

Theale Primary School



Geography: Spring Term 2023

Year: Year 4/5

Topic: North American study

Key Vocabulary

Population	The measurement of the total number of people in an area – total population ÷ total land area in km ² .
Plateau	A large region that is higher than the surrounding area and is relatively flat.
Erosion	The act in which earth is worn away, often by water, wind or ice.
Flood plain	An area of low-lying ground next to a river which is likely to flood.
Arable farming	Farming that involves plants or crops
Pastoral farming	A volcano that has had at least one eruption during the past 10,000 years.
Drought	A long period where there is little or no rain.
population distribution	The pattern of where people live- sparsely populated places contain few people; densely populated places contain many people.
Canyon	A deep narrow valley with steep sides.

Key information:

- Population- 376 million – third largest continent in the world in population.
- North America is the third largest continent in the world by land area.
- The capital city is Washington D.C.
- The largest North American countries: USA, Mexico, Canada, Cuba, Guatemala.
- Largest lakes: Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.
- The four mountain ranges are: Appalachian Mountains, Cascade Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada
- The major rivers are: Missouri River, Mississippi River, Yukon River, Rio

be found across North America?

- What human features can be found in California?
- What physical features can be found in California? Where is Sierra Nevada located?
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A map of North America

Washington DC:

