# The Marist Primary School

## **Knowledge Organiser**

#### Year 4, Autumn

North America: How is the USA similar or different to the UK?



#### Builds on and leads to...

## Enquiry/skills

- Mapwork in Year 1 and 3
  Names of countries Year 1,2 and 3.
  Continents work in Year 6 South
- America and Antarctica
  Graph work on population leading to data work in year 5
  River work in Year 4

Locate the world's countries, including North America. –

Understand the environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities within North America. -

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical and human geography between a region of the United Kingdom, South America and North America. Understand and describe physical geography including climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts

#### What will I know by the end of the unit?

#### • Locational knowledge (name and locate places in the USA, key human and physical features and characteristics of the USA)

- Place knowledge (understanding geographical similarities and differences between the UK, and the USA)
- Physical geography (describe the distribution of different environments in the USA, understand how climatic conditions are different across the country)
- · Human geography (describe and understand the different types of human settlements in the USA and how different landscapes support human activity)
- Geographical skills and fieldwork (use maps to locate states, cities, towns and key locations explored in the unit).

## Vocabulary

Climate	The general weather conditions that are typical of a place	
Human features	Areas of land which are manmade/synthetic. They are there because of human ideas and actions.	
Hemisphere	A half of the earth divided into northern and southern by the equator.	
Climate	The weather conditions in an area.	Assessment Task Use all the information gathered to do a detailed answer for the Topic Big question.
Physical features	natural features of land	
Weather	the condition of the atmosphere in one area at a particular time	
Continent	One of the main landmasses of the globe.	
Country	The territory of a nation/the land of one's birth or citizenship.	
Equator	The great circle of the earth that is equidistant from the North and South Pole	
Landscape	A section or expanse of rural scenery.	
Biome	A complex biotic community characterized by plant and animal species and maintained under the climate conditions.	
Average	An amount/standard considered as usual or ordinary.	
Great Plains	The Great Plains is a broad expanse of <u>flatland</u> in <u>North America</u> . It is located west of the <u>Mississippi River</u> and east of the <u>Rocky Mountains</u> , much of it is covered in <u>prairie</u> , <u>steppe</u> , and <u>grassland</u> .	
Settlement	A place occupied/ colonized by a group of people	
Population	The number of people living a in a certain place	
Canyons	A deep narrow valley with steep sides	

### Diagrams / Maps / Images



The Grasslands Are Growing Again In The Great Plains I Wyoming Public M



Grand Canvon National Park - WorldAtlas

