

Year 5 – United States of America

What should I already know?

*The names of countries around the world and the continents

*That different regions within the same country can differ significantly in the physical and human geography.

*That some countries are hotter throughout the year because they are nearer the equator, while some are colder because they are further away. This is called a climate zone.

Key Facts

The United States of America (USA) is made up of 50 states.

New York, Los Angeles and Chicago are three of the largest cities by population in the United States.

Alaska is the largest state by land area.

Hawaii is the most recent of the 50 states joining in 1959.

The capital of the USA is Washington D.C.

Some of the most damaging hurricanes to hit the USA are Katrina (2005), Harvey (2017) and Sandy (2012) causing billions of dollars of damage.

There are different time zones across America, depending on the state you are in.

Vocabulary

Climate – the weather conditions prevailing in an area over a long period of time.

Hurricane – a tropical cyclone storm with violent wind, usually accompanied by heavy rain and thunder.

Hemisphere – half of the Earth.

Latitude- the distance of a place north or south of the Earth's equator

Longitude – the distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian

Tropic of Cancer – the region that is north of the equator.

Tropic of Capricorn – the region the is south of the equator.

Population distribution – the pattern of where people live.

Population density – Measurement of the number of people in an area.

