

Knowledge organiser – North America

What will we be learning?

- How to locate North America on a map.
- Identifying the countries of North America.
- Comparing the landscapes of US states.
- Exploring the Rocky Mountains range.
- The effects of the Mt St Helen's eruption.
- Comparing New York with where we live.

Key facts

Some of the countries in North American:

Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Greenland, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, United States of America.

Key knowledge

North America is north of the **Equator**. In the south of the continent, countries have a tropical climate (hot and wet). A little further up, places have an **arid climate** (hot and dry). In the middle of North America, the climate is **temperate** (with no extreme weather). The north of North America has a **polar climate** (very dry, with low temperatures).

North America has many amazing physical features, including Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, the Rocky Mountains and Mount St Helen's.

Place names	Geographical terms and processes	Locational terms
Central America North America Washington New York City Canada Mexico Spirit Lake	City State Country Continent landscape location	Equator Climate latitude longitude North East South West



Mount St Helens pictured before the eruption

The Rocky Mountains are 76 million years old and their highest peak is **Mount Elbert in Colorado** which is 4401 metres (14,440 feet) high.



Glossary



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