

## What's the difference between the U.S.A and the Americas?

### Skills

#### **How does North America contrast to South America?**

- Investigate places with more emphasis on the larger scale; contrasting and distant places.

#### **Why were there different tribes of native Americans?**

- Analyse evidence and draw conclusions e.g. compare historical maps of varying scales e.g. temperature of various locations - influence on people/everyday life.
- Begin to draw a variety of thematic maps based on their own data

#### **Where are the different states of the USA?**

- Use 8 compass points.
- Draw a sketch map using symbols and a key.
- Select a map for a specific purpose. (E.g. Pick atlas to find Taiwan, OS map to find local village.)
- Identify significant places and environments

### Knowledge

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## Subject Specific Vocabulary

Country	A nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory.
Continent	is a force which tries to pull two objects toward each other. Anything which has mass also has a gravitational pull. The more massive an object is, the stronger its gravitational pull is.
Climate zones	Global <b>climates</b> are often divided into <b>five types</b> : tropical, dry, temperate, cold and polar.
City	a large town.
American	A native or citizen of the United States.
Government	It refers to a group of people who run a country. In the U.S.A. these people are elected democratically.
Capital City	A city where the central government of the country are.
North America	A continent made up of 23 countries.
South America	A continent made up of 12 countries.



## Sticky Knowledge about The Americas

The Americas are made up of the continents of North America and South America.

There are 23 countries in North America, with Canada being the biggest and Grenada being the smallest.

USA (United States of America) is a country within North America, consisting of 52 states.

Although within the same country, many of these states have different time zones, climates and human and physical geography.

There are 12 countries in South America and almost 400 million people live there.

Brazil is the largest country in South America and covers almost half the continent. It is only slightly smaller than the USA.

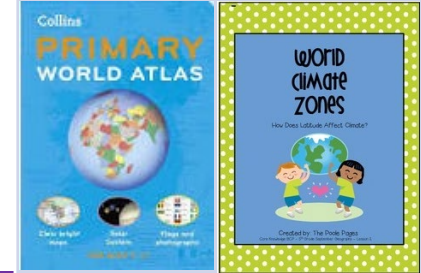
South America's largest river is the Amazon, which is the second longest river in the world. However, the Amazon carries more water than any other river in the world.

The Incas were the largest group of indigenous people in South America when the Europeans arrived.

Machu Picchu, in Peru, and Chichen Itza, in Mexico, are 2 of the 7 wonders of the world.

## Exciting books

Any world atlas or book exploring climate zones.



## Climate zones:

