



## Biomes of North America



## Teacher Challenge

How many 'states' of the USA can you learn? Challenge a Year 5 teacher to a 'State off' at the end of the project to see how many of the 50 states you can remember – good luck!

## Additional Home Learning ideas:



Write an acrostic poem about differences



Choose two places in North America to compare with a Venn diagram



Choose a category (sports/food etc) and write a list of all the different types found in North America



Find out about the life of a ten-year-old child in a North American country – what is different to your life?



Make a 'Fact File' about one country or state in North America



Do another task from homework project sheet

North America is the only continent to contain all the biomes!

Various indigenous tribes lived or live in North America such as the Inuit and the Mayans.

North America consists of 23 countries; not just the USA!

The Caribbean islands are part of North America.

## Did you know?

There are 50 states in the United States of America.

A native American tribe are called the 'Navajo' who are famous for their weaving.

Some of the World's most famous landmarks are in North America such as Chichén Itzá, the Grand Canyon, and the Empire State building.

If you travelled to Quebec in Canada, then ninety-five percent of people speak French!

## Vocabulary

Geographical			Science		
<b>Biomes</b>	Area of land where the climate and habitat are similar	<b>Characteristics</b>	A feature; in Geography, this can be human or naturally occurring	<b>State of matter</b>	Whether a material is a solid, liquid or gas
<b>Northern Hemisphere</b>	The Northern part of our Earth	<b>Vegetation Belt</b>	The area of land between the equator and the tropics where the climate is hot	<b>Solubility</b>	Whether a material is able to dissolve
<b>Southern Hemisphere</b>	The Southern part of our Earth	<b>Continent</b>	One of the World's main expanses of land which may consist of many countries such as North America	<b>Filtering</b>	When two materials are split between a solid and liquid
<b>Tropics</b>	The area around the equator which has a tropical environment	<b>Central America</b>	A group of countries in the lower part of North America from Mexico down to Panama	<b>Evaporating</b>	When a liquid is heated and turns into a gas
<b>Equator</b>	A line which divides the Northern and Southern Hemisphere	<b>Country</b>	A region - What a continent is divided into such as Mexico, Canada	<b>Dissolving</b>	When a solid is heated in a liquid and becomes a solution
<b>Taiga</b>	A cold coniferous forest usually in the North	<b>State</b>	A part of a country. For example, California is a state in the USA	<b>Solution</b>	The mixture between a solid and liquid e.g. salt solution
<b>Tundra</b>	Frozen land	<b>Settlement</b>	Somewhere where humans live	<b>Reversible</b>	When a process can be reversed/undone
<b>Desert</b>	An area where there is little or no water leaving it very dry	<b>Land use</b>	What the land is used for e.g. farming	<b>Irreversible</b>	When a process <i>cannot</i> be reversed/undone

## Concept - Big Questions

How might our lives have been different if we were born somewhere else?

How is each country and/or state in North America different?

## Map of North America

