

Geography – The Americas

Knowledge Organiser

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The Americas

The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.

- North America contains 23 different countries.
- The Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of latitude and longitude.
- The characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly, including weather, land use and flora and fauna.



Key Vocabulary

biomes	A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.
climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
continent	A large landmass made up of many countries .
country	An area that is controlled by its own government.
equator	An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
flora/fauna	Plant and animal life.
latitude	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.
longitude	Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.
weather	The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.

How many countries are there in North and South America? Do you know?

The New Seven Wonders of the World



Christ the Redeemer, Brazil

Machu Picchu, Peru

Chichen Itza, Mexico

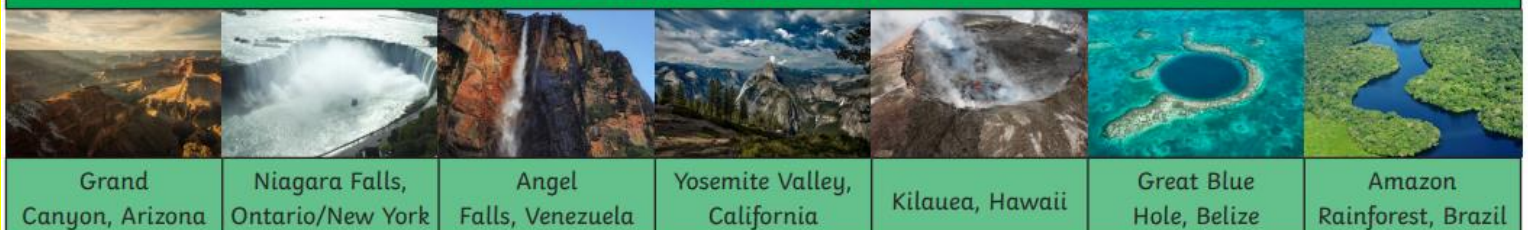
The Colosseum, Italy

Taj Mahal, India

The Great Wall of China

Petra, Jordan

Some of the Natural Wonders of the Americas



Grand Canyon, Arizona

Niagara Falls, Ontario/New York

Angel Falls, Venezuela

Yosemite Valley, California

Kilauea, Hawaii

Great Blue Hole, Belize

Amazon Rainforest, Brazil