

## Brazil Election — First Round (October 5, 2026)

# TEACHING GUIDE

**What?** Brazilians vote to choose their president. However, no candidate secured more than half the votes, so a runoff election will be necessary. 🗳️

**Who?** The two leading candidates—Flávio Bolsonaro (son of former president Jair Bolsonaro) and the incumbent president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva—who will face off in the second round.

**Where?** In Brazil, the largest country in South America, where over 150 million people are eligible to vote.

**When?** The first round took place on Sunday, October 4, 2026, and the second round will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2026.

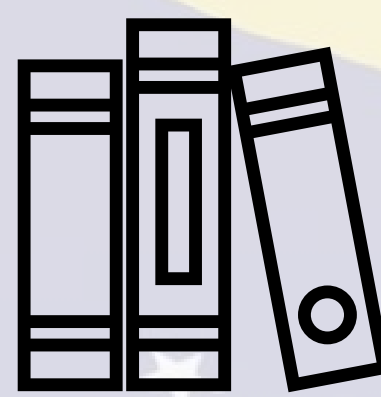
**Why is it important?** Because Brazil is a vast country that plays a significant role on the global stage!

🎯 **For this activity, your goal is to learn a bit more about Brazil and this presidential election.**



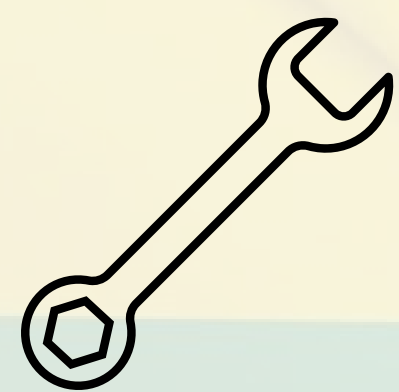
### OBJECTIVES

- Discover the key characteristics of Brazil
- Gain an appreciation of the country's vast size within South America
- Understand how a two-round presidential election works
- Analyze the actual results of the first round held on October 4, 2026
- Learn about the history of Brasília, the capital inaugurated in 1960
- Explore notable sites in Brasília using Google Earth



### SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies/Geography**
  - South America
  - Characteristics of a country
  - Elections and democratic life
- **Mathematics**
  - Addition and subtraction with large numbers
  - Concepts of half and majority
  - Estimating a percentage
- **English**
  - Reading and comprehension
  - Locating information in a text
  - Short answers



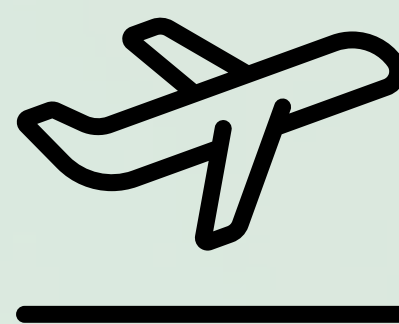
### COMPETENCIES

- Search for and interpret information
- Read and interpret a data table
- Perform calculations with large numbers
- Estimate a result
- Explore a location using a digital tool
- Provide short, precise answers



### DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



### GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they can locate Brazil on a map or globe.
- Ask them what they already know about Brazil (soccer, the Amazon, Carnival, etc.).
- Do we elect a president here? Who leads the country?
- Ask: what happens if no candidate receives more than half the votes?

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS****TEACHING GUIDE**

**STEP 1 — Brazil at a Glance.** Discovery of the country's main features using Wikipedia and completion of a fact sheet.

**Capital — Brasília**

**Population — 214,211,951 inhabitants (according to Wikipedia)**

**Area — 8,510,346 km<sup>2</sup> (according to Wikipedia)**

**Largest city — São Paulo**

**Motto — Ordem e Progresso ("Order and Progress")**

**Currency — Brazilian real**

**STEP 2 — Lula, Flávio, and the Others.** Reading of the official first-round results tables and solving math problems.

**Q1 —  $56,104,503 - 53,879,538 = 2,224,965$  votes.**

**Q2 —  $119,300,788 \div 2 = 59,650,394$  votes. Flávio Bolsonaro was short by 3,545,892 votes to secure a majority (accept 3,545,891).**

**Q3 — 79%.**

**Q4 —  $3,448,569 + 2,675,887 + 2,605,148 + 326,488 + 260,655 = 9,316,747$  votes.**

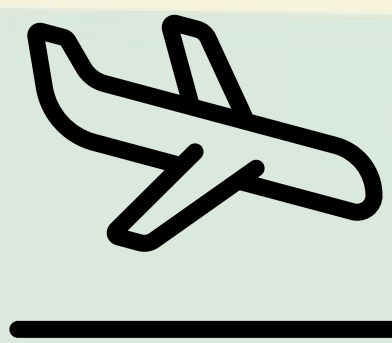
**Q5 — Lula!  $53,879,538 + 9,316,747 = 63,196,285$  votes, compared to 56,104,503 for Flávio Bolsonaro—a lead of 7,091,782 votes.**

**STEP 3 — A Bird's-Eye View of Brasília.** Exploration of three notable sites in the capital using Google Earth and Street View, and answers to three observation questions.

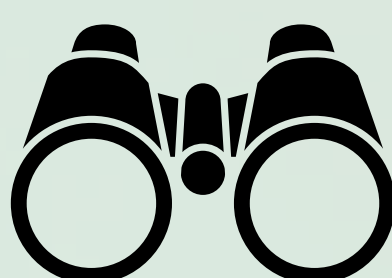
**Q6 — Three angels.**

**Q7 — Two figures.**

**Q8 — Three arches.**

**WRAPPING UP**

- Conduct a group review of what the students have learned.
- Discuss: Who do they think will win the October 25th runoff? Why is it difficult to predict? (Link to Q5)
- Ask: Why did Brazil want to build its capital in the center of the country?
- Draw connections between geography, mathematics, and current events.

**FURTHER EXPLORATION**

 Susie Brooks. *Brazil: The Land and the People*. Hachette Children's Group

