

Year 3 and 4 - Geography: North America

human feature	Something that is made by people.
physical feature	Something that is not made by people and is naturally formed.
natural resources	Materials that are created by the Earth (water, coal, stone ...).
capital city	A city or town where the government are located.
government	A group of people who create rules / laws for a place.
sustainability	To look after natural resources.
trade	To buy and sell goods and services.
import	To buy from someone / somewhere.
export	To sell to someone / somewhere.
landform	A natural feature on the Earth's surface (mountain, hill, butte).
population	The amount of people that live in a place.
climate	The weather of a place.
biome	A large area that has a similar climate, vegetation and animals (rainforest, desert, tundra, grassland).



Countries of North America

Largest N. American countries

1. Canada – 9.98 million km²
2. USA – 9.83 million km²
3. Greenland (Den) – 2.16 million km²
4. Mexico – 1.96 million km²
5. Nicaragua – 130,375 km²

There are 23 countries in North America, and a further 9 states that are listed as dependencies of other nations.

Most populous N. American countries

1. USA – 328 million people
2. Mexico – 132 million people
3. Canada – 37 million people
4. Guatemala – 18 million people
5. Cuba – 11 million people

The United States



The United States is a large country made up of 50 states – including 48 on the US mainland, plus Alaska and Hawaii. It has the largest population of any country in North America, and the third largest population in the world. The USA is considered the richest and most powerful country in the world, at the forefront of world politics and economy.

Canada



Canada is the largest country by area in North America, and the second largest in the world (after Russia). As a whole, Canada is very sparsely populated – most of its population lives along the US border in the south, whilst very few people live in the central and northern areas of the country. Most of its land is dominated by forest and tundra.

Central America



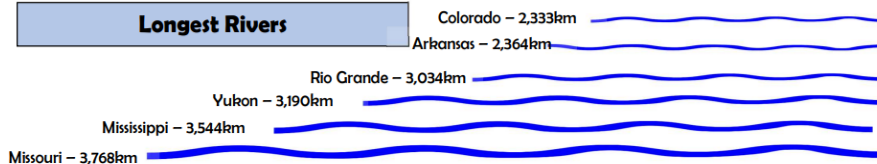
Central America is the region found on the southern tip of North America, and contains many smaller nations: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. The countries have many cultural similarities, and Spanish is the main language in the region. The area is sometimes considered as its own microcontinent.

The Caribbean Islands



The Caribbean Islands are a number of tropical islands based in the Caribbean Sea off North America. The sea is considered as a part of the Atlantic Ocean. It is bordered by Mexico and Central America. Cuba is by far the largest Caribbean Island, with an area of 105,806 km². The Caribbean Islands are sometimes referred to as the West Indies.

Longest Rivers



There are **23** countries in the continent of North America including Canada, United States of America (USA) and Mexico.

What I need to know:

- North America is the 3rd largest continent in the world.
- North America is the only continent that has every type of climate. The further north you go, the colder it becomes.
- North America has lots of different types of landscape:
 - Mountains
 - Deserts
 - Forests/rainforests
 - Coasts and beaches
- North America has many human features such as the Statue of Liberty in the USA, Panama Canal in Panama and the Temple of Kukulcan in Mexico.
- North America has many physical features such as the Grand Canyon in the USA, Arenal Volcano in Costa Rica and the Rocky Mountains in Canada.
- Erosion is the break down of rock which can be caused by wind and water. This has created multiple landforms such as buttes in deserts.
- North America has an abundance of natural resources including coal, iron and gold.