

**KS2 Geography Knowledge Organiser: The Americas**

**Year 5**

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| In this unit, I will learn: |
| * I can identify the countries of North and South America
* I can use geographical terminology to describe the location and characteristics of a range of places across the Americas.
* I can describe the climates and biomes of different regions across the Americas.
* I can identify physical and human geographical features of my local area.
* I can identify similarities and differences in the human and physical geography of my local area and a region of North America.
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| **Where? (Key areas to learn about)** |
| Amazon Rainforest, Brazil |  |
| Angel Falls, Venezuela |  |
| Grand Canyon, Arizona |  |
| Chichen Itza, Mexico |  |
| Machu Picchu, Peru |  |
| Christ the Redeemer, Brazil |  |

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| What? (Key Vocabulary) |
| **Biomes** | A large geographical area which is home to certain plants and animals, specially adapted to suit the environment. |
| **Climate** | The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time. |
| **Continent** | A large landmass made up of many countries. |
| **Equator** | An imaginary line around the globe at latitude 0° north dividing the earth into northern and southern hemispheres. |
| **Latitude** | Imaginary parallel lines which circle the globe from east to west. |
| **Longitude** | Imaginary lines which run north to south across the globe from pole to pole. |

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| **Key Facts** |
| The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America. |
| North America contains 23 different countries. The Americas cover a huge area of the globe, extending over several lines of latitude and longitude |
| The characteristics of different countries and regions vary significantly, including weather, land use and flora and fauna. |

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| **Impact (on us at St Joseph the Worker)** |
| The city of Salford and the town of Irlam fall within the county of Greater Manchester. Interestingly, Irlam used to be classed as part of Lancashire but was changed in the 1970s.  |

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| **Kahoot Quiz Scores** |
| **Pre Assessment**  | **Post Assessment**  |



