



Geography – Year 5 Spring 1 Place Knowledge North America

(Previous knowledge –hemispheres, the location of the tropics and equator, world's seven continents, five oceans, That there are different climates, biomes and regions across the world. The eight compass points.)

Vocabulary

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Weather	Environment	Biome
Map	Climate	Latitude & Longitude
Earth	Sustainability	Ecosystem
Plant	Physical Geography	Anthropocene
Human	Region	Deforestation



Useful Resources

World map, atlases, Google Earth-Exploring the Anthropocene.

North America

What essential knowledge will I have by the end of the unit?

There are 23 countries in North America, including over 700 islands. The largest of these countries is Canada.

North America is a continent. It is the third largest in the world; Asia is the largest, then Africa.

There are different climate zones in North America. This tells you about what the weather is typically like in particular places.

Lines of longitude (imaginary lines that run from the top to the bottom of the earth) and latitude (imaginary lines that go around the earth) help determine the position of places on the earth.

The further north you go in North America, the colder it becomes as you get closer to the Arctic circle. The further south you go, the warmer it becomes as you get closer to the equator. Lines of latitude and longitude can help to indicate what the climate might be like in a particular place.

There are many famous physical features and landmarks in North America, including Niagara Falls and The Great Lakes.

There are many famous human features and landmarks in North America, including Chichen Itza and the Statue of Liberty.

Tourism is very important to the economy of a country. Economies often rely on tourism, especially in smaller countries with beautiful scenery. Human and physical geographical features can attract tourists, which brings more money into the country's economy.



Map of North America



Physical features

Grand Canyon, Arizona USA. Deep crevices carved out by the Colorado River.



Mexico: A land of extremes: High mountains and deep canyons in the centre; deserts in the North; and dense rainforests in the South and East.



Canadian lakes: there are more than a million lakes in Canada. It has the largest number of lakes in the world.



Rocky Mountains: Mountain range running along the Western edge of North America. The 'Rockies' stretch for 3000 miles and in some places are 300 miles wide.



The Niagara Falls border the USA and Canada. They are the largest in North America and are made up of 3 waterfalls.



The Hubbard Glacier in Alaska, USA is a slow moving river of ice. It takes about 400 years for the ice to travel the length of the glacier.

