

Important facts

- North America is a continent (3rd largest) in the northern hemisphere.
- It is surrounded by the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific oceans as well as by South America and Caribbean seas.
- Many countries and regions make up North America including: Canada, United States, Mexico, Cuba and Belize.

Human features of the UK and North America

- Villages, towns and cities have houses, shops, offices, factories and farms.
- Harbours and ports can be found by the sea.
- Bridges such as Tower Bridge and The Golden Gate Bridge



Key Vocabulary

climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of a place.
colonisation	A group or community settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area.
coastal	An area close to the sea.
compass points	Any of the main points of a compass e.g. north, south-east, etc.
equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
population	The number of inhabitants of a particular place
temperate	A place which is never extremely hot or extremely cold.
tourist	A person who is visiting a place for pleasure or interest, especially when they are on holiday.
tropics	Part of the world that lie between two lines of latitude. The tropics have a humid climate, where the weather is hot and damp.
vegetation	Plants, trees or flowers.
Northern hemisphere	The top half of Earth that is north of the Equator.

Physical Geography Features



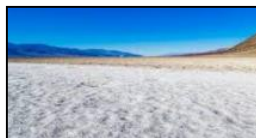
The Mississippi River



The Great Lakes



Animals



Death Valley



Hawaiian Islands

Human Geography Features

Population densities



The population density for North America is about 20 people per km². However, due to big cities in some areas (e.g. New York City) and extreme weather in others people are not spread evenly.

Manhattan, New York City



Manhattan is the business and entertainment centre of New York City, the largest city in the US. Manhattan is mostly on an island, with many high rise buildings.

Colonisation/ Languages



Throughout the 16th-17th centuries, European settlers colonised different parts of North America. Many native North Americans became displaced by the colonisers.

Most populous N. American countries

1. USA – 328 million people
2. Mexico – 132 million people
3. Canada – 37 million people
4. Guatemala– 18 million people
5. Cuba – 11 million people