

Key Vocabulary

Continent – a collection of countries in one land mass.

Europe – a continent of the world, located above the continent of Africa, to the East of North and South America on a World Map.

North America – continent whose main countries are USA, Canada, Greenland and Mexico

United States of America – a country made up of over 52 states (areas). It is the main country of North America.

Arctic Circle – an imaginary line of latitude that separates the Arctic from the Northern Temperate Zone.

Physical Geography – naturally occurring features in a landscape.

Human Geography – Man-made features that define a landscape

Human Impact – how humans change the environment and world around us, both positive and negative.

Longitude – imaginary lines, which run vertical over the globe. Used to define co-ordinates and locate points.

Latitude – imaginary lines, which run horizontal across the globe. Used to define co-ordinates and locate points.

Tropic of Cancer – imaginary line of latitude, north of the equator. Defines the northern most point at which the sun heats the earth.

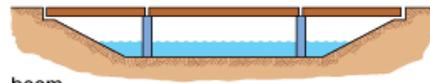
Tropic of Capricorn – imaginary line of latitude, south of the equator. Defines the most southerly point at which the sun heats the earth.

Equator – line of latitude around the earths widest point.

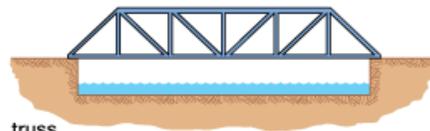
The United States of America (USA)



The Golden Gate Bridge is one of the world's greatest feats of engineering. It spans a remarkable 1 mile (1.6 km), over the strait connecting San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. It is a Suspension Bridge and has appeared in many films over the decades. A regular visit by Hollywood, it is a landmark of impressive Human Geography.



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North American themed books

- Native American Myths and Legends
- Skeleton Man
- The Girl Who Married the Moon

Fun Facts!

- There are 23 countries in North America.
- The early North Americans formed Empires.



TOTEM POLES

Totem Poles are a status symbol; with some families selling everything they own to have one at their property. Each section represents something, a characteristic or it tells a story. You read a Totem from the top down, as the most important section is at floor height to be easily readable.