Families of the World: Brazil

A) 10-year-old <u>Luisa</u> lives on a farm in the countryside inland from Rio de Janeiro, where her father grows vegetables and raises cattle. Louisa's mother drives the children each day to their school in the nearest city 50 miles away, where she teaches ballet. **B)** 5-year-old <u>Guido</u> lives with his mother, father and brother Luca in Rio de Janeiro. Luca and Guido love soccer, and they like to watch their Dad's amateur team practice. We visit their parents at the arts organization where they work, and visit the statue of Jesus Christ high above the city.

Vocabulary

1. divide (v)
2. inherit (v)
3. discover (v)
4. colony (n)
5. immigrant (n)
6. independence (n)
7. greet (v)
8. fuel (n)
9. alcohol (n)
10. grain (n)
11. renewable resource (n)
12. skate (v)
13. maid (n)
14. kidnap (v)
15. slave (n)
16. sensitive (adj)
17. tai chi (n)
18. native people (n)
19. flee (v)
20. tribe (n)

Part 1: While Watching

A) Luisa:

1. T or F? Students in Brazil go to school in the morning, or they go to school in the afternoon.
2. Where is her great grandfather from? How long ago did he come from there?

3. T or F? Portuguese is the national language.
4. In what year did the first European, Pedro Alvares Cabral, "discover" Brazil?

5. In what year did Brazil declare their independence from Portugal?

6. T or F? Brazil is a country of immigrants.
7. What time do most people eat their biggest meal of the day?

8. Why do her parents think it's important for her to learn English?

9. What do people do when they greet friends or relatives?

10. What two kinds of fuel do they use in their cars?

11. Why is alcohol a renewable resource?

12. How many maids do they have?

13. What are some of the things that Luisa's father grows and sells?

B) Guido:

1. T or F? Guido's grandparent's do tai chi.
2. Where does Guido live?

3. T or F? Most of Brazil's population lives in cities.
4. Do Luca and Guido go to school in the morning or the afternoon?

5. What grade is Luca in?

6. What does Guido eat for lunch?

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7. For how many years did Portugal rule Brazil?

8. What did the native people do when the Portuguese arrived?

9. Where do the tribes live now?

10. Why do so many tourists go to Rio de Janeiro?

11. What does Luca do while waiting for his mother?

12. Why are they careful about how they use space in their apartment?

13. T or F? Football (soccer) is the most popular sport in Brazil.
14. Rio de Janeiro has the biggest football stadium in the world.

15. How does Luca say goodnight to Guido before going to bed?

Part 2: After Watching (HW: Write your answers.)
1. What was different, interesting, or surprising for you? For example, how do people greet friends or relatives? What do you think of that? **(Write down at least 2 or 3 things.)**

2. Why do Luisa's parents think English is so important? (See Question A.8). Do you agree or disagree? Why?

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3. Why do people use an alcohol/gasoline mixture for fuel in their cars? (See Questions A 10 and A 11). What do you think of this idea? Why?

4. Population:
   a. Why is Brazil's population from so many different places? (Think about Brazil's colonial history.)

   b. How does this compare to Japan?

   c. Why did so many Japanese go to Brazil?

   d. Why are the Japanese-Brazilians now coming back to Japan?

5. Would you like to visit Brazil someday? Why or why not? **(Write down 2 or 3 reasons.)**