

# Geography - Pacific Highway

## Key Vocabulary

Continent	A group of countries
Biome	A community of plants and animals that share a climate and region
Tundra	The four biomes in North America
Desert	
Rainforest	
Mountains	

North America is one of the seven continents, made up of 23 independent countries. The four biggest countries are: The United States of America, Canada, Greenland and Mexico.

Can you name any other countries?

The Caribbean is a very popular holiday destination for people from all over the world with sandy beaches, palm trees and long sunny days.

Can you find out how far the Caribbean is from the UK?



The first people settled in Canada around 16,000 years ago. During its history, it has been ruled by France and Britain before becoming independent in 1931. What are the official languages in Canada?



Many of the 23 countries can be found in the Caribbean.

There are many famous geographical landmarks in the USA, including rivers, mountains, deserts and National Parks.

Can you name any of the rivers in the USA?



Can you identify the countries that these flags belong to?



There are equally as many man-made landmarks in the USA too, including the Washington Monument, Mount Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty and Las Vegas.

When was the Statue of Liberty built?

## Key Dates

14,000 BC	First humans travel to America, walking across a land bridge from Siberia
1492	Christopher Columbus arrives in America
1775-1783	American war of independence
4 <sup>th</sup> July 1776	Declaration of Independence signed
21 <sup>st</sup> August 1959	Hawaii becomes the 50 <sup>th</sup> state in the USA

## Dia de los Muertos



Dia de los Muertos is a big celebration in Mexico when they remember their loved ones.

When is Dia de los Muertos celebrated?

Totem poles are an example of Native American art.

Do you know what they're for?

