

The Continent of North America

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Where in the world would you go to see a polar bear in its natural habitat? Or to listen to a coyote howl at night? Or to enjoy a boat ride on the world's largest freshwater lake, Lake Superior? What's the one place in the world you could go to take in the sight of a wild bison grazing on the grasses of the plains? North America!

North America is located within the Northern Hemisphere. The Arctic Circle in the north and the Tropic of Cancer in the south separate North America from South America, and the Isthmus of Panama connects North America to South America at a narrow strip of land. Together, the two continents form a giant supercontinent.

North America is home to 23 independent countries, and 25 dependent territories. It has a wide range of climates. This is due to its large size and the fact that it receives less direct sunlight than the tropics. North America includes

and fertile plains, mountains, dry deserts, tundras, rain forests, and temperate forests. Its water ecosystems range from coral reefs and tropical saltwater, to freshwater lakes and rivers, and ice sheets in the extreme north. The people of North America represent almost every country, race, religion, and culture in the world.

Though it is the third largest continent on the planet, North America is the fourth highest populated continent. Its three largest mainland countries, the United States,

and Mexico are the most populous. It is entirely surrounded by water. North America lies between the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. This continent, along with South America, forms the Americas. Collectively, the two continents are known as the New World. The continent is made up of 23 independent countries and 25 dependent territories. The world with all types of ecosystems. North America receive much different types of climate, and the ecosystems include grasslands

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Mexico, and Canada, are also the most populated on the continent. The United States is the largest in population with an estimated 318 million residents. In total, more than 500 million people live in North America, with English, Spanish, and French being their dominant languages.

North America has the longest coastline of any continent, and is bordered by three of the world's largest oceans: the Pacific, the Atlantic, and the Arctic Oceans. The continent can be divided into three main geographic regions: the Interior Plains, the Eastern Highlands, and the Western Highlands. While the mainland of North America is mostly triangular-shaped, Alaska and Hawaii are two separate islands and irregular-shaped strips of land called peninsulas.

North America is the world's corn supplier. Wheat, are grown here and sugar cane are grown. Cattle are raised on vast farms. Products from North America include tobacco and metals, such as gold. Many products are used by people all over the world.

What else might you see? You might see the world's largest island, Greenland.

You might see the world's largest snow and ice-covered continent, Antarctica. You might see the beautiful tropical beaches of the islands in the Caribbean Sea. You might see Mount McKinley, North America's highest mountain peak. Or the winding Mississippi River, which runs almost 5,000 miles through the Great Plains. You might get to experience temperatures as high as 134 degrees Fahrenheit in the desert of Death Valley, or temperatures well below freezing at the North Pole in the Arctic Circle. No matter how you look at it, North America is truly a continent of great variety!

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- 1) Choose the best title for the passage.
- a) North America : the third largest continent of the world.
 - b) North America : the continent with utmost diversity.
 - c) North America : the fourth highest populated continent in the world .
 - d) North America: the land of various temperatures.

2) Analyze how the passage captures the reader's attention instantly.

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3) Name some of the major cities of the continent.

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4) Write short notes.

Isthmus of Panama - _____

The New World - _____

Peninsula - _____

Oceans border _____

5) Which aspect of your knowledge _____ include examples from

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