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North America

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KEY VOCABULARY

North America	a large continent where the countries of **Canada, the USA and Mexico** are located
United States of America	the name for the **country in North America that consists of fifty states and the District of Columbia**: it is bordered by Canada in the north and Mexico in the South
state	an area with a **government that can make decisions and pass laws for that area**: in the USA, the states are joined in political union
Mississippi River	one of **North America's major rivers**, a source of fresh water, transport and irrigation
biome	a **community of plants and animals that have common characteristics** reflecting the environment in which they live
urbanisation	the **increase in number of people living in cities**



Canada



capital: Ottawa

- flag: maple leaf representing cultural heritage & natural resources of Canada
- colour red represents hope & prosperity
- colour white represents peace and neutrality

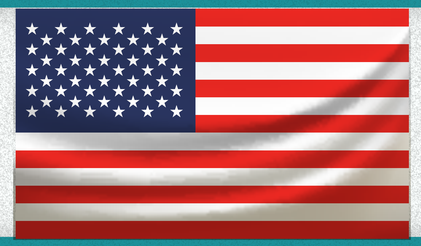
Mexico



capital: Mexico City

- flag shows national coat of arms, based on the Aztec symbol for Tenochtitlan (now Mexico City)
- eagle sitting on a cactus eating a serpent
- red, white & green: colours of the national Mexican army

United States of America



capital: Washington DC

- flag shows fifty white stars representing the fifty states of America
- thirteen alternating red and white stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from Great Britain and became the first states