

Year 4 Geography

The Americas

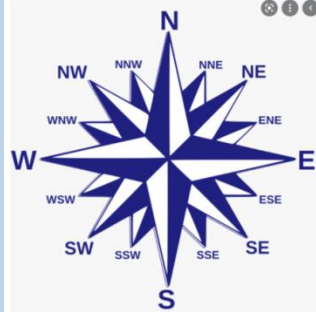
Can you come on a great American road trip?

What I should already know: What a continent is. What a city is. What a town is.

Lesson 1: What are North American cities like? (Activity: Label a map of the USA and investigate human and physical features of North America including Canada and Mexico.)

- These are commonly used compass points: N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W and NW.
- There are 50 states in the USA.
- The United States of America (USA) is a country on the continent of North America. It is divided into 50 states, although one is Alaska (north of Canada) and one is Hawaii (in the Pacific Ocean)

Compass points



The USA



North America includes Canada and Mexico



state

A nation or territory with a government, e.g., Germany, Italy.

North America

The third largest of the seven continents. Its borders are: Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Located in the northern hemisphere.

Lesson 2: What are South American cities like? (Activity: Label a map of South America and investigate physical and human features of the cities.)

- Brazil is the largest country in South America.
- The equator passes through the continents of South America, Africa and Asia.

Map of South America



South America

The fourth largest continent in size and the fifth largest in population. It is located primarily in the southern hemisphere. Its borders are Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

Lesson 3: Are South American cities like North American cities? (Activity: Make a table comparing the physical and human features of cities.)

- The oceans that surround both North and South America are the same.
- The climates differ between North American and South America. Even across the vast area occupied by North America you will find very different climates in the states. This is because of the position of the land in relation to the equator.
- The likelihood of floods and droughts varies across the Americas.

Oceans surrounding North and South America



physical features

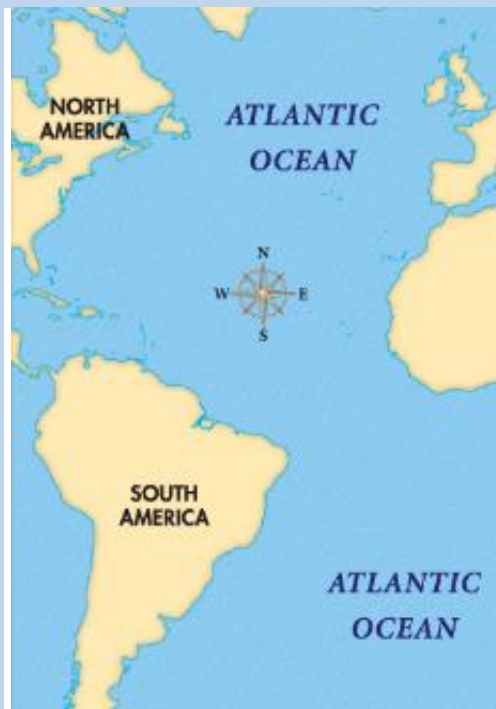
Features such as landscapes and climate.

human features

Features such as buildings and population.

climate

Weather, rainfall, temperature.



Lesson 4: What are some famous landmarks in the USA? (Activity: Label landmarks on a map and investigate reasons for the building of some landmarks)

- Landmarks can be a natural or artificial feature, often used for navigation, because it stands out from its near environment and is often visible from long distances.
- Some landmarks are built to mark significant events or changes in society.

Landmarks



landmark

An object or a feature of a landscape or town that has importance or makes a place easily recognisable.

Lesson 5: What was Route 66? (Activity: To research route 66 and create a poster.)

- Route 66 was established on the 11th November 1926.
- Places of interest on Route 66: Chicago and the Great Lakes, Los Angeles, The Grand Canyon.

Route 66



highway

A road for cars.

Why is U.S. Route 66 so famous?

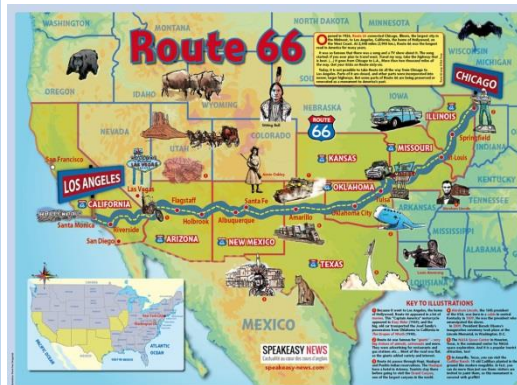
Route 66 reduced the distance between Chicago and Los Angeles by more than 200 miles, which made Route 66 popular among thousands of motorists who drove west in subsequent decades.

Route 66 reflects the origin and evolution of road transportation in the United States.

Lesson 6: BIG FINISH – (Activity: Present posters to class.)

- Route 66 contains many places of interest.
- Length: 3,940 km
- Major cities: Los Angeles, Chicago, Albuquerque, Tulsa, Flagstaff,

Route 66 Poster



Unit Quiz