



Geography – Autumn 1 - Knowledge Organiser

Year 4 – What comparisons can you make between North and South America?

Key Facts

- There are seven continents- North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica.
- The largest country in North America is the USA (United States of America).
- The 50 states of the USA are ruled by the President of the USA.
- The capital city of the USA is Washington DC.
- The 14 Countries of South America all have their own separate governments.
- The main language spoken in North America is English.
- The main languages in South America are Portuguese and Spanish.
- The Americas cover an enormous area of the Earth and contain many different geographical features.
- The Brazilian rainforest is the largest rainforest in the world.

Find out more

Look on www.bbcbitessize.co.uk and search for North and South America KS2

Vocabulary

Continents - A large area of land consisting of different countries or states.

State – a territory or nation with its own government.

The Equator – an imaginary line around the middle of the planet dividing it into two equal halves

Northern Hemisphere – the half of the Earth that is North of the Equator

Southern Hemisphere – the half of the Earth that is South of the Equator

Desert – a landscape that receives very little rainfall, has little or no water and very little growing there.

Rainforest – a dense, rich forest home to lots of plants and animals, usually in tropical areas with lots of rainfall.

Physical features – natural features such as mountains, lakes, rivers, canyons, deserts and lakes.

Geographical features – manmade landmarks such as The Statue of Liberty, Christ the Redeemer and The Golden Gate Bridge.

- There are 50 states in the USA. The biggest is Alaska.
- There are 14 countries in South America. The biggest is Brazil

What can you find out about the Brazilian rainforests?

What does it mean if a country is near or on the equator?

What famous people come from North or South America?

