

# ***World of Wonder***

## **Educational Standards and Suggested Activities**

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### **Standards**

- Current Events: Students will search the news for examples of Spanish culture.
- Social Studies: Students will research how much workers are paid in Costa Rica.
- Social Studies: Students will study the names and locations of Central American countries on a map.

### **Activities**

1. Use the News: The language and culture of the Spanish explorers are strong influences in Costa Rica. What Spanish words and culture can you find in the United States? Read your newspaper and search for examples of Spanish culture in the words and events you read about. Share what you find with the class.
2. What would it be like to live and work in Costa Rica? How much do workers make per hour? How much could a Costa Rican student earn at a part-time job? Do some research and compare wages in Costa Rica to the wages adults and students might earn in your area. Here's a website that can give you some of this information: [www.justlanded.com/english/Costa-Rica/Costa-Rica-Guide/Jobs/Working-in-Costa-Rica](http://www.justlanded.com/english/Costa-Rica/Costa-Rica-Guide/Jobs/Working-in-Costa-Rica). You may want to research and compare salaries in other countries as well.
3. Do you know the names of the countries in Central America and where they are located? First, see how many your whole class can name. Then go to this website (or use an atlas) to examine a map and expand your learning about Costa Rica and Central America: [www.yourchildlearns.com/central\\_america\\_map.htm](http://www.yourchildlearns.com/central_america_map.htm). This online map is interactive -- the country names will pop up only when you move the cursor over the country.

*World of Wonder* meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade level.