VISIONS OF AMAZONIA

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THE METHOD TO MY MADNESS

Week 1: March 27  What Is Amazonia?
Week 2: April 3  Native Peoples
Week 3: April 10  The Naturalists
Week 4: April 17  The Anthropologists
Week 5: April 24  The Novelists
Week 6: May 1  The Environmentalists
THE PORTUGUESE EMPIRE
THE WORLD IN 1507
ANTARCTIC FRANCE

- Villegaignon
- Huguenots
- André Thévet
- Jean de Léry
HANS STADEN
(1525-1576)
CONFLICTS WITH AMERINDIANS

- rising demand for labor
- resistance and enslavement
- diseases in 1560s
- from barter to slavery
ALEXANDER MARCHANT
(1912-81)
SEMI-SEDENTARY SOCIETY

- 100-800 per group
- Kin groups in communal quarters
- Thatched huts (malocas)
- Hammocks
- No iron, no steel, no wheel, no beasts of burden
- No stone architecture
ALBERT ECKOUT
(1610-1666)
FLORA AND FAUNA

- Manioc
- Maize
- Gourds
- Pumpkins
- Peanuts
- Pineapple
- Tobacco
- Tapir, monkey, agouti, armadillo