

Geography: Amazing Americas

	Key Vocabulary
Continent	any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica)
Country	a nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory.
Latitude	the angular distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator, or of the equator of a celestial object, usually expressed in degrees and minutes.
Longitude	the angular distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian, or west of the standard meridian of a celestial object, usually expressed in degrees and minutes.
Tropic of cancer	the parallel of latitude 23°26' north tropic of Cancer or south tropic of Capricorn of the equator
Tropic of Capricorn	the parallel of latitude 23°26' north tropic of Cancer or south tropic of Capricorn of the equator
Greenwich meridian	the prime meridian, which passes through the Royal Observatory at Greenwich in London
Flora	the plants of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
Fauna	the animals of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
Biome	a large naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat, e.g. forest or tundra

General Knowledge

How can you compare different places?

Physical Geography- The natural features of a place or environment. E.g. oceans, coastlines, rivers and lakes, mountains and volcanoes, flora and fauna, land-form

Human Geography- Features of an environment that have been shaped by people .E.g. country/region borders, buildings, roads and land use, changes to river course, languages/signs, religion, government, art and music.



North American contains 23 different countries.

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

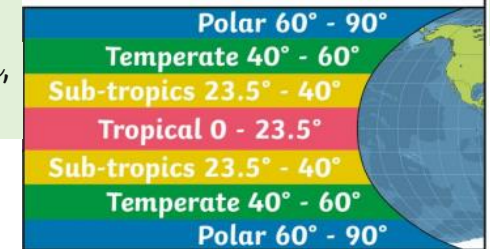


Be the BEST you can be

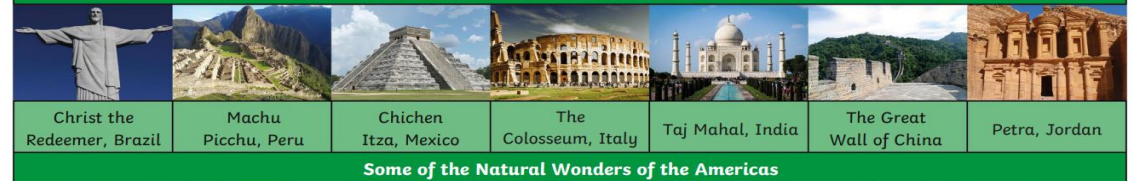
The **Köppen System** is a climate classification system. It is split into five main groups which each consist of a range of climate types:

- Temperate - hot dry summers, and cooler wetter winters, Mediterranean e.g. United Kingdom
- Continental - long, cold winters and short, hot summers, inland areas e.g. parts of Turkey
- Polar - long periods of extreme cold, tundra, ice cap e.g. Antarctica
- Tropical - hot and humid, wet, rainforest e.g. Brazil
- Dry - arid, desert e.g. Saudi Arabia

The four main **climate** zones, determined by **latitude**.



The New Seven Wonders of the World



Some of the Natural Wonders of the Americas

