Geography: Amazing Americas

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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 The four main climate zones, music.

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

Polar 60° - 90° Temperate 40° - 60° Sub-tropics 23.5° - 40° Tropical 0 - 23.5° Sub-tropics 23.5° - 40° Temperate 40° - 60° Polar 60° - 90°

CANADA USA - Ottawa Washington DC -MEXICO Mexico City BRAZIL - Brasilia Buenos Aires ARGENTINA

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

countries. The New Seven Wonders of the World Christ the Machu Chichen Taj Mahal, India Petra, Jordan Redeemer, Brazil Picchu, Peru Itza, Mexico Colosseum, Italy Wall of China Some of the Natural Wonders of the Americas Niagara Falls, Angel Great Blue Kilauea, Hawaii Canyon, Arizona Ontario/New York Falls, Venezuela California Hole, Belize Rainforest, Brazil

determined by **latitude**.

Key Vocabulary any of the world's main continuous expanses Continent of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica Country a nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory. the angular distance of a place north or Latitude 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 the parallel of latitude 23°26' north tropic of Tropic of Cancer or south tropic of Capricorn of the cancer equator the parallel of latitude 23°26′ north tropic of Tropic of **Cancer** or south **tropic of Capricorn** of the Capricorn equator the prime meridian, which passes through Greenwich meridian the Royal Observatory at Greenwich in London the plants of a particular region, habitat, or Flora geological period the animals of a particular region, habitat, or Fauna geological period

a large naturally occurring community of

e.g. forest or tundra

flora and fauna occupying a major habitat,

Biome

North American contains, 23 different