

What I might already know: Where North America is and  
The different between human and physical features

**Key Vocabulary:**

mountain range, national park, wilderness, wildlife, Cascades, eruption, north-west, facilities, state, human features, landscape

**What we will be learning:**

North America is **the third largest** of the world's continents, and is almost entirely within the **Northern Hemisphere**.

It lies between the **Arctic Circle** and the **Tropic of Cancer**.

North America is a very **diverse** continent. Diverse means that there are lots of differences between places.

Where is North America and what is it like?



The Rocky Mountains are found in **western North America**.

The Rocky Mountains are **76 million years** old.

There are some exciting land marks in the Rockies and one of these is the Columbia Icefield, which feeds 8 major glaciers in Jasper National Park, Canada.

What are the Rockies like?



What happened when Mount St Helens erupted?



**Mount St Helens** is a volcano located in Washington State, USA. It is famous for its dramatic eruption in **May 1980**.

**An earthquake** of magnitude 5.1 on the Richter scale triggered the **collapse of the bulge** on the north side of the peak, which slid into the valley, sending a **colossal wave** across Spirit Lake.

Where and what is the United States of America?

The United States of America is the **world's third largest country** in size and nearly the third largest in terms of population.

Throughout its history, the United States has been **a nation of immigrants**.

The country is divided into **six regions**.

