

# Whingate Primary School - Geography



### North America



## YFAR 6

#### What should I already know?

- Continents of the world.
- Oceans and seas
- What an atlas is

#### Map





### What will I know by the end of this unit?

- I can locate place in North America (countries and capitals; states and capitals)
- I can explain the different between natural and man-made landmarks
- I can label an 8-point compass.
- I can use an 8-point compass.
- I can use an atlas effectively.
- I can use geographical vocabulary.

## Vocabulary

Biomes: Area of land where the climate and habitat are similar Characteristics: A feature in geography: this can be naturally occurring or man-made.

Continent: One of the World's main expanses of land which may consist of many countries.

Country: A region - A continent is divided into these (e.g. Mexico) Desert: An area where there is little

or no water leaving it very dry. Equator: A line which divides the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

Lines of Latitude: Lines which divides the earth into zones (Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Arctic Circle, Antarctic Circle).

Northern Hemisphere: The Northern

part of our Earth.

**Settlement:** Somewhere where humans live.

Southern Hemisphere: The Southern part of our Earth.

State: A part of a country. For example, California is a state in the USA.

Taiga: A cold coniferous forest

usually in the North.

Tropics: The area around the Equator which has a tropical environment.

Tundra: Frozen land.

### Significant Places and Objects











#### Learning Journey Assessment

- Locate places in North America (countries and capitals, states and capitals)
- Locate natural landmarks
- Locate man-made landmarks
- Understand the difference between natural and man-made
- Describe and locate different biomes.
- Label an 8-point compass.
- Use an 8-point compass to follow directions and find locations.
- Use an atlas / map (book and website)

North America is the only continent to contain all the biomes!

The Caribbean

islands are

part of North

America.

A native American tribe are called the 'Navajo' who are famous for their weaving.

Various indigenous tribes lived or live in North America such as the Inuit and the Mayans.

> Did you know?

Some of the World's most famous landmarks are in North America such as Chichén Itzá, the Grand Canyon, and the Empire State building.

North America consists of 23 countries; not just the USA!

There are 50 states in the United States of America

If you travelled to Ouecbec in Canada, then ninety-five percent of people speak French!

#### TEACHER CHALLENGE

How many states of the USA can you learn? Challenge a teacher to a 'State Off' to see how many vou can remember. Good luck!