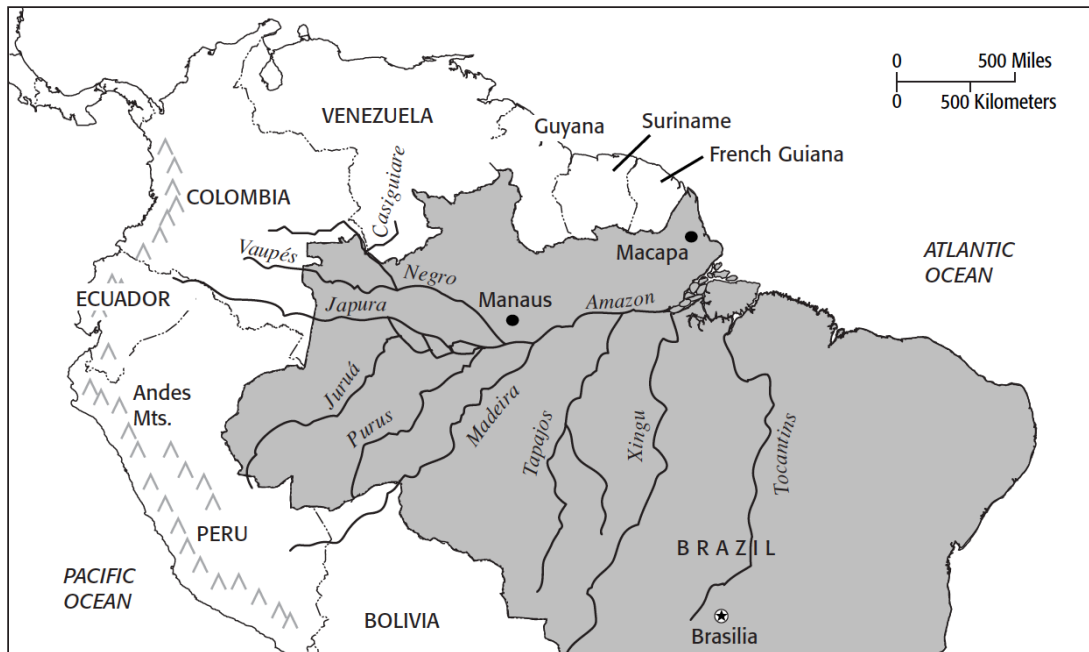


# Map Skills



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.**

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

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

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

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- 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.

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

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