

Year 6 – North America

Vocabulary	Definitions
State	A nation or territory considered as an organised political community under one government.
Natural Resource	Something that we find in nature that is grown or sourced, which humans can use.
Population density	A measurement of population per unit land area.
Canyon	A deep gorge, typically one with a river flowing through it.
Everglade	A swampy grassland.
Landscape	All of the visible features of an area of land.
Province/territory	Major political units.
Landform	Features of the Earth's surface.
Landmark	An object or feature that marks a place or an important event.

North America



Statue of Liberty



The Grand Canyon



Key Knowledge

North America is the third largest continent. It consists of 23 countries. North America is surrounded on the North by the Arctic Ocean, on the East by the North Atlantic Ocean, on the South by the Caribbean Sea and on the West by the North Pacific Ocean. The biggest country in North America is Canada. Mexico City is the largest city in North America. Greenland is not only the biggest island in North America, it is also the biggest island in the world.

There are five different climate zones and eleven time zones in North America.

The longest river in North America is the Missouri River. It is 3,767 metres long. The highest mountain is Mount Denali in Alaska. It is 6,190 metres high and is located in the Alaska Mountain Range. The biggest lake is Lake Superior. The lowest point in North America is Death Valley National Park which is 86 metres below sea level. It is the hottest and the driest national park in the USA. Other major physical features include Niagara Falls and Redwood National Park. The Grand Canyon, one of the seven wonders of the world, can be found in North America.

Some major human features in North America include the State of Liberty (USA), Chichen Itza (Mexico), the Empire State Building (USA) and the Golden Gate Bridge (USA).

The United States of America is divided into 50 states. Canada is divided into 10 provinces and 3 territories.

Key Skills

Use maps sites on internet (Digi map/Google/Mario) to create detailed maps.

Use atlases, maps and globes to find out about other features of places e.g. weather patterns.

Draw a complex map.

Identify and describe where places are around in North and South America.

Make comparisons between North and South America

Study of human and physical geography of North and South America.

Locate North and South America on a map and name environmental regions, countries and major cities there.

Identify human and physical characteristics in North and South America.

Use knowledge of the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night) to understand more about North and South America.

Compare land use in the UK to another country.

Use and define appropriate geographical vocabulary related to the topic and be able to use in a number of different ways.

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