

# North America – Y6 Knowledge Mat

## Subject Specific Vocabulary

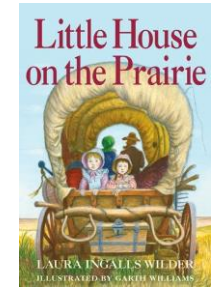
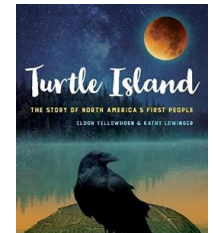
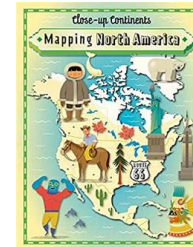
<b>American state</b>	A state is a self-governing entity that has control over a geographic area (territory). The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swathe of North America.
<b>Central America</b>	A narrow strip of land that lies at the southern end of North America. It connects that continent with South America.
<b>Tropic of Cancer</b>	The most northerly circle of latitude on Earth at which the Sun can be directly overhead.
<b>Arctic Circle</b>	A parallel latitude that runs north of the equator. The North Pole is in the centre of the Arctic Circle.
<b>Panama Canal</b>	A waterway that connects the Atlantic and Pacific ocean.
<b>Rocky Mountains</b>	A large mountain range in the US and Canada.
<b>Mojave Desert</b>	A dry region of the southwestern United States that lies mostly in California.
<b>Great Plains</b>	A broad expanse of flatland in North America that is located west of the Mississippi River and east of the Rocky Mountains.
<b>Grand Canyon</b>	A canyon is a narrow, deep valley cut by a river through rock. The Grand Canyon is a famous canyon in Arizona, formed by the Colorado River
<b>arid land</b>	Arid land is so dry that very few plants can grow on it.
<b>the Everglades</b>	A natural region of tropical wetlands in Florida.
<b>mangrove</b>	A tree with roots which are above the ground and that grows along coasts or on the banks of large rivers in hot countries.



## Sticky Knowledge

- There are 23 countries in **North America**, with **Canada** being the biggest.
- **Mexico City** is the largest city with more than 9 million people living there.
- Before the Europeans arrived, the indigenous and native Americans lived in the continent. Today, only about 2% of US Americans consider themselves as descendants from native Americans.
- North America has a **continental climate**. This means the climate is generally dry, with cold winters and hot summers.
- **Greenland** is the not only the biggest island in North America but also in the world.
- The **Missouri River** is the longest in North America and flows through seven US states. **Denali** is the highest mountain in North America.
- The **Rockies** are a region of Canada that form the border between the provinces (territories) of British Columbia and Alberta.
- Much of the Rocky Mountains of Canada lie within various national and provincial parks. The Canadian Rockies continue southward, as the **American Rockies**.

## Exciting Books



## 10 largest North American countries:

- **Canada**
- **USA**
- **Mexico**
- **Nicaragua**
- **Honduras**
- **Cuba**
- **Guatemala**
- **Panama**
- **Costa Rica**
- **Dominican Republic**