

Year 5 Geography Knowledge Organiser

Term: Autumn 1/2

Topic: Rebel Rebel!

Strand: Locational and Place Knowledge/Human and Physical Geography. North America

Vocabulary

human features	features of land that have been impacted by human activity
physical features	natural features of land - naturally occurring
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of an area measured over 30 years
capital city	The city that is home to the government of the country
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when on holiday
Tourism	Travelling away from home for pleasure or for relaxation

What should I know already?

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

Climate Zones in North America

Dry	Very dry all year
Tropical	Hot with a wet and dry season
Subtropical	Warm winters and hot summers
Continental	Cold winters and warm summers
Subarctic	Long, cold winters

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

There are 23 countries and capital cities in North America, including over 700 islands.

Canada is the largest country in North America.

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 places which is measured over 30 years.

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 the Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls.

There are 5 Great Lakes in North America: Lake Superior, Lake Ontario, Lake Huron, Lake Erie and Lake Michigan.

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

Tourism is very important to North America. 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



What geographical skills will I use?

- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features.
- Use the eight points of a compass, grid references and symbols to build locational knowledge of features of North America.