This lesson is designed for first year Spanish students. The objective of the lesson is to help the students learn about Chile, one of the Spanish speaking countries. The main website that they will use is the following:
http://www.localaccess.com/chappell/chile/

There are also a few other websites that they are welcome to view for more information.

http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0107407.html
http://www.atlapedia.com/online/countries/chile.htm
http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cltoc.html
http://www.chile.com/

Since it is a first year lesson and my objective is that the students learn about the culture the lesson and most of the sites are in English so that they will be able to learn from what they research.

This lesson would probably be given as a homework assignment that would prepare them for discussion about Chile the next day in class.
This lesson will give you a basic knowledge of the Spanish speaking country of Chile. You will visit an Internet website where you will find the answers to the questions on this worksheet. There will also be a few other Internet sites that you are welcome to visit. Have fun!!

Go to http://www.localaccess.com/chappell/chile/ and click where it says students: read this first. Read the introduction given by the sites author.

Fill in the blanks in the following sentence:
Chile is one of the most geographically __________, ethnically ____________, and economically __________ countries of __________ __________.

After reading that first section find where it says **“What do you want to learn about next?”** at the bottom of the page. Click on the arrow and go down to Basic Country Information.

State in your own words the Chilean legend:

What are some of the typical foods that Chileans like to eat?

What is Chile’s population?

What are some characteristics of Chilean Spanish?

Now find the **“What do you want to learn about next?”** button again and go to Recent Chilean History. Go down to the heading **1973: The Dawn of the Pinochet Regime.**

Who is Pinochet and what did he do in 1973?

Who is the current President of Chile?
Once again find the “What do you want to learn about next” button and go to The Great Poets.

State 3 facts each about the two great Chilean poets Gabriela Mistral, and Pablo Neruda.

Go to “What do you want to learn about next” and click on The Cueca.

What is La Cueca, and at least two characteristics of it?

Go to “What do you want to learn about next” and click on The National Flag.

Describe the current flag of Chile and explain what the colors and symbol mean.

Finally, go to at least one of the other web sites and write down something interesting that you learned there. Try to find a different subject than you’ve already seen.

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