

Year 6 – Autumn Term

Living in the Americas



Key Knowledge

- **North America** is a continent entirely within the Northern Hemisphere and almost all within the Western Hemisphere.
- There are **23** countries in North America, with **Canada** being the biggest.
- **South America** is a continent in the Western Hemisphere, mostly in the Southern Hemisphere, with a relatively small portion in the Northern Hemisphere. There are **12** countries in South America and almost **400 million** people live there.
- **Brazil** is the **largest** country and covers almost half the continent. It is only slightly smaller than the USA.



Glossary

physical characteristic – These include bodies of water and landforms, for example, oceans, mountains, lakes, rivers, plateaus, plains, streams, hills, bays, gulfs, volcanoes, canyons, valleys and peninsulas are all various physical features. Anything that describes the Earth's topography is a physical feature.

human characteristic – These are created by humans and include roads, bridges, dams, reservoirs, factories, houses and buildings.

Incas – The largest group of indigenous people in South America when the Europeans arrived.