

## Vocabulary

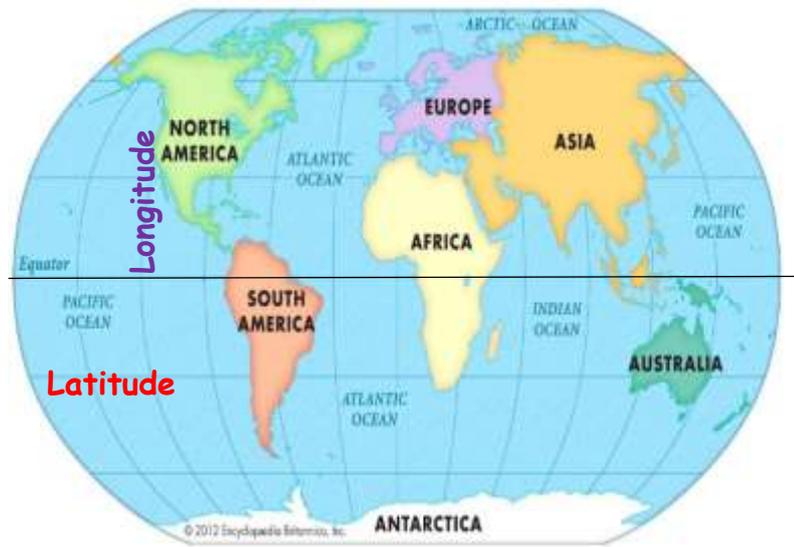
<b>Grid reference</b>	Location on a map using grid lines
<b>Ordnance Survey Map</b>	A detailed map produced by the British mapping agency
<b>Symbols</b>	Used to represent things on a map
<b>Legend</b>	Explains or lists the meaning of the symbols on a map
<b>Hemisphere</b>	Half of the Earth. Northern and southern hemispheres are separated by the Equator
<b>Equator</b>	An invisible line that separates the Earth into two hemispheres
<b>Tropics</b>	The region between the tropic of Capricorn and tropic of Cancer
<b>Longitude</b>	A measurement used to give a distance east or west on the globe
<b>Latitude</b>	A measurement used to give a distance north or south on the globe
<b>Vegetation</b>	Plants found in a particular area
<b>Climate</b>	The usual weather conditions of a place over time
<b>Borders</b>	An edge or boundary
<b>Continent</b>	One of Earth's seven divisions of land
<b>Services</b>	Systems provided to suit a need such as transport
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Large scale production of things
<b>Trade</b>	The buying and selling of goods
<b>Natural resources</b>	Materials naturally produced in an area
<b>Country</b>	A body of land such as England
<b>Region</b>	An area or location
<b>State</b>	An area or territory which has its own political control
<b>Landmark</b>	A building or feature that is easily recognised
<b>Land use</b>	The management and use of different areas of land
<b>Economy</b>	The production and use of goods, trade, services and money
<b>Cartographer</b>	Someone who produces maps
<b>Rural</b>	Somewhere far from a town or city
<b>Urban</b>	Relating to a town or city
<b>Physical features</b>	Natural features of land
<b>Human Features</b>	Features of land impacted by humans
<b>Biome</b>	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and living things

# Locational and Place Knowledge – North America and The USA

## Key Physical Geography

- **The Mississippi River** is 5,960 kilometres long.
- **Mount St Helens** is an active volcano located in Skamania County, Washington, USA and last erupted in 2008.
- **The Grand Canyon, Arizona.** It is 446 kilometres in length and at its widest point 29 kilometres across.
- **Niagara Falls** are located on the border of Ontario, Canada and New York, USA. They are made up of 3 waterfalls, the American Falls, the Bridal Veil Falls and the Horseshoe Falls.
- **The Rocky Mountains** stretch all the way from western Canada over the border into the USA. The Rockies are 4,800 km long.

