



Y3 Thinking like a geographer

North America

Imagine if ... we could explore North America.

Key Knowledge:

The largest country in North America is Canada, but the United States of America has the largest population.

North America has many amazing physical features, including Niagara Falls on the border of Canada and the USA.

The Rocky Mountains, often called the Rockies, are a vast mountain range that stretches across North America. This means that they can be found in countries like the United States and Canada.

Mount St Helens is a famous volcano in America that had a big eruption in 1980. The eruption meant families had to leave their homes and many plants and animals lost their homes too.



Latitude The distance a place is from the Equator.

Longitude Geographical coordinates that are used to determine the east and west points on

Climate Long-term weather patterns

Human features Features of a place that are a result of human activity, such as shops, farms, homes and roads

landscape what you can see when you look across an area of land

Physical features Natural features of a place, such as mountains, rivers and seas

state An area of land with its own government. There are 50 states in the USA

Equator An invisible line around the world

Learning Questions

Where North America and what is its landscape like?

Which countries are in the continent of North America?

What are the names of the states within the USA?

What is the physical geography of the Rockies?

Can I describe the physical geography of Mount St Helens and the impact this has on the surrounding area?

Can I compare the landscapes of the different US states?

Can I compare New York State, New York City and Newbury, West Berkshire?