

# Scott Primary School - Amazing Americas Knowledge Organiser

## The Americas

## Physical and human geography

## Key Vocabulary



- The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.
- North America contains 23 different countries and South America contains 12.
- 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.

### Physical Geography

- The natural features of a place or environment
- Oceans and coastlines
- Rivers and lakes
- Mountains and volcanoes.
- Flora and fauna
- Land-form

### Human Geography

- Features of a place or environment that have been shaped by people.
- Country /region boundaries
- Changes to river courses.
- Land-form
- Languages/signs
- Religion, government, art and music

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

## Physical and Human features



Christ the Redeemer, Brazil



Amazon River, Brazil



Grand Canyon, Arizona



Chechen Itza, Mexico



Niagara Falls, Ontario/New York



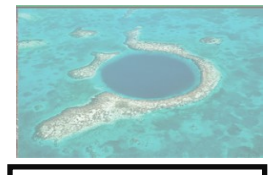
Amazon rainforest, Brazil



Machu Picchu, Peru



The Statue of Liberty, New York



Great Blue Hole, Belize



Yosemite Valley, California

## Climate groups

The Köppen System is a climate classification system. It is split into five main groups which each consist of a range of climate types

- Polar - long periods of extreme cold, tundra, ice-cap e.g. Antarctica
- Temperate - hot dry summers, and cooler wetter winters, Mediterranean e.g. United Kingdom
- Sub-tropical—It has hot, humid summers and warm, mild or cool winters. E.g. Atlanta, Brisbane, Buenos Aires, Durban, Milan, Shanghai, and Tokyo.
- Tropical - hot and humid, wet, rainforest e.g. Brazil

