

## Knowledge about the Geography of 'The Americas'

- The Americas comprises of the **continents** of North and South America.
- Due to the vast size of the continents the human geographical elements can vary widely.
- The latitude of a country can impact the climate.
- Some of the world's main biomes include rainforest, desert, savannah, grassland, woodland and tundra.
- The time zones across North and South America range from GMT-12 to GMT-1.
- Mexico City has a population of over **125 million people**. Mexico has a lively, musical, welcoming culture with a cuisine which is often shared in England!
- Mexico City – the capital of Mexico - is located in Mexico, North America.
- Mexico is largely desert land but in certain regions there are also mountains and rainforests due to the tropical climate of the south of the country.
- The USA is sectioned into **50 states**. New York City is one of the 50 states of the US.
- The main biomes of the USA are **forest, grassland, desert, tundra, tropical rainforest**

### Fieldwork

A virtual tour over New York City.



## Y5 The Americas

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- The climate of USA is mainly tundra with an area of Woodland.
- More than **800 languages** are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world.
- France gifted the Statue of Liberty to the US in 1886 and it was delivered in 350 pieces.
- Just over **8 million** people live in New York.

### Knowledge about the History of 'The Americas'

- The USA and the wider world was greatly impacted by the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York in 2001.

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### Links

Y1: Comparing Forests  
 Y2: Comparing London to a region in India  
 Y4: Countries of the World  
 Y4: Mapping the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms  
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## Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
<b>Tier 1</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Capital	A usually large city or town that usually serves as the meeting place for government.
<input type="checkbox"/> Trade	The action of buying and selling goods and services.
<input type="checkbox"/> Population	Population is the number of people living in a particular country, area, or place.
<b>Tier 2</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Borough	A town, village or part of a city that has its own council.
<input type="checkbox"/> Latitude	The angular distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator.
<input type="checkbox"/> Longitude	The angular distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich Meridian.
<input type="checkbox"/> Hemisphere	A half of the earth.
<input type="checkbox"/> State	A division with the United States of America.
<input type="checkbox"/> Terrorist	A person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.
<input type="checkbox"/> Time Zone	A geographic region within which the same standard time is used.
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra	Tundra is the coldest of all the biomes. Tundra is a vast, treeless landscape that covers almost 20 per cent of Earth's surface.
<b>Tier 3</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Biome	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Activity	Actions that involve the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services.