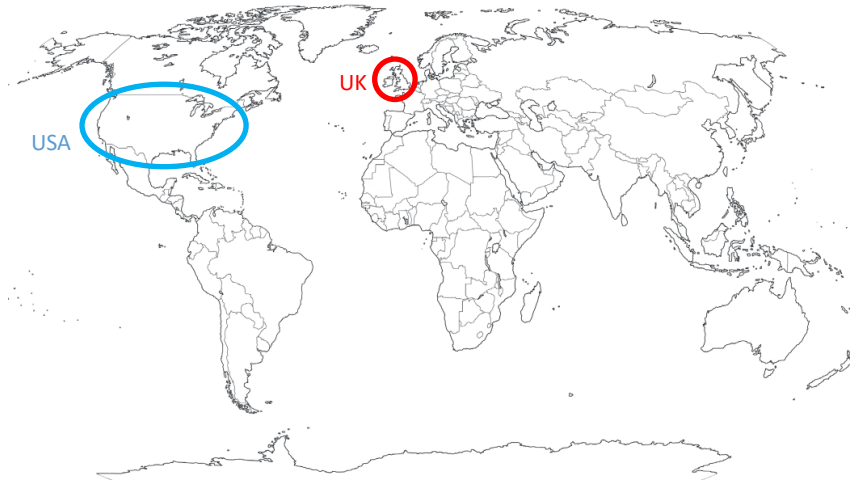


What should I already know?

- The names of the seven continents and five oceans.
- The main climate zones around the world, including rainforests.
- The climate of places is affected by their location (e.g. the equator, Tropics).
- Climate change, pollution and deforestation are impacting upon the Earth.
- How to plot key features on a map and how to interpret some maps.

Essential Knowledge



North America is a continent in the Northern Hemisphere and is the third largest continent by area. It has a wide range of climate zones due to its location and area, including tropical, temperate, arid and polar.



California—The Golden State

Has the largest state population in the United States.

Physical features	Human features
Mount Whitney	Hollywood
Sierra Nevada	Golden Gate Bridge
Death Valley	Disneyland
Lake Tahoe	

Vocabulary

North America	The northern continent of the Western Hemisphere, extending from Central America to the Arctic Ocean.
Climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of a place.
Compass Points	The four points on a compass are North, South, East and West.
Climate zone	Sections of the Earth that are divided according to the climate. There are three main climate zones; polar, temperate and tropical.
Country	A state or nation e.g England
State	An area of a country with its own government. The United States of America has 50 states.
Tourist	A person who is travelling or visiting a place for pleasure.
Trade	The act of buying and selling goods or services
Human features	Something that is built by humans and would not have existed in nature.
Physical features	Physical features are natural things like seas, mountains and rivers.

Geographical Enquiry and Skills

- Locate places using an atlas.
- Identify and compare the shape of countries.
- List the physical characteristics of countries within North America.
- Compare the physical and human features of a region of the UK and a region in North America.