



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		
Biomes	Area of land where the climate and habitat are similar	Characteristics	A feature; in Geography, this can be human or naturally occurring	States of matter	Whether a material is a solid, liquid or gas
Northern Hemisphere	The half of our Earth that lies north of the equator	Vegetation Belt	The area of land between the equator and the tropics where certain plant species are determined by the climate	Dissolving	when a solid becomes incorporated into a liquid and forms a solution
Southern Hemisphere	The half of our Earth that lies south of the equator	Continent	One of the World's main expanses of land which may consist of many countries such as North America	Soluble	When a substance dissolves after being mixed with a liquid
Tropics	The area north and south of the equator which has a tropical environment	Central America	A group of countries in the lower part of North America from Mexico down to Panama	Insoluble	When it is impossible for a substance to dissolve in a liquid
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of Earth which divides the Northern and Southern Hemisphere	Country	A region - What a continent is divided into such as Mexico, Canada	Thermal conductor	A material which is able to transfer heat from one object to another
Taiga	A cold coniferous forest usually in the North	State	A part of a country. For example, California is a state in the USA	Thermal insulator	A material which does not transfer heat easily, but slows it down
Tundra	A vast, flat and treeless frozen land	Human Feature	Something that has been built by humans and would not have existed in nature without humans e.g bridges, railways, roads and houses	Electrical conductors	Materials which allow electricity to pass through them
Desert	An area where there is little or no water leaving it very dry	Physical Feature	Physical features - like seas, mountains and rivers - are natural. Humans have not created them	Electrical insulators	Materials which do not allow electricity to pass through them

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