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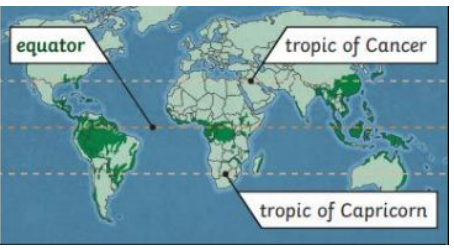
Locational Knowledge | Place Knowledge | Human and Physical Geography | Skills and Fieldwork

Geography Knowledge Organiser - Americas

Key Vocabulary

Continent	A large landmass made up of many countries.
Country	An area controlled by its own government.
Climate	The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.
Equator	An imaginary line that runs through the centre of the earth at 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.
latitude	Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe East to West.
Longitude	Imaginary lines which run from pole to pole, North to South across the globe.
Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn	The names of two of the main lines of latitude.
Physical geography	The natural features of the Earth.
Human geography	The relationship between people and their environment: cultural, economic, political and social.



Key Learning

- The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.
- 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.

Greenwich/Prime Meridian

It takes 24 hours for the Earth to rotate once on its axis. We split the globe into time zones using imaginary lines called meridians. They run from the North Pole to the South Pole, crossing lines of latitude. There are 24 time zones. There is an imaginary line running through the UK called the Prime Meridian. It runs through a place in London called Greenwich.
The Prime Meridian splits the world into eastern and western hemispheres.

Fascinating fact! Canada is the largest country in North America, but USA has the biggest population.

Countries of North America and South America

- North America contains 23 countries including: United States, Canada, Mexico
- South America contains 12 countries including: Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador

Human features of North and South America

- Disney World (United States)
- Gold Gate Bridge (United States)
- Statue of Liberty (United States)
- Christ the Redeemer (Brazil)
- Puente De La Mujer (Argentina)

Some of the Natural Wonders of the Americas

Grand Canyon, Arizona	Niagara Falls, Ontario/New York	Angel Falls, Venezuela	Yosemite Valley, California	Kilauea, Hawaii	Great Blue Hole, Belize	Amazon Rainforest, Brazil