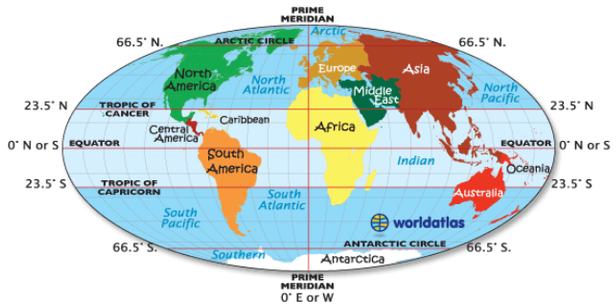
Marshlands Primary School Knowledge Organiser	The Americas	Upper Key Stage 2

By the end of the unit, pupils will be able to answer…

- How do people live amongst mountains and near rivers in North America?
- What is similar and different about North and South America?
- How does Venezuela compare to the UK?

Vocabulary	Definition
Amazon	an area of tropical rainforest in South America
biome	a natural area of vegetation and animals
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place
continent	a very large area of land that consists of many countries
deforestation	the action of clearing a wide area of trees
equator	an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth, an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole
Northern Hemisphere	section of the Earth that is north of the equator
Southern Hemisphere	section of the Earth that is south of the equator
Tropic of Cancer	the imaginary latitude line north of the equator
Tropic of Capricorn	the imaginary latitude line south of the equator





















Location and Place

- North America is the third largest continent. It is located in the Northern Hemisphere and is bordered in the north by the Arctic Ocean, in the east by the Atlantic Ocean, in the southeast by the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, and in the west by the Pacific Ocean.
- South America is a continent in the Western Hemisphere, mostly in the Southern Hemisphere, with a relatively small portion in the Northern Hemisphere

Human Geography

- **Population: NA:** 366,600,964 **SA:** 438,689,301
- **Largest City: NA:** Mexico City **SA:** Sao Paulo
- **Industries: NA:** Real estate, health and social care, tourism, car manufacturing, technology. **SA:** Farming, ranching, construction, tourism, steel making.

Physical Geography

- **Area: NA:** 24.71million km² **SA:** 17.84 million km²
- **Longest River: NA:** Missippissi (3,778km) **SA:** Amazon (6,400km)
- **Highest Point: NA:** Mount McKinley (20,237ft) **SA:** Aconcagua (22,841ft)
- **Coastline: NA:** 37,000 miles **SA:** 15,800 miles