



The states with the highest immigrant populations are California, New York, Texas and Florida.

## Glossary

**Arid climate** - very hot and dry areas. You'll often find deserts here.

**Climate** - the general weather of an area, measured over a long period of time.

**Continent** - a massive area of land that includes many countries.

**Continental climate** - areas that are a very long way from the sea, with long, cold winters and short, hot summers.

**Colonies/Colony** - a country/area that is under the full or partial control of another country, and is occupied by settlers.

**Gulf** - deep inlet of sea surrounded by land.

**Humid** - high level of water vapour/moisture in the air.

**Mediterranean climate** - hot dry summers, and cooler wetter winters.

**Polar climate** - long periods of extreme cold.

**Temperate climate** - mild summers and the winters that aren't too cold.

**Tropical climate** - hot and humid. You often find the world's rainforests here.

**Tornados** - violent rotating winds that have the appearance of a funnel-shaped cloud.



The **5 Great Lakes** of North America are interconnected. They are the largest freshwater system in the world.



**Tornados** are caused when dry, cold air from the mountains collide with **humid**, warm air coming from The Gulf of Mexico.

Tornado Alley is an area in the US where many tornados occur. The tornado season usually runs between March and June.



Dry, cold air travels south from the mountains. Humid, warm air travels North from The Gulf of Mexico.

## Year Six North America

North America is a **continent** that contains 23 countries. The largest countries are Canada, Mexico and The United States of America.



The USA has **50 states** but when it first became independent from British rule in 1776, there were originally **13 colonies**.



Native Americans are the indigenous peoples of the United States. European settlers colonised parts of America, bringing new diseases and displacing the indigenous people.

The physical features and climate of each colony were different. This meant that some areas were more suited to farming, and others to fishing.

New England Colonies	Good for fishing and fur trading
Middle Colonies	Good for growing crops and farming
Southern Colonies	Good for selling crops (rice and cotton)



The Appalachian and Rocky mountain ranges cause air to be dry and cold.

