



Road Trip USA Knowledge Organiser - Geography



Subject Specific Vocabulary

Capital	A town or city where the government is based.
Compass	An object which shows the direction of North.
Continent	Any of the world's large expanses (Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia, North America, South America, Antarctica).
Culture	The behaviour, customs and ideas of a particular group of people.
Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth that is an equal distance from the North and South Poles
Landmark	A landscape feature that is easily seen and recognised from a distance.
Latitude	Imaginary lines which show how far North or South somewhere is from the equator.
Longitude	Imaginary lines which show how far East or West somewhere is from the equator.
Native American	A member of a race who lived in North or South America before Europeans came.
Northern/Southern Hemisphere	The two halves of the Earth on either side of the Equator.
Physical/human features	Physical - items on a landscape which have occurred naturally. Human - items that are manmade.
Population	All the people living in a certain place, area or country.
State	A part of a large country that has its own government.
Tribe	A group of people who live together and share beliefs, customs and language.
Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn	Cancer - An imaginary line 23 degrees above the equator. Capricorn - An imaginary line 23 degrees below the equator.



Topic Links

*This links to the Y2 topic 'Land Ahoy' where you will have learnt about famous explorers

*This links to Y3 topic of Tribal Tales where historical understanding of tribes was studied, with focus on early settlements and their lifestyles.

*This links to the Y4 topic of Blue Abyss where you studied exploration of the world with the HMS Challenger and the life of Jacques Cousteau and how this helped develop our knowledge of the world.

Sticky Knowledge

*The USA is in North America.

*The USA is made up of 50 states - 48 are joined but Hawaii and Alaska are not.

*The capital of the USA is Washington DC.

Key Information

*USA stands for the United States of America.

*There are 50 states in the USA.

*The capital of the USA is Washington DC.

*Many states used to be inhabited by tribes. Some are still found today.

*The Iroquois were a Confederacy of tribes that lived in the North-Eastern part of America, now known as the state of New York.

*The Iroquois lived in longhouses, grew and hunted their food and wore clothes made from animals - **established between 1450 - 1660.**

*Some famous American landmarks include the Golden Gate Bridge, the Statue of Liberty and Mount Rushmore.

*Nearly 80 million people visit the USA every year. Many of them are on holiday as tourists.