



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.



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

The Mississippi River is the second longest river in the world. It is 2350 miles in length and runs through 10 states.

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.

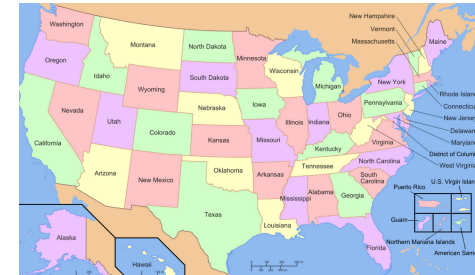
The
5 Great Lakes
of North America
are interconnected.
They are the
largest freshwater
system in the
world.



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

There are **6 main climate zones**: tropical, arid, Mediterranean, temperate, continental and polar.

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)



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



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

