







# Year 6- Spring 1-North American Road Trip



## Fact Box

North America is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest continent. The population of North America was recorded at just over 528 million in 2008.

## Physical Features

<p>Rivers</p> 	<p>Mississippi River, Missouri River, Rio Grande, Columbia River, Colorado River, Hudson River</p>
<p>Deserts</p> 	<p>Four major deserts – Great Basin, Mohave, Chihuahuan and Sonoran</p>
<p>Mountains</p> 	<p>Appalachian Mountains, Rocky Mountains.</p>
<p>Lakes</p> 	<p>Lake Superior, Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie and Lake Huron.</p>
<p>Eco-systems</p> 	<p>North America has a variety of different biomes because of its vast size. It consists of tundra, boreal/taiga, rainforest, grassland, desert, temperate, savannah biomes.</p>
<p>The Grand Canyon</p> 	<p>An enormous carved canyon in the ground formed by the Colorado River, which began 5-6 million years ago. It runs 1800m deep and 18 miles wide and is in Arizona in western U.S.A.</p>

## Key Vocabulary

migration	the movement of people from one area to another
Hoover Dam	a concrete arch gravity dam built in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River
countries	there are 38 countries and islands in North America
Everglades	tropical wetlands in southern Florida, U.S.A.
glacier	slow moving river of ice in the Arctic Circle
Great Plains	flat grasslands through central U.S.A. between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River
Inuit	native settlers from Alaska (Eskimos)
Panama Canal	man-made waterway to allow ships to cut through Central America rather than sail around the whole of South America
tornado alley	large area of land near the Great Plains where tornados are very common
tundra	an Arctic flat plain of land without trees

## Populations

California – Latino/Mexican, New York – American Indian and Inuits, South States – Afro Caribbean. When the slaves were given freedom they left the southern states like Georgia and moved to Michigan state and worked in car industry (Mo-town).

## Major Rivers



## Deserts



## Great Lakes



## Hazardous Areas

### Volcanoes

Mount St Helens  
Washington, Pacific Northwest, US  
2,550m high

### Hurricanes

Hurricane Katrina  
New Orleans, Louisiana, US

### Earthquakes

California, Pacific Northwest, US  
Alaska, US

### Tornados

Great Plains - 10 states (Montana, North & South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico)  
Tornado Alley - Northern Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota

## The 50 States



The United States of America has the largest economy in the world and, because of its enormous size, is divided into 50 different states. Each state has their own laws. This is why there are 50 stars on the national flag.