

**Year  
6**

# Comparing Ashton to The Americas

## Key learning

## Comparing and Exploring

### Map



The Americas

### Map: North and South America



### Where I live:

I live in Ashton, Greater Manchester. I can locate this on different maps. I know that we live in Great Britain and that this is part of the United Kingdom. I know that we live in Europe and I can describe our position in relation to the Equator.

Identify the countries and some capital cities of North and South America.

Use geographical terminology to describe a range of places across the Americas.

To describe the climate and biomes across the different regions in the Americas.

Identify human and physical geographical features of my local area.

Identify similarities and differences in human and physical geography of my local area and a region of North America.

Identify the names and locations of the ancient and new wonders of the world.

## Important Geographical Knowledge

North America consists of three large nations and one large island: Canada, the United States of America (USA), Mexico and Greenland.

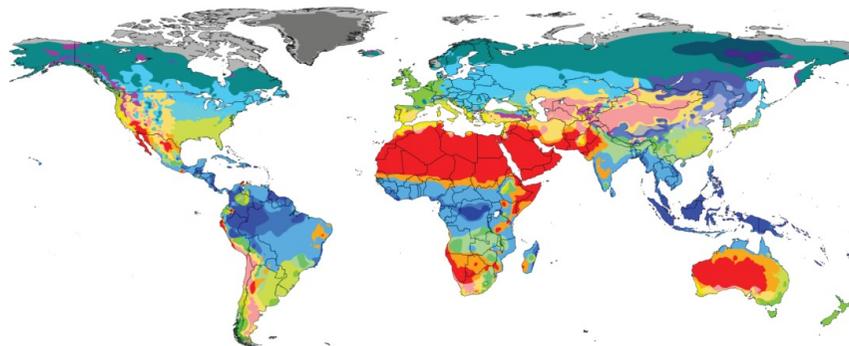
Central America is the thin section of land that links the North American continent with the South American continent. The largest country is Nicaragua.

South America sits between the Caribbean, the South Pacific and the South Atlantic Oceans. On this continent is the world's biggest rainforest and the largest river (Amazon). The largest country is Brazil.

**World Map of Koppen-Geiger Climate Classification**  
Here is a map of the world classified by Koppen climate type. Can you match up any of the climate codes and types on the map with those in the table? Which climate types do you notice in the Americas?

AF	BWk	Csa	Cwa	Cfa	Dsa	Dwa	Dfa	ET
Am	BWk	Csb	Cwb	Cfb	Dsb	Dwb	Dfb	EF
Aw	BSh	Cwc	Cfc	Dsc	Dwc	Dfc		
BSk		Dsd	Dwd	Dfd				

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## Geographical Vocabulary

**Northern hemisphere** – the half of the Earth which is north of the Equator

**Southern hemisphere** – the half of the Earth which is south of the Equator

**Tropic** – The region of the Earth surrounding the Equator

**Tropic of Cancer** – The area of the Earth that lies between the Equator and the invisible line 23 degrees north of the Equator

**Tropic of Capricorn** – The area of the Earth that lies between the Equator and the invisible line 23 degrees south

**Longitude** – The measurement east or west of the prime meridian. Longitude is measured by imaginary lines that run around the Earth vertically (up and down) and meet at the North and South Poles.

**Latitude** – The measurement of distance north or south of the Equator. It is measured with 180 imaginary lines that form circles around the Earth east-west, parallel to the Equator.

**Climate** – the weather conditions within an area

**Biome** – A biome is a community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they exist in.