



## 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
- Learn the 50 states of the USA off by heart – see the Teacher Challenge!

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 you will find that ninety-five percent of the people there speak French!

## 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



## 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 half of our Earth that lies north of the equator	<b>Vegetation Belt</b>	The area of land between the equator and the tropics where certain plant species are determined by the climate	<b>Dissolving</b>	when a solid becomes incorporated into a liquid and forms a solution
<b>Southern Hemisphere</b>	The half of our Earth that lies south of the equator	<b>Continent</b>	One of the World's main expanses of land which may consist of many countries such as North America	<b>Soluble</b>	When a substance dissolves after being mixed with a liquid
<b>Tropics</b>	The area north and south of 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>Insoluble</b>	When it is impossible for a substance to dissolve in a liquid
<b>Equator</b>	An imaginary line around the middle of Earth which divides the Northern and Southern Hemisphere	<b>Country</b>	A region - What a continent is divided into such as Mexico, Canada	<b>Thermal conductor</b>	A material which is able to transfer heat from one object to another
<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>Thermal insulator</b>	A material which does not transfer heat easily, but slows it down
<b>Tundra</b>	A vast, flat and treeless frozen land	<b>Settlement</b>	Somewhere where humans live	<b>Electrical conductors</b>	Materials which allows electricity to pass through them
<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>Electrical insulators</b>	Materials which do not allow electricity to pass through them

## Flags

