

North America – Y6 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

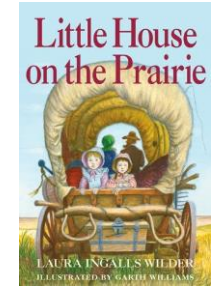
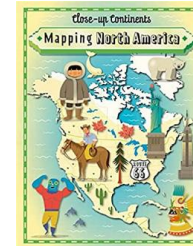
American state	A state is a self-governing entity that has control over a geographic area (territory). The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swathe of North America.
Central America	A narrow strip of land that lies at the southern end of North America. It connects that continent with South America.
Tropic of Cancer	The most northerly circle of latitude on Earth at which the Sun can be directly overhead.
Arctic Circle	A parallel latitude that runs north of the equator. The North Pole is in the centre of the Arctic Circle.
Panama Canal	A waterway that connects the Atlantic and Pacific ocean.
Rocky Mountains	A large mountain range in the US and Canada.
Mojave Desert	A dry region of the southwestern United States that lies mostly in California.
Great Plains	A broad expanse of flatland in North America that is located west of the Mississippi River and east of the Rocky Mountains.
Grand Canyon	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
arid land	Arid land is so dry that very few plants can grow on it.
the Everglades	A natural region of tropical wetlands in Florida.
mangrove	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**.

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