



# Can you come on a Great American Road Trip?

## Year 4

### Knowing More, Remembering More

#### Remembering previous learning

Draw information from a simple map.

Explain some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

**Where in the world are Beijing, Sydney and New York?**

Beijing is in China, Sydney is in Australia, New York is in North America.

**What is a continent?**

A continent is a collection of countries.

**What makes a 'wonderful' location special?**

Trees, flowers, mountains, oceans, people, animals.

**What are the 7 continents?**

North America, South America, Asia, Africa, Europe, Antarctica, Australia/Oceania.

### In this unit children will...

- enhance their locational and place knowledge
- focus on North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, states and (some) major cities
- understand geographical similarities and differences through looking at regions in North and South America
- begin to associate weather/climate with landscape and environment
- use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping

### Key Vocabulary:

City, state, country, continent, North America, South America, northern hemisphere, compass points (8), region, Brazil and other South American countries, southern hemisphere, types of buildings (e.g. skyscrapers, public buildings, religious buildings), routeways, city networks, road lay-out patterns, surrounding landscape (e.g. mountains, plains), Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, regions of North America (Western/Pacific coastal strip, Rockies, Great Plains/Prairies, Canadian Shield, Caribbean, Eastern/Atlantic coastal strip, Great Lakes) itinerary.

### Key Learning Steps:

1. What are North American cities like?
2. What are South American cities like?
3. Are South American cities similar to North American cities?
4. What are the Americas' main environmental regions?
5. What is Route 66?
6. Big Finish - Have you been along Route 66?

### Key Geographers and Inspirational People:



Grafton Tyler Brown



Louise E. Jefferson



Cyrus Avery



Chuck Berry

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#### Knowing more in Y4

**Why is North America called the 'United States'?** The US is made up of 50 separate states, each with their own government.

**How many countries are in South America?** 12

**Where is the city of Denver?** In the state of Colorado.

**Where is Curitiba?** In the country Brazil, in South America.

**What are the points of the compass?** north, north-east, east, south-east, south, south-west, west, north-west



**What are some similarities and differences between North and South American cities?** Similarities: people from many places, big buildings and skyscrapers, places for entertainment (parks, museums, zoos, theatres), busy streets. Differences: **Public Transportation** (In many South American cities, people use buses, trains and subways a lot. In North American cities, especially in the United States, people often use cars more). **Languages** (In South America, most people speak Spanish or Portuguese. In North America, people mostly speak English, and in some parts, they speak French). **Climate and Weather** (South American cities can be very different in climate. Some are hot and tropical, while others are cool and mountainous. North American cities mostly have temperate or cold climates).

**Historical Buildings** (South American cities often have very old buildings from the time when the Spanish and Portuguese were exploring. North American cities have a mix of old and new buildings, but many are newer compared to those in South America) **City Layout** (North American cities usually have a grid layout with straight streets. South American cities might have more varied street layouts due to their geography and history)

**What are some of the major environmental regions of North and South America?** Pacific coastal strip, the mountains down the west coast of both continents (Rockies in North America and the Andes in South America) and Canadian Shield, Great Plains/Prairies, Desert (e.g. in Arizona, Colorado), Great Lakes, Eastern coastal strip, Caribbean and the Amazon River Basin (rainforest).

**What is Route 66?** Route 66 is a famous road in the United States. It cuts across the whole of North America, from the west coast (from Santa Monica) to Chicago. It covers about 2,448 miles!