

The Americas

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ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

City	A large town
State	A territory with its own government, within a larger country
Country	A nation/land with its own government.
Continent	A large area of land, separated from other land by natural features.
Rockies	The largest mountain system in North America.
Great Plains/Prairies	A large area of flatland in North America.
Great Lakes	Five large lakes in eastern North America.
Canadian Shield	The exposed portion of the Continental Crust underlying most of North America.
Coastal Strip	A strip of land extending along the coast.
Routeways	A track, road or waterway for example, used as a route to somewhere.
Climate	The long-term pattern of weather in particular area.
Region	An area of land that has common features.
Windspeed	How fast the air is moving past a certain point.

Continents, North American States and Cities

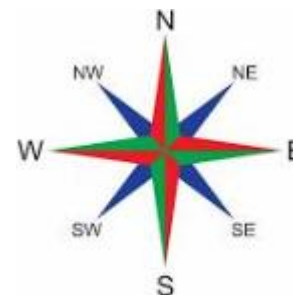
North America is one of the 7 continents. It has 50 states in total. Each states has cities and also smaller towns. Some states are: Illinois and New York State
Some cities are: Chicago and New York.



South America

South America is one of the 7 continents. It is divided into 12 independent states or countries, Including : Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Brazil, Peru and Paraguay.

Eight Points of the Compass



Regional Landscapes and Climate

North and South America extend from near the North Pole, across the Tropic of Cancer, Equator and Tropic of Capricorn, and almost to Antarctica and the South Pole, so the weather and climate is very varied. The landscapes are therefore varied including tropical, mountainous, dense wilderness and deserts.

Route 66

It was established on November 11th 1926, as one of the original highways in the US Highway System. It became one of the most famous roads in the United States. Road signs were put up in 1927. It originally ran from Chicago to Santa Monica stretching 2,448 miles.

MAKING LINKS TO PREVIOUS LEARNING GOLDEN VOCABULARY

Environment	Different animals live in a range of environments. There can be different climates in different environments.
Climate maps	A climate map shows information about the climate in region .
Weather Maps	A weather map shows rainfall, temperature and windspeed in a specific region.

Characteristics of Cities

Most large cities have similar characteristics. These include skyscrapers, public buildings, religious buildings, routeways, city networks, road lay-out patterns and surrounding landscapes.