



Leamington Primary Geography Knowledge Organiser Year 4 – North America



Where should we stop on Route 66?

What I should already know	What I will learn	Important words to help me. (vocabulary)	Skills and Fieldwork																														
<p>That North America is one of the seven continents in the world.</p> <p>Where North America is on the world map.</p> <p>How to use a 4 point compass</p> <p>The weather conditions/ patterns around the UK and parts of the world.</p> <p>Interesting Facts</p> <p>North America is the only continent that has every type of climate.</p> <p>It is believed to have been named after an Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci.</p> <p>Route 66 was one of the original highways in North America and crosses 8 states and 3 time zones.</p>	<p>North America is the third largest of the seven continents.</p> <p>North America consists of 23 countries including Canada, United States of America and Mexico.</p> <p>There are different climate zones and time zones in North America.</p> <p>The further north you go, the colder it becomes. This means that the climate in Canada tends to be cold and relatively snowy, whereas the climate in Mexico is warmer, and it can be hot and humid. This is because it is closer to the equator.</p> <p>That I can use an eight point compass including NE, SE, NW, SW to identify where North American states are in relation to each other on a map.</p> <p>North America is such a large country, there are lots of different types of landscapes including mountains, deserts, forests, coasts, beaches and prairies. There are natural phenomena that occur in some parts of</p> <p>America that can make living in certain places really difficult such as earthquakes, tornadoes, blizzards and hurricanes.</p> <p>Route 66 was almost 2450 miles long and travelled through 8 states: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.</p>	<table><tr><td>aerial view</td><td>is an elevated view of an object from above</td></tr><tr><td>atlas</td><td>a book of maps or charts</td></tr><tr><td>desert</td><td>a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees, or plants (vegetation)</td></tr><tr><td>grassland</td><td>a large open area of country covered with grass, especially one used for grazing</td></tr><tr><td>mountain</td><td>a very high area of land with steep sides</td></tr><tr><td>phenomena</td><td>a rare or significant event</td></tr><tr><td>prairie</td><td>a large open area of grassland, especially in North America.</td></tr><tr><td>region</td><td>an area, especially part of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries</td></tr><tr><td>route</td><td>a course, way, or road for passage or travel</td></tr><tr><td>savannah</td><td>a grassy plain in tropical and subtropical regions, with few trees.</td></tr><tr><td>state</td><td>a nation or territory considered as an organised political community under one government</td></tr><tr><td>state boundaries</td><td>a line that indicates a boundary between two states</td></tr><tr><td>time zone</td><td>a geographic region within which the same standard time is used.</td></tr><tr><td>tourism</td><td>Tourism is the activities of people traveling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for leisure, business or other purposes</td></tr><tr><td>tundra</td><td>a vast, flat, treeless Arctic region of Europe, Asia, and North America in which the subsoil is permanently frozen.</td></tr></table>	aerial view	is an elevated view of an object from above	atlas	a book of maps or charts	desert	a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees, or plants (vegetation)	grassland	a large open area of country covered with grass, especially one used for grazing	mountain	a very high area of land with steep sides	phenomena	a rare or significant event	prairie	a large open area of grassland, especially in North America.	region	an area, especially part of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries	route	a course, way, or road for passage or travel	savannah	a grassy plain in tropical and subtropical regions, with few trees.	state	a nation or territory considered as an organised political community under one government	state boundaries	a line that indicates a boundary between two states	time zone	a geographic region within which the same standard time is used.	tourism	Tourism is the activities of people traveling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for leisure, business or other purposes	tundra	a vast, flat, treeless Arctic region of Europe, Asia, and North America in which the subsoil is permanently frozen.	<p>*Describe the location of the states of North America using the eight compass points.</p> <p>*Plot Route 66 on a map of North America.</p> <p>*Explore a map showing the states you pass through on Route 66. Discuss which state you think has the most people living in it? Which has the least? Why?</p> <p>*Compare photographs of varying landscapes in North America. What is similar in each landscape? What is different? Discuss the human and physical features in the photographs.</p> <p>*Read climate graphs and match them to landscape of North American states.</p> <p>*Plan a UK road trip using maps, atlas and the internet.</p> <p>*Discuss whether holiday makers should go on a road trip around the UK or Route 66. Compare the UK/North America road trip. What would they see/ experience on each road trip?</p> <p>*Use aerial photographs to compare your UK 'pit stops' to those on Route 66. What is the same? What is different?</p>
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