



Rio Carnival (February 20, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

i What? The Rio de Janeiro Carnival, a huge popular festival recognized as one of the biggest carnivals in the world, famous for its colorful parades and impressive costumes.

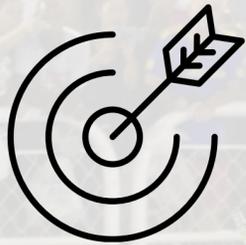
👤 Who? The people of Brazil, samba schools, dancers, musicians, and millions of visitors from all over the world.

🌍 Where? In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, primarily in the famous Sambadrome, but also in the city streets during the parties called blocos.

🕒 When? Every year, in February or March, just before the start of Lent in the Christian tradition.

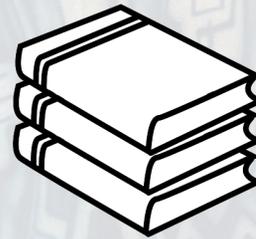
? Why is it important? Because Carnival is a major cultural tradition in Brazil. It showcases samba music, artistic creativity, and the country's cultural identity. It also attracts millions of tourists and generates significant economic benefits.

🎯 For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about the Rio Carnival and samba!



OBJECTIVES

- Locate Brazil and Rio de Janeiro on a map.
- Understand the origins of the Rio Carnival.
- Discover the role of samba schools.
- Read and interpret cultural information.
- Describe and justify a choice of costume or cultural element.



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
 - Brazil and Rio de Janeiro
 - South American Culture
- **Arts**
 - Costumes
 - Music and Dance
 - Symbols of Carnival
- **English**
 - Reading Instructions
 - Comprehension of an Informative Text
 - Justification of an Answer
- **General Knowledge**
 - Popular Festivals
 - Cultural Traditions



COMPETENCIES

- Research and select relevant information.
- Read and interpret cultural information.
- Establish connections between tradition and culture.
- Justify an answer based on observed evidence.
- Express a reasoned opinion.



DURATION

- About 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Show an image of the Olympic rings or the Milan-Cortina 2026 logo.
- Ask the students:
 - "Have you ever heard of the Winter Olympics?"
 - "What sports are played on snow or ice?"
- Locate Italy on a world map before starting the activity.



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Rio de Janeiro, a Spectacular City! Exploration of Rio de Janeiro using Google Earth to identify iconic landmarks and answers to two observation questions.

Q1 — This is Sugarloaf Mountain, or Pão de Açúcar in Portuguese.

Q2 — Between 650 and 700 meters.

STEP 2 — A Unique Carnival. Reading of a short text about the history and traditions of the Rio Carnival, then answers to three comprehension questions.

Q3 — Samba is coming from Africa.

Q4 — In 1840.

Q5 — Because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

STEP 3 — Dazzling Costumes! Observation of costumes from the Rio Carnival and writing of a short descriptive paragraph justifying a personal choice.

Q6 — Model Answer: “I chose costume B because I find it really impressive. The colors are super bright; with the yellow and red, it immediately catches the eye. It looks like the person exudes a lot of energy and confidence.”



WRAPPING UP

- Review:
 - the origin of Carnival;
 - the role of samba;
 - the importance of cultural traditions.
- Final question:
 - "Which costume made the biggest impression on you and why?"

FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Chloe Perkins. *Living in ... Brazil*. Simon & Schuster

