

North America :

What is North America like?

Geography

Knowledge organiser

Teaching focus: ????????

Learning Lens: Physical and human geography

Class: Year 6

Previous Knowledge

Country studies in previous years – Brazil, Greece and UK.

The key skills we want pupils to use during this topic:

Locational knowledge – to be able to name and locate places in the USA.

Project Hook or 'Wow' memory

Physical Geography – identify, compare different areas and climates within a continent.

Human Geography – Understand reasons for population density and identify different types of human settlements.

Learning Steps

Key Knowledge(answers)

What are the geographical features of the USA?

USA is made up of 50 states and shares borders with Mexico and Canada. 5 great lakes. National Parks (Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Yellowstone) and mountain ranges – Rocky mountains, Sierra Nevada.

What and where is the Grand Canyon?

The Grand Canyon is in NW Arizona and it was formed by the erosive power of the Colorado River. It is million of years old.and carved out of the Rocky Mountains. 277 miles long and 18 miles wide.

Where do people live?
What affects crops grown in North America?

Physical and human factors affect the where people live, settle and work. Reasons for high density areas include, moderate climate which helps people live and farm in certain areas and flat grassland to build and grow crops. Flooding, subsidies, droughts affect farming and crops in North America.
Reasons for low density in an area include mountainous areas and very hot/cold climates.

What are the physical and human features in USA?

Sort key landmarks into human/physical features, locate on a map and define physical and human features independently giving example.

Can I use 8 point compass to locate places and geographical features.

Use 8 point compass directions to locate areas in New York.
Use compass points to locate geographical features such as mountain ranges, rivers lakes etc.

Key vocabulary

Geology

Study of the earth and its structure

prairie

A large grassland

Canyon

Deep, narrow valley with steep sides

Population distribution

Pattern of where people live

Population density

number of people who live in an area

Arable farming
Pastoral farming

Farming involving plants and crops
Farming involving animals

Final Written Outcome

Leaflet about North America

Powerpoint presentation

