

Alverton School Geography Knowledge Organiser Years 5 and 6 - North America

Core Knowledge

What we already know:

The world consists of 5 oceans and 7 continents. North America is one of these continents. It has many varied landscapes and features. It is connected to South America which is another continent. North America contains 23 countries including the Caribbean and Central America. 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.

North America is a huge continent consisting of 23 countries and a vast range of landscapes, habitats and physical features.

There are several different ways that mountains can be formed. These include fold mountains, dome mountains and volcanic mountains. The largest mountain range in North America is the Rockies. They are an example of fold mountains.

Canyons are formed by the erosive power of rivers wearing away ground. The Grand Canyon in Idaho is the most famous canyon in the world, but not the deepest or longest.

The Great Lakes are a group of five large lakes in North America on or near the Canada-United States border. They are the largest group of fresh water lakes on Earth.

The Rocky Mountains are an area that many people live in or visit. There are many fascinating species of plants and animals. It is also an area that many people visit to walk, cycle, canoe, climb or appreciate nature. We will study this plus the climate of the area to improve our Place Knowledge.

A biome is an area defined by the species that live there. North America contains most of the types of biome found on Earth.

Key Vocabulary

Continent	A large landmass containing several countries.
Country	A nation occupying a territory.
Biome	An environment defined by the species living there.
Canyon	A deep gorge with a river flowing through it.
Mountain Range	A series of connected mountains
Monsoon	A seasonal wind bringing lots of rain.
Hemisphere	A half of the Earth.
Physical feature	Something formed by nature.
Human Feature	Something formed by humans.
Tropics	The area between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

