

## Key facts:

- There are 23 countries in North America, with Canada being the biggest.
- Mexico City is the largest city with more than 9 million people living there.
- Before the Europeans arrived, the indigenous and native Americans lived in the continent. Today, only about 2% of US Americans consider themselves as descendants from native Americans.
- Greenland is the not only the biggest island in North America but also in the world.
- The Missouri River is the longest in North America and flows through seven US states. Denali is the highest mountain in North America.
- Lake Superior, which borders Canada and the US, is the third largest lake in the world and the largest North American lake.

## Important questions:

How is North America different to the UK?  
What countries and states make up North America?  
What landmarks are there?  
Who rules America?  
What are the different cultures in North America?

## Key skills for you to practice:

- Map skills
- Research skills
- Investigative skills
- Source and picture analysing

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## Knowledge Organiser for KS2 Year: 5 Topic: North America

### What do we need to learn?

- To name and locate the countries of North and South America and identify their main physical and human characteristics.
- To create maps of locations identifying patterns (such as: land use, climate zones, population densities, height of land.
- To describe and understand aspects of physical geography.
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- To interpret and represent population data of North American countries
- To research information about a North American country
- To create an information text
- To identify the different US states
- To make comparisons between an American city and an English city.

### Key Images to discuss



### What I should already know:

Foundation	World Facts
Year 4	Antarctica

### Links to Future Learning:

Year 6	Continents and world development.
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### Key Vocabulary:

Word	What does it mean?
<b>A buck</b>	A nickname for the American dollar.
<b>American state</b>	The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swathe of North America.
<b>National park</b>	An area of countryside, or occasionally sea or fresh water, protected by the state for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife.
<b>The 'big apple'</b>	This is the nickname associated with New York City (NYC). The nickname became common from the 1920s.
<b>Coyotes</b>	Coyotes were a purely North American animal that lived in the West. They are small wolf-like creatures.
<b>Statue of Liberty</b>	The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbour in New York City.