


Geography - North America - Year 5 - Autumn 2

Vocabulary		Map of North America	Key Knowledge:
Time Zones	a geographic region within which the same standard time is used		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 23 countries in North America. • There are 6 main different time zones in the USA.(Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern, Alaskan and Hawaiian) • Tropical rainforests have more species than any other biome; it is hot and humid. • Temperate forests have 4 distinct seasons (spring, summer, autumn and winter); no extreme temperature. • Boreal forests are the world's largest land biome; the driest and coldest of the 3 forest biomes. • Tundra is treeless and the ground is frozen all year round; it has two seasons of a long winter (8 months) and a short summer. • Deserts have barely any rain. • Grasslands are large open areas of grass; they have high seasonal temperatures and little rainfall. • Physical factors for population density are: relief, climate, vegetation, accessibility and resources • Human factors for population distribution are: economic, social and political. • Compared to the UK, approximately, the USA have 5 times the population, Mexico 2 times the population and Canada have half the population. • Locate the Rockies, The Grand Canyon and Quintana Roo on a map of North America
Greenwich Meridian	An imaginary line which splits the world into eastern and western hemispheres. Named after an area in London.		
Biomes	a large region of earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things		
Climate	the typical weather conditions of an area		
Relief	Changes in the height of the land		
Accessibility	How easy it is to reach a place		
Resources	Things that people use		
Population distribution	How spread out the people are in an area		
Economic	Money and jobs		
Social	People and family		
Political	Rules and laws		
		<p>Countries of North America</p> <p>Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America</p>	