

The Americas Knowledge Organiser



Key facts	
-The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.	
-North America contains 23 different countries.	
-The Americas cover a large area of the globe and they extend over several lines of latitude and longitude.	
-The climate in different countries and regions vary significantly.	

Key vocabulary	
Continent	A large landmass made up of many countries.
Climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
Biome	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things. Examples include: tundra, forests and deserts.
Equator	An imaginary line around the globe, dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
Latitude	Imaginary parallel lines that circle the globe from east to west.
Longitude	Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.
Hemisphere	The northern and southern halves of the earth divided by the equator.

Climate





The climate of The Americas varies from region to region. They spread across a number of climate zones. Most of North America has a temperate climate with warm summers and cold winters. However, countries such as Canada and Alaska have a much colder climate. South America has a variety of climates ranging from dry deserts to tropical rainforests.



The United States (USA)

The USA is the second largest country in North America. It consists of 50 states including the likes of New York, California and Washington DC. The USA is much larger than the UK with a population of around 328 million people.

Human and Physical geography features

<p>The Amazon Rainforest (physical)</p> 	<p>The largest rainforest in the world which covers 9 different countries in South America.</p>
<p>Macchu Picchu (human)</p> 	<p>This Inca Empire was the largest empire in pre-colonial South America. It was a large Incan citadel, located in Peru.</p>
<p>Death Valley (physical)</p> 	<p>Located in California, North America, Death Valley is one of the hottest places in the world!</p>
<p>The Statue of Liberty (human)</p> 	<p>A sculpture on Liberty Island, located in New York, North America.</p>