



Year 5 Knowledge organiser – USA

1. Where in the world is the USA??		2. What is the climate like across the USA?		3. What is the physical landscape like across the USA?		4. What are some human landmarks in the USA?		5. What is it like in New York state and New York city?	
The USA is in the Northern Hemisphere and is a country in the continent of North America. The capital city of the USA is Washington DC. The USA is the 4th largest country in the world. The USA stands for the United States of America. The USA has 50 states.	  	Climate is the average weather of a particular place in general or for a longer period. 4 main climate zones in USA- Arid, Mediterranean, Subpolar, temperate There is a varied climate in the Mountainous West region of the USA. Climate effects what countries can trade Climate change can affect areas of the USA.	  Mountain West • It's one of the most diverse climates in the USA. • Different from area to area- Varied climate	A physical feature or characteristic is something that occurs naturally. The topography of a place is the study of land. The USA has many physical characteristics such as the Grand Canyon. There are many mountain ranges, rivers, lakes and deserts within the USA.	 The Grand Canyon is a physical feature in Arizona. 	A landmark is an important place that is easily recognised. A landmark can be a physical feature or a human feature. Human features are made by humans.	 	New York is a state on the East Coast of the USA. The capital of New York state is Albany. New York city is the most populated city in the USA. The nickname given to New York is the 'Empire State' because of its wealth and variety of resources. The state also has many symbols such as a state mammal—the beaver, a state tree—the sugar maple, and a state flower—the rose.	  
Geographical lens: Space and Scale 		Geographical lens: Physical 		Geographical lens: Physical 		Geographical lens: Human 		Geographical lens: Human 	
Key vocabulary: Country Continent Equator Northern hemisphere		Key vocabulary: Country Continent Equator Northern hemisphere climate zone trade		Key vocabulary: Coastlines Coordinates Landscapes physical features topography		Key vocabulary: Landmark Human feature		Key vocabulary: Coastal Resources Densely populated	

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