

# Geography – North America

## Year 6 Knowledge Organiser



North America is made up of

**23 countries:**

1. **Antigua and Barbuda** (Caribbean)
2. **Bahamas** (Caribbean)
3. **Barbados** (Caribbean)
4. **Belize** (Central America)
5. **Canada**
6. **Costa Rica** (Central America)
7. **Cuba** (Caribbean)
8. **Dominica** (Caribbean)
9. **Dominican Republic** (Caribbean)
10. **El Salvador** (Central America)
11. **Grenada** (Caribbean)
12. **Guatemala** (Central America)
13. **Haiti** (Caribbean)
14. **Honduras** (Central America)
15. **Jamaica** (Caribbean)
16. **Mexico**
17. **Nicaragua** (Central America)
18. **Saint Kitts and Nevis** (Caribbean)
19. **Panama** (Central America)
20. **Saint Lucia** (Caribbean)
21. **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** (Caribbean)
22. **Trinidad and Tobago** (Caribbean)
23. **United States of America**

### 1. Key Vocabulary

<b>climate</b>	long term weather patterns in an area.
<b>topography</b>	the study of the shape of the surface features of an area.
<b>landscape</b>	A section of rural scenery that can be seen from a viewpoint
<b>extreme</b>	Far away from ordinary
<b>urban</b>	Relating to a city or town
<b>rural</b>	Relating to the country
<b>natural</b>	Formed by nature
<b>manmade</b>	Produced, formed or made by humans
<b>biome</b>	Climatic conditions of a region, with distinct plant and animal species
<b>population</b>	Number of people in an area
<b>settlement</b>	An area where people live



### North America Facts

- North America is the third largest continent; it covers about 16.5% of Earth's land mass .
- How many oceans border North America? North America is bordered by three oceans the Arctic Ocean (north), the Atlantic Ocean (east) and the Pacific Ocean (south and west)
- What is the geography of North America like? The continent of North America has a wide variety of geographical features including; gigantic mountain ranges, wide, flat, grassy plains, hot dry, deserts, frozen ice caps and hot tropical regions. It is often said that North America is the only continent to experience every kind of climate!
- Famous places to visit in North America; Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Chichen Itza, Teotihuacan, Rocky Mountains, Mount Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty and Yellowstone National Park .
- North America is usually split into three main sub-regions Canada (located north), the United States (located centrally) and Mexico (located south) .
- The main languages spoken in North America are English, Spanish and then the French language



## Ways to use your knowledge

### organiser at home

Knowledge Organisers have some important information that you will need for your topic. Below are some ideas for how you can use your knowledge organiser at home.

1. Look up your key vocabulary using a dictionary to find out what each of the words mean and put them into sentences.
2. **LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE, CHECK:** Read a specific part from the knowledge organiser; read out loud the information; cover the information; and write out everything you can remember! Then, check it is correct.
3. Draw everything you can remember from the knowledge organiser in picture form.
4. Mind map: write everything you know about your topic.
5. Write a quiz and answer: construct quiz questions from the information in the knowledge organiser and see if you can get a family member to take part.
6. Draw out diagrams of key terms (where possible) and label them.
7. Create an art image linked to the topic.
8. Write a short information text about your topic.