

Key Geographical Features of North America

Bodies of water bordering USA: Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Bering Sea.

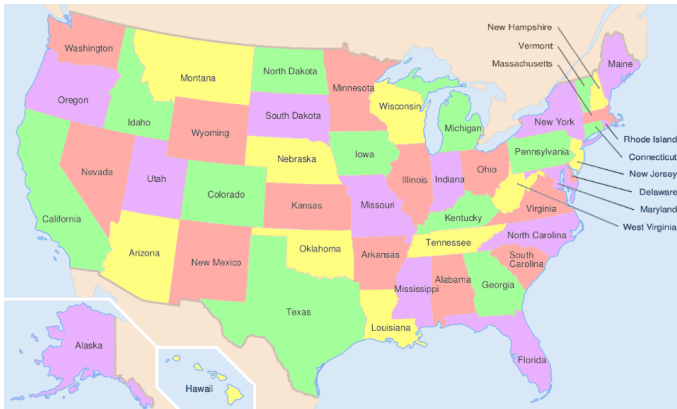
Four mountain ranges; Appalachian Mountains, Cascade Mountains, Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada.

Five Great Lakes: series of interconnected fresh water lakes in the north eastern. They form part of the border between the USA and Canada.

Great Plains: grassland region of North America between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river.

Major rivers: Missouri River - 3,767km, Mississippi River - 3,734 km, Yukon River - 3,187 km, Rio Grande - 3,034 km

Deserts: Great Basin Desert (mostly in Nevada), Mojave Desert (California/Nevada/Arizona), Sonoran Desert (California/Arizona/Mexico), Chihuahuan Desert (border of Mexico and USA)



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Vocabulary

Continent: A large landmass consisting of many countries.

Longitude: A measurement used east to west, measured in degrees.

Hemisphere: The Earth divided into northern and southern halves by the equator.

Latitudinal: A measurement used north to south, measured in degrees.

Biomes: A community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in.

Climate: The general weather conditions of a certain region.

Human features: A feature built by mankind e.g. Golden Gate Bridge

Physical features: A natural feature e.g. The Mississippi River.

Facts and figures about North America

Populations: United States – 326 million, Mexico – 129 million, Canada – 37 million, Cuba – 11 million.

Largest cities: New York (US, 9 million), Mexico City (Mexico, 9 million), Toronto (Canada, 3 million) Havana (Cuba, 2 million)

Highest mountains: Denali (Alaska, US – 6190m), Mount Logan (Yukon, Canada – 5959m), Pico de Orizaba (Puebla, Mexico – 5636m)

Largest lakes: Lake Superior (US 31,700 square miles), Lake Huron (US 23,000 square miles), Lake Michigan (US 22,300 square miles)



United States of America



Canada



Mexico



Cuba