

Clitheroe Brookside Primary School – Geography

Topic: United States of America

Class: Starlings

Aim: To understand the key features of the Northern areas in America, including the different environments, the key physical (mountains and valleys) and human features (distribution of natural resources)

What should I already know?

- Where America is in relation to other countries
- Which continent America is part of
- The difference between human and physical features and be able to identify some

Key Questions

- What are the key physical and human features of the United States of America?
- How are the characteristics of the states in the USA different?
- What natural resources can be found in the USA and how are they distributed across the world?
- How has New York City changed over time?

Key Learning

Physical Features of the USA
Earthquakes - The San Andreas Fault is a line down the west coast of the USA where two tectonic plates meet making it a high-risk area for earthquakes.
Fires and droughts are a threat during hotter months in the hotter states, such as Arizona.
Volcanoes are most prevalent in Hawaii and Alaska. There are actually 169 active volcanoes in the USA.
Tornadoes occur in 'Tornado Alley', covering Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.
Monsoons happen most often in the south-west states.
Floods are becoming more common and widespread but most are towards the south-east states.

Human Features of the USA

- Immigration
- Gold Rush
- Oil

Vocabulary

Lake	A body of water surrounded by land
Mountain	A large landform that stretches above the surrounding land in a limited area, usually in the form of a peak
Mountain Range	A series or chain of mountains that are close together
River	A large stream of flowing fresh water
Geology	The study of the origin, history and structure of the earth
Latitude	The distance of a place north or south of the earth's equator
Longitude	The distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian
Prairie	A large grassland
Topography	The study of the shape of the surface features of an area

How New York City has developed over time



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