

What I should already know

- I know about maps of the UK and the world
- I know about the continents and oceans of the world
- I know that the weather and climate is different in locations around the world

Key Vocabulary

capital	A town or city where the government of a country is based
indigenous	Occurring naturally or originating in a particular place
landmark	A landscape feature that is easily seen and recognised from a distance
Native American	A member of one of the groups of people who were living in America before the Europeans arrived
Physical feature	An item on a landscape that has occurred naturally
Human feature	Human features like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people
president	A person who has the highest position in a country that does not have a king or queen
state	A large part of a country that has its own government
tribe	A group of people who live together and share beliefs, customs and language



Knowledge

Welcome to the USA

The United States of America (US or USA) is a country on the continent of North America and is made up of 50 states.

The capital city of the USA is Washington DC, and each state has a capital.

New York

New York is a state in the north-eastern area of the USA and shares a border with Canada. New York state has a varied landscape that includes three mountain ranges, many rivers, plains and lakes.

The climate can experience extremes from -10°C in the winter, to warmer temperatures of 25-30°C in summer.

New York City

New York City is in the south-east of New York state and is an Island called Manhattan. It is made up of 5 boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island.

It is also called the Big Apple.

Famous landmarks: Times Square, Grand Central Station, Central Park, The Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty.

Native Americans

Native Americans are the indigenous people of the USA - this means they were the first people to settle in America

They were made up of many tribes and lived very simple lives.

The Iroquois

The Iroquois are a tribe of Native American people who lived in northern New York state for more than 4000 years. The Iroquois people originally lived near lakes and streams that provided water for drinking, fishing and a means of transportation.

What I will know by the end of this unit

I can locate the USA on a map and know which continent it is in

I will know about states in North America

I will know name 1 physical and 1 human features of the USA

I will know about 1 native American tribe and how they lived

Physical features



Grand Canyon



Old Faithful geyser



Monument Valley



Niagara Falls

Human features



Statue of Liberty



Mount Rushmore



Hoover Dam



Golden Gate Bridge