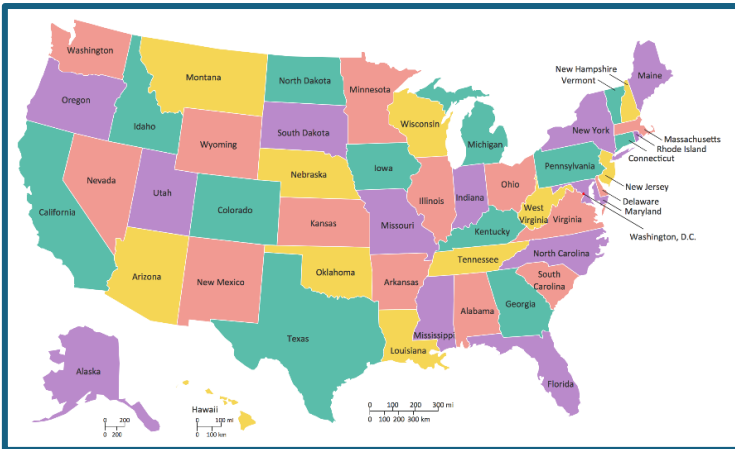




Geography of North America



Physical Features

4. The main physical regions are mountains, plains, rivers, lakes, deserts and coastlines.
5. Two major mountain ranges are the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian Mountains.
6. The Mississippi, Missouri and Colorado rivers are major rivers that shape the landscape.
7. North America has a range of biomes including tundra, desert, temperate forest and tropical rainforest.
8. Physical features influence human settlement and land use.

Key Countries and Cities

1. North America is in the Northern and Western Hemispheres.
2. The continent includes countries such as Canada, USA, Mexico and smaller nations of Central America and the Caribbean.
3. Major cities include Washington D.C, New York, Mexico and Toronto.



Climate

9. North America has a varied climate: polar (North Canada), temperate (USA), arid (Southwest USA) and tropical (Southern Mexico / Caribbean).
10. The climate affects vegetation, agriculture and human settlement.
11. North America experiences extreme weather including tornadoes.

Population Distribution

12. Most people live in cities or along the coast.
13. Some large urban areas include – New York, Los Angeles, Toronto and Mexico
14. Populations are concentrated in certain areas due to water availability, transport and climate.
15. Fewer people live in rural areas.
16. In rural areas houses are spread out and agriculture plays a major part in the economy
17. Urban areas are more common and centre around industry, finance and businesses
18. The population of North America is around 621 million

Physical vs Human Features

19. North America produces lots of natural resources such as coal, oil, natural gas and minerals such as iron, copper and nickel.
20. Human features include extensive transportation networks such as railways and roads.