



How do the Americas compare with each other, and the UK?

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Where – Geographical context



Political Map of North and South America



Map of biome types in the Americas



Satellite image showing topography of the Americas



A map showing the impact of deforestation on the Amazon Rainforest

Key Vocabulary

North America	A large continent where the countries of Canada, The USA and Mexico are located
Central America	A region of the continent of North America, which included the countries located on the mainland between the USA and Colombia
The Caribbean	A collection of island nation, belonging to the continent of North America, such as Cuba, Jamaica and the Bahamas located in the Gulf of Mexico
South America	A continent situated to the south of central America that has 12 countries, plus two regions that belong to European countries
Subduction zone	An area where one tectonic plate is being forced under another, creating mountain ranges
altitude	The height of a location, often in relation to sea level
plateau	A flat area of land found at high altitude
urbanisation	the increase in the number of people living in cities



The Amazon River is the longest river in South America and by some definitions, the world. It has a huge volume, discharging 20% of all river water into the ocean.

The Mississippi river is the second - longest on the continent with it's basin including 32 states in the USA. North Americans have lived along the Mississippi River for thousands of years.



Death Valley, located in Eastern California is one of the hottest places on Earth. It covers an area of 7800km and in 1913, the heat reached 56.7°C, the hottest ever recorded.

The Andes are the tallest mountains in South America. The range is around 7000km in length, extending from north to south



Learning Links



Year 5 - We have an understanding of the impact that different physical features have upon the inhabitants



Year 2 and 5

We can use a variety of different maps and images to understand locations, human and physical features



Year 1

Explorers have taken a keen interest in the Americas and it's produce throughout history