



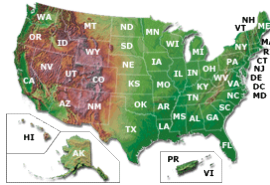
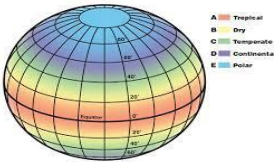
What is out there and how can we protect it?



North America

Sticky Knowledge
- North America is the third largest continent in the world. It is located in the Northern Hemisphere. - The north of the continent is within the Arctic Circle and the Tropic of Cancer passes through the south of North America. - It is very cold in the north, near the Arctic Circle and it is very warm in the South, close to the Equator - There are 23 countries in North America, the USA being one of them - There are 50 states with The United States of America - Canada is the largest country in North America - North America has some of the most highly populated cities in the world, which includes Mexico City and New York City. - Route 66 travels through eight states. - North America observes 11 time zones. - North America can be divided in five physical regions, including The Rockies and the Great Plains

Physical and Human Features	
Rocky Mountains The Rocky Mountains are a massive mountain range of western North America. They are called the Rockies for short. The Rockies include some of North America’s highest peaks. The Rockies are more than 3,000 miles. In some places they are 300 miles wide. Rocky Mountain forests include aspen, white pine, Douglas fir, western hemlock, and western red cedar trees. The animals of the Rockies include bighorn sheep, mountain goats, mountain lions and Bald eagles.	The Great Plains The Great Plains is a broad expanse of flat land, much of it covered in prairie, steppe, and grassland, located in the interior of North America. It lies west of the Mississippi River tallgrass prairie in the United States and east of the Rocky Mountains in the U.S. and Canada.
New York City New York City is the largest city in the United States. It is one of the world’s great centres of culture and business. Its fast pace and constant activity earned it the nickname “the city that never sleeps. New York City is located in the state of New York. It lies where the Hudson and East rivers join New York Bay. The city is made up of five districts called boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island.	Mexico City Mexico City is the capital of the country of Mexico. It is one of the oldest cities in North America. It is also one of the world’s largest cities. Mexico City is the centre of Mexico’s economy and a major centre of culture and education. Mountains surround Mexico City, which sits on the bottom of an ancient dried-up lake. The city lies about 2,240 meters above sea level

Subject Specific Vocabulary		
States		In the United States, a state is a political entity. There are currently 50 of them, and they are bound together in a federation. Each has a government and can make laws over a particular area that the state covers. People can move between states without asking or saying so, unless a court has said they can't.
Savannah		Savannahs are flat grasslands with scattered trees and shrubs. They're usually found near to the equator (the halfway point between the north and south parts of the Earth). This part of the world gets more direct sunlight than anywhere else, so the temperature is warm, all year round.
Mountain Range		A mountain range is a series of mountains that are connected together generally to form a long line of mountains. Large mountain ranges may be made up of smaller mountain ranges called subranges.
National Park		A national park is an area set aside by a country’s government. Many national parks are created to preserve the natural environment. Most of the landscapes, plants, and animals in a national park are kept in their natural state.
Desert		Deserts are the driest places on Earth—they get fewer than 10 inches (25 centimeters) of rain a year. Some deserts may get a lot of rain all at once. Then it might not rain again for months. There are four major North American deserts.
Route 66		U.S. Route 66 was a highway in the U.S. Highway System. The famous highway originally ran from Chicago, Illinois, through the U.S. states of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California, before ending at Los Angeles, running a total of 2,448 miles.
Environmental regions		An environmental region is a geographical area defined by its natural surroundings as well as its climate zone.
Glaciers		Glaciers are huge masses of ice that “flow” like very slow rivers. They form over hundreds of years where fallen snow compresses and turns into ice
Topography		Detailed description of the surface features of a region.