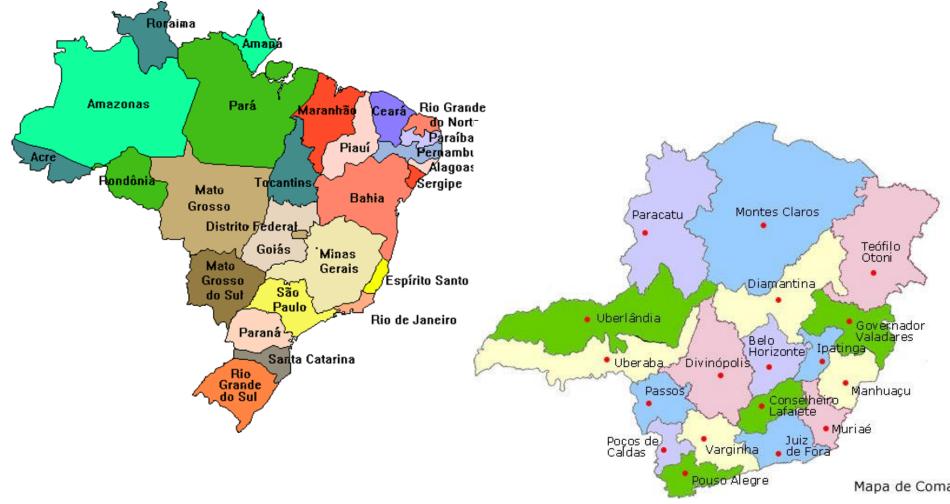
# Um ano no Brasil

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### Being a Foreigner

- Friendly relationship
- Political respect, if not always understanding
- Peers were open, interested in exchange and American culture
- Physical appearance can draw some attention



#### **Difficulties and Learning Experiences**

- Language barriers
- Siblings and new family dynamics
- Making friends outside of school
- Dealing with US political disagreement
- Homesickness
- Culture shock

#### How have I changed?

- Higher self-confidence
- Bilingual abilities
- Wanderlust



- A different cultural perspective on American life
- Greater self-awareness, future goals
- Families and friends on multiple continents

# Exchange was (so far) the greatest year of my life!

## Thank You!

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