






Knowledge Organiser – Year 5 Spring 1

How does North America compare to the U.K.?

Map and Overview	Countries in North America	Vocabulary
<p>North America is the planet's 3rd largest continent. It consists of 23 countries including Caribbean and Central American countries, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, the United States of America, as well as Greenland.</p> <p>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.</p> 	<p>USA Canada Mexico Guatemala Belize Honduras El Salvador Nicaragua Costa Rica Panama Bahamas Cuba Jamaica Haiti Dominican Republic St. Kitts and Nevis Antigua and Barbuda Dominica St. Lucia Barbados St. Vincent and the Grenadines Grenada Trinidad and Tobago</p> 	<p>Climate - the different weather conditions of an area over a long period of time. Equator – an imaginary circle around the Earth. Human features – features that have been created by human actions and ideas. Latitude - a system of imaginary lines running in an east-west direction across the Earth used to describe the location of any place on Earth. Longitude - a system of imaginary lines running in a north-south direction across the Earth used to describe the location of any place on Earth. Northern hemisphere – the section of the Earth north of the Equator Physical features – features which are created naturally, e.g. mountains, rivers etc. Southern hemisphere – the section of the Earth south of the Equator.</p>
Human and Physical Features		Interesting facts
<p><u>Human features</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statue of Liberty, USA Chichen Itza, Mexico Capitol Building and The Mall, USA Empire State Building, USA Golden Gate Bridge, USA  	<p><u>Physical features</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Canyon, USA Niagara Falls, USA/Canada Redwood National Park, USA Mauna Kea, Hawaii/USA Pico de Orizaba, Mexico Pitons, St Lucia  	<p>Longest River of North America: The Missouri River (USA) is 3,767 metres (2,341 miles) long and flows through seven states of the USA. Highest Mountain: Mount Denali in Alaska (USA) is 6,190 metres (20,310 ft) high and is located in the Alaska mountain range. Biggest Lake: Lake Superior is the largest of the Great Lakes in the USA. This lake is as big as South Carolina or Austria! It is shared by Canada and the United States. Lowest Point: Death Valley National Park is 86m (282 ft) below sea level. It is also the hottest and the driest national park in the USA.</p>