

# Year 6 Ravens Geography Spring 1

# North America



The flag of Canada. The capital of Canada is Ottawa. The maple leaf represents the cultural heritage and natural resources of the country.

The flag of Mexico. The capital of Mexico is Mexico City. It is a tricolour design of green, white, and red, with the national coat of arms in the centre.



The flag of the United States. The fifty white stars represent the fifty states, and the thirteen stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<b>Anchorage</b>	The largest city in Alaska. The capital city of Alaska.
<b>biome</b>	A community of plants and animals with common characteristics reflecting the environment in which they live.
<b>climate</b>	The long-term pattern of weather in a particular area.
<b>difference</b>	How things are dissimilar.
<b>hemispheres</b>	The top half of the Earth is called the Northern hemisphere and the bottom half is called the Southern hemisphere.
<b>irrigation</b>	The artificial application of water to crops, using man-made infrastructures such as canals, pipes and sprinklers.
<b>lines of latitude</b>	Imaginary lines parallel to the equator that help map makers locate places with accuracy. They are horizontal lines.
<b>lines of longitude</b>	Imaginary lines parallel to the prime meridian that help map makers locate places with accuracy. They are vertical lines.
<b>Mississippi</b>	The second longest river in North America. It is 2,340 miles long.
<b>North America</b>	The third largest continent, made up of tiny islands and large land masses.
<b>Norwich</b>	A city in Norfolk, East Anglia, United Kingdom.
<b>proximity</b>	How close something is to something else.
<b>settlement</b>	A place where people live. Settlements can be large (London) or smaller (Brandon).
<b>similar</b>	How things are the same.
<b>urbanisation</b>	The increase in proportion of people living in towns and cities.



**North America** is the third largest continent. It covers 24.71 million km<sup>2</sup>. The countries of North America include Canada, the United States and Mexico. It is in the western hemisphere and is generally referred to as the New World or the Americas. The Missouri river is the longest in North America, with the **Mississippi** river being the second longest. The **biomes** of North America are vastly different because of the size of the continent.



Map of North America.