

Knowledge Organiser - Geography - Year 5 - Spring 2

North America



STICKY KNOWLEDGE

North America is a continent in the northern hemisphere made up of 23 countries.

There are 50 states in the United States of America.

The Rockies are the longest mountain range in North America at 4,800km long.

Mount St Helens is the most active volcano in North America, erupting in 1980, 2004 and 2008.

The 50 US states feature many different climates including tropical in Florida, desert in the southwest and polar in Alaska.

New York City is in the north east of the USA. New York has landmarks such as the Empire State Building and the State of Liberty.

Commonly known as the Rockies, the Rocky Mountains are located on the western side of North America. The mountain system stretches from British Columbia in Canada, down to New Mexico in the United States. They pass through the Canadian state of Alberta as well as the US states of Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. The Rockies are sometimes referred to as the backbone of North America. They measure around 3000 miles (4800km) in length.



Mount St Helens fact file

Facts

Location

Washington State, USA

Height

2,549 metres (8363 feet)

By comparison, Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the UK, is 1,344 metres (4,400 feet) tall and Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, is 5,895 metres (19,341 feet) tall.

Recent eruptions

2004-2008

Did You Know...?

- Wood Buffalo National Park, located in Canada, is roughly the size of Switzerland.
- The largest city in North America is Mexico City. It is home to over 12 million people.
- North America does not have any landlocked countries.

