

KS2 Medium-Term Plan – North America: USA



This six-week medium-term plan provides you with a framework for progression, including: learning objectives, suggested Oddizzi resources, and clear links to the National Curriculum to help you with your topic planning. More online and offline resources are available on the North America Topic Planning page.

Direct links to online content, films, quizzes and downloadable activities can be found in Teachers → Topic Planning → North America

Learning Objectives	Resources within Oddizzi	Curriculum Links
<p>Locate North America on a world map and explore the landscape. Skills link: Identify the position and significance of lines of latitude, including the Equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.</p>	<p>Online Page: North America – continent overview KS2 Activities: 1. North America 2. Introducing North America Film: Welcome to North America (see film questions next to film) Quiz: North America Word Mats: 1. Human Geography 2. Physical Geography Map Resources: 1. Using latitude and longitude (Titles included in pack: 1. Using latitude and longitude map A 2. Using latitude and longitude map B 3. Using latitude and longitude A activity 4. Using latitude and longitude map B 5. Using latitude and longitude - answer sheet) 2. Time zones around the world</p>	<p>- locate the world’s countries, using maps to focus on North America, concentrating on its environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities - identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, and time zones (including day and night)</p>
<p>Identify countries within North America and states within the USA.</p>	<p>Online Map: Interactive OddPod Map Film: Get a bird’s eye view of the USA KS2 Activity: ‘America the Beautiful’ Map Resources: 1. Locating countries in North America 2. USA States 1 3. USA States 2</p>	<p>- locate the world’s countries, using maps to focus on North America, concentrating on its environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities - use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied</p>
<p>Explore the physical geography of the Rockies.</p>	<p>Guided Reading: Tour the Rockies! Online Page: The Rockies Word Mat: Physical Geography</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle</p>
<p>Describe the physical geography of Mount St Helens and the impact it has had on the surrounding area.</p>	<p>Online Page: Mount St Helens Film: Learn about the recent eruptions of volcano Mount St Helens KS2 Activities: 1. Seven Summits 2. Famous volcanoes: Mount St Helens, USA</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle</p>
<p>Compare the landscapes of different US states. Extended writing opportunity: Write a persuasive letter explaining which state you think would be the best to live in.</p>	<p>Films: 1. Take a tour of different states of the USA 2. Fly over Louisiana and the Mississippi Quiz: North America Word Mats: 1. Human Geography 2. Physical Geography KS2 Activity: Letter</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of: - physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes, and the water cycle - human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water</p>
<p>Compare New York State, New York City and where I live.</p>	<p>Films: 1. Take a helicopter ride over New York State 2. Fly over New York City KS2 Activities: 1. Film – Welcome to New York City 2. NY: The city and the state 3. Comparing NY to where I live</p>	<p>- describe and understand key aspects of: human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water</p>