

How does the USA compare with the UK?

Geographical Concepts

Retrieval

Rights Respecting Schools



Place



Human



Physical



Cultural Awareness



Year 4  
Year 6



Where?



Key Vocabulary

Continent	any of the world's main continuous expanses of land
Latitude	Lines of latitude run around the Earth like imaginary hoops and have numbers to show how many degrees north or south they are from the Equator
Longitude	Lines of longitude run from the top of the Earth to the bottom, and divide up the Earth a bit like the segments of an orange.
Settlements	places where people live and sometimes work

Fieldwork – last two lessons of this unit



Dibbinsdale Nature Reserve



Death Valley

What?

1. **North America** is a **continent**.  
There are **23 countries** in North America.  
The United States of America is one country – its capital is Washington DC.



2. The world is divided into invisible lines of **latitude** e.g. the Equator and **longitude** e.g. the line of Meridian  
  
Earth is divided into **time zones** by imaginary lines called **meridians**. Meridians start from the North Pole and run to the South Pole.  
  
The equator splits Earth into the northern and southern hemispheres. The Prime Meridian splits Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres.



3. North America is a large continent and contains lots of **climate zones**.  
  
It ranges from **tundra** to **tropical**.  
  
Even within the climate zones there can be big differences depending on where in the world you are.



4. The United States is located on the North American Continent, It is **bordered by** the **Pacific Ocean**, the **Atlantic Ocean**, and **Canada** to the north, and Mexico to the south.

**Human features** - things that are made or built by humans.  
  
**Physical features** - anything that is on the Earth naturally.

A **settlement** is a place, typically one which has previously been uninhabited, where people establish a community.



5. Death Valley has a **desert** climate with extremely long, hot summers, warm winters and little rainfall.  
  
**Some plant life** can be found there e.g. succulents and wild flowers  
  
**Some animals** can be found there such as roadrunners, lizards and coyotes.

