

Geography Knowledge Organiser - North America

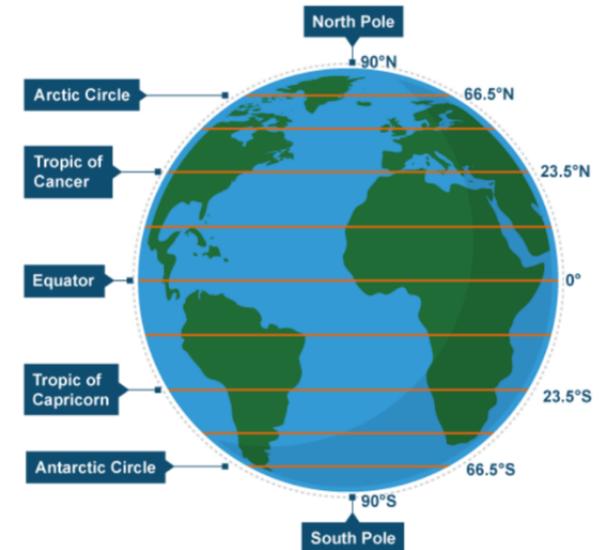
Key facts

North America is the third largest continent in size and fourth largest in population. It is made of 23 independent countries.

Climate: average weather conditions in a certain place for the past 30 or so years.

Weather: day-to-day description of what the conditions are like in a particular place.

Hurricane: are strong storms that have winds at least 74 miles per hour.



Peninsula: a piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but connected to a larger land mass on one side.

Endangered: the number of creatures left is so small that they are in danger of becoming extinct.

Extinct: a species has completely died out.

Southern Hemisphere: anything lying south of the Equator. Labelled °S.

Northern Hemisphere: anything lying north of the Equator. Labelled °N.

Prime Meridian: line labelled 0° longitude



Equator: at the centre of the lines of latitude and is at 0° latitude.

Latitude: imaginary lines that run parallel to the Equator to find out how far north or south a place is.

Longitude: imaginary lines that run from the top of the Earth (North Pole) to the bottom (South Pole) to find out how far east or west a place is.

