

Culture Box

COLOMBIA



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INTRODUCTION

Colombia is a geographically diverse country connecting the high Andes Mountains to rainforests to the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea. This culture box features items that tell stories of Colombia's past and present and aims to provide resources for approaching Colombia in a multidisciplinary way.



THIS BOX INCLUDES:

1. Flag of Colombia, Flag Bag
2. Colombian Peso
3. Flag of Colombia
4. Images and books

FLAG OF COLOMBIA, FLAG BAG



DESCRIPTION

The flag of Colombia has three horizontal bands of yellow, blue and red. Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela all share the same three colors on their flags with slight variations. There are two popular theories on the significance of the flag's colors:

Yellow = Sovereignty and justice; or universal liberty.

Blue= Nobility, loyalty and vigilance; or the seas that reach Colombia.

Red= Valor, honor, generosity and victory through bloodshed for Colombia's independence from Spain; or fraternity.

There is a popular Colombian children's song which says "yellow is our gold, blue is our vast seas, and red is the blood that gave us our freedom."

COLOMBIAN PESO

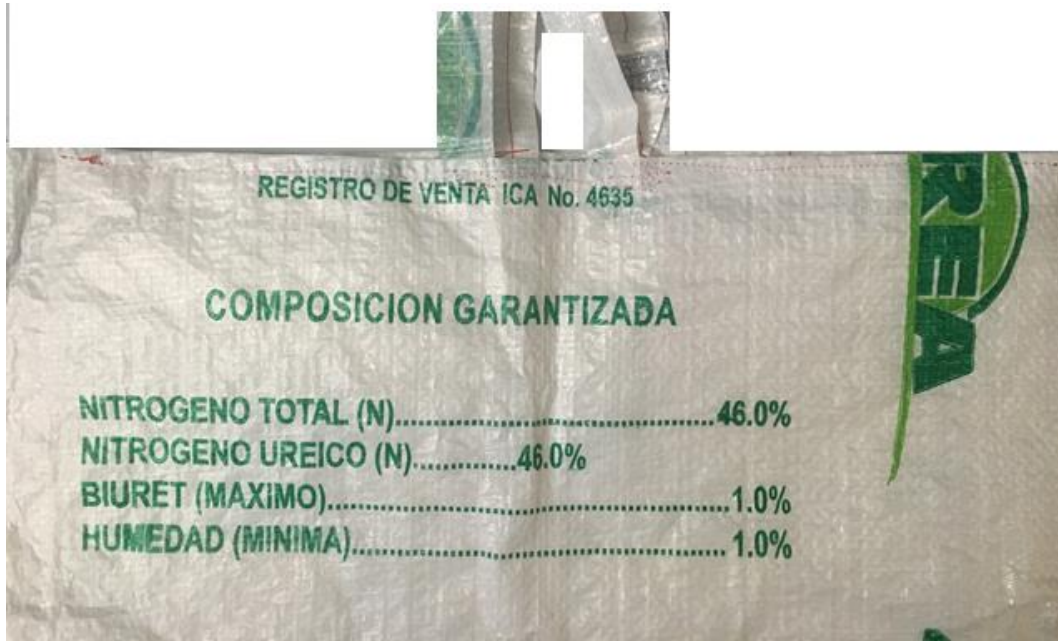


DESCRIPTION

The Colombian Peso is the national currency of Colombia. All the bills are brightly colored. Simon Bolivar and General Francisco de Paula Santander are found on one side of this peso, and on the reverse are images of a waterfall, a mountain, and a condor (bird).

What is the significance of the images depicted on the peso?

REUSABLE BAG



DESCRIPTION

This reusable bag is from the Colombian fertilizer company “[Ecofertil](#).” This company sells different mixtures of fertilizers that help to grow different kinds of crops typical to Colombia, including coffee, rice, bananas, plantains and avocados.