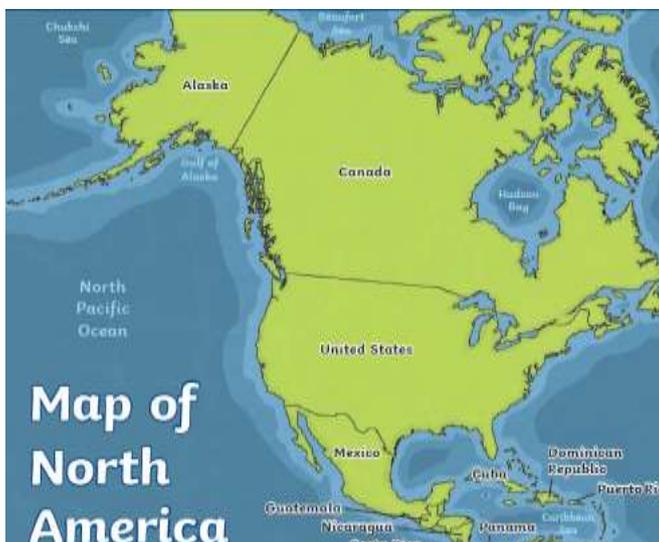
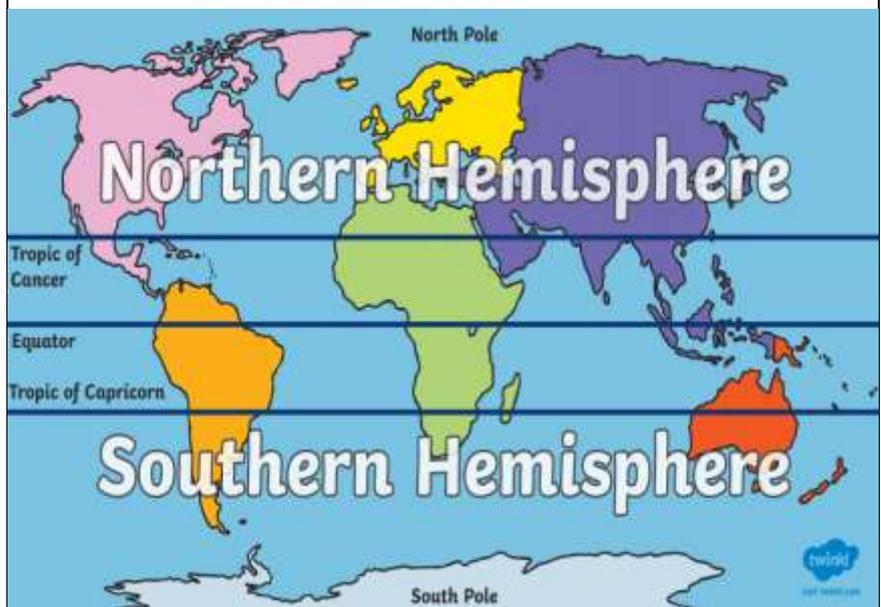
## The continents and lines of latitude and longitude



## Key Human Geography

- **The USA** is the largest country in North America by population with approximately 327 million people. (UK population nearly 67 million)
- **New York City** or 'The Big Apple', as this place is nicknamed, is one of the most famous cities in the world with skyscrapers surrounding a huge, green space in the centre - Central Park.
- **Hoover Dam** is located on the border of Nevada and Arizona in the United States, in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River. The power generated from the dam helps support Nevada, California and Arizona. Hoover Dam is also a popular tourist attraction, drawing almost a million visitors every year.
- **The White House** is the official residence and workplace of the President of the United States. President Theodore Roosevelt made the name White House official in 1901. This 55,000 square foot Presidential palace has a total of 132 rooms.

## Hemispheres and Tropics



- Within the United States of America there are 50 states each with its own capital city. There are 50 stars on the American flag, each of which represents a state.
- North America isn't just made up of the United States of America, it actually is comprised of many different countries such as Mexico and Canada. It is the third largest continent and contains a wide variety of land types and biomes such as deserts, tundra and grasslands.

## Compass Points

