

St Luke's Knowledge Organiser

Year 5 - Let's Explore North America

What I should already know

- ◆ There are 7 Continents, one of the being North America
- ◆ North America covers many different climates.
- ◆ North America has had it fair share of natural disasters
- ◆ Sticky knowledge from topics covered in Year 1, 2, and 3 (local area, cities, UK, weather, rivers, Europe, continents, settlers, mountains global trade, volcanoes and natural disasters)



Sticky Knowledge

- ◆ There are 23 countries in North America, with Canada being the biggest.
- ◆ Mexico City is the largest city with more than 9 million people living there.
- ◆ Before the Europeans arrived, the indigenous and native Americans lived in the continent. Today, only about 2% of US Americans consider themselves as descendants from native Americans.
- ◆ The Missouri River is the longest in North America and flows through seven US states. Denali is the highest mountain in North America.
- ◆ Greenland is the not only the biggest island in North America but also in the world.
- ◆ Lake Superior, which borders Canada and the US, is the third largest lake in the world and the largest North American lake.

Geographical skills and fieldwork

- ◆ To use fieldwork to observe, measure, record, present the human and physical features in the local area. Sketch maps/plans/graph/ digital technology.
- ◆ Use 8 points of the Compass.
- ◆ To use symbols and keys including ordnance
- ◆ Use Maps, atlases, globes, digital computer mapping to locate countries and describe features.
- ◆ To use 4 figure grid references
- ◆ Understand and identify Greenwich meridian and time zones.

◆ 10 biggest North American countries...

Canada, USA, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, Cuba, Guatemala, Panama, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic

Vocabulary

Cherokee	A member of an American indigenous people formerly inhabiting much of the southern US.
American state	The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swathe of North America.
national park	An area of countryside, or occasionally sea or fresh water, protected by the state for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife.
The 'big apple'	This is the nickname associated with New York City (NYC). The nickname became common from the 1920s.
coyotes	Coyotes were a purely North American animal that lived in the West. They are small wolf-like creatures.
Statue of Liberty	The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neo-classical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbour in New York City.
Chichén Itzá	Chichén Itzá is a complex of Mayan ruins in Mexico. It is a massive step pyramid.
range	A mountain range is a group or chain of mountains that are close together.