

## **Wisewire Spanish: *Costa Rica: Un país fascinante*: Portfolio**

This activity has been designed to provide students with an opportunity to integrate the vocabulary, grammar, and culture concepts previously acquired: **nature, tourism, present tense of regular verbs, demonstrative adjectives and pronouns, prefixes, and parks and tourism**. It also provides an opportunity for researching and writing, and covers the Connections, Comparisons, and Communities ACTFL standards.

Students and their tutor watch the Spanish version of the vocabulary and grammar video together. Then, students must complete a final activity: ***Costa Rica: Un país fascinante***, which will allow them to share the Spanish knowledge gained up to this point with their classmates or family. Each activity includes its corresponding rubric. It is a valuable resource than can also be used as an in-class activity or an independent project.

**HS Spanish Semester 1A Unit 6**  
**Unit Name: La naturaleza/Nature**  
**Lección 6.10: Portfolio**

**DAY 10 – Lección 6.10**

**Day 10 – Introducción**

**¡Comenzamos!**

Today's activity will give us an opportunity to share with others things that we have learned about Costa Rican culture. Costa Rica is a tiny country on a narrow strip of land between North America and South America, but it has a rich history and diverse geography. We have already been learning about the country, and now we will do some research to learn more and to prepare a presentation for fifth-graders. Here's your chance to find something that excites you about the country and to get others interested, too!

**Objetivos**

- LO 6.1 Demonstrate knowledge of vocabulary related to the natural world, including climate, plants, and animals
- LO 6.2 Demonstrate knowledge of vocabulary related to adventure and tourism
- LO 6.3 Apply understanding of regular -ar, -er, and -ir verbs in present tense
- LO 6.4 Identify prefixes, suffixes, and demonstrative adjectives and pronouns
- LO 6.5 Examine Costa Rican history, culture, and biodiversity
- LO 6.6 Use communication skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) to produce meaningful Spanish text and speech



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**Vocabulario y gramática**

Today, we are going to practice the Spanish vocabulary words we have learned so far. Let's watch the following video. Try to remember the meaning of each Spanish word. Let's begin!

**Day 10 – Portfolio**

**¡Llegó la hora de estudiar!**

**Extension 1. Complete the following activity using all of the Spanish vocabulary, grammar, and culture concepts you have learned in this unit.**

**Title: Costa Rica: Un país fascinante**

**Outcome: A presentation about an aspect of Costa Rican culture**

**Materials:**

- Power Point program (Word, or other materials can be used to create the presentation if PPT is not available)

**Follow these steps below to create your presentation. Read the rubric located at the end of this file to make sure your work is complete.**

- Think back on what you have been learning about Costa Rica, and pick an aspect of the country that especially interests you and that you think would be interesting to a fifth-grader. Below, please find some suggestions. Read carefully.
  - Maybe you enjoy history and would like to know more about how the different inhabitants of the land, from the early Mayans and Aztecs, to colonists, to the diverse population today, have shaped its history.
  - You might be interested in the fact that Costa Rica is one of the few sovereign countries in the world that has no standing army. You might want to explore how the lack of a military presence has affected the government and the development of the country.
  - If you like the arts, you could look at Costa Rica's rich cultural heritage—music, dance, visual arts, etc. Or maybe you like different foods and would like to learn about the country's cuisine.
  - Despite being so small, Costa Rica has great variety in its geography, with mountains up to 12,000+ feet, coastlines on both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, tropical rainforests, more than a dozen volcanoes, and a number of islands. You can do some investigation into the different geographical features of the country.
  - If you are interested in ecology, you might want to investigate the great biodiversity in Costa Rica. The plants and wildlife of the country are extremely varied and fascinating, and Costa Rica is a leader in protecting rainforests and endangered species.
  - If you like travel, explore some of the travel options in Costa Rica, including ecotourism. With such a great variety of ecological zones, adventure activities, and cultural offerings, there is something for everyone.