

Topic Vocabulary

biomes — A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment.

climate — The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time.

continent — A large landmass made up of many countries.

country — An area that is controlled by its own government.

equator — An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres.

flora/fauna — Plant and animal life.

latitude — Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west.

longitude — Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole.

weather — The specific atmospheric conditions on a given day including temperature and rainfall.

Autumn Term Geography Learning Grid Year 6 North and South America



Geographical Facts to Learn about the Americas

- The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.
- North America contains 23 different countries.
- South America contains 12 different countries.
- The Americas cover a huge area of the globe extending over several lines of latitude and longitude.
- The different countries and regions vary significantly in weather, land use and flora and fauna.

Geographical Facts to Learn about the Amazon

- Both a river and rainforest have the same name — the Amazon
- The river is approximately 4000 miles long, mostly flowing through rainforest
- It begins in the Andes Mountains and is the second longest river in the world
- The rainforest is full of plants and animals.
- The plants grow in layers with the top layer very high up and the bottom layer on the ground.
- The layers are called emergent layer, canopy layer, understory layer and forest floor.

Home Learning Challenge Ideas

- Can you create a poster, poem or fact file to show what you have learned about North and South America? You could find out about one country/city/river that interests you or learn interesting facts about both continents.
- Can you make your own map? You could make a map of the two continents or maybe just one country. You could think about the maps we made in the France topic and use paper and other items to make your map 3D. You could label the cities, rivers, mountains etc.
- Can you research deforestation and climate change? You could write down 3 things that you will do to help the environment. You could make a poster to encourage others to become more sustainable in their lives.
- Can you do something completely different? We would love to see any of your own topic work that you choose to do at home so you might do something completely different. We are looking forward to sharing it together and displaying it on the Beechwood Website.
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