



North America—Year 5-6—Cycle A

Key Vocabulary	
Erosion	the natural process of wearing away and transporting soil, rock, and other materials.
Peak	the pointed top of a mountain.
Volcano	an opening, rupture, or vent in the Earth's crust that allows hot magma, ash, and gases to escape from beneath the surface.
Canyon	a deep, narrow valley with very steep, rocky sides, often formed over millions of years by a river cutting
Waterfall	a place in a river or stream where water flows over a steep, vertical drop, often
Lake	a large, still body of water completely surrounded by land.
Mountain	a large, tall landform with steep slopes, much higher than hills,
River	a natural, flowing body of water that moves downhill from high ground (source) across the land, usually ending in a sea, lake, or ocean.



Sticky Knowledge

- Mount Denali in Alaska is the highest mountain in North America.
- North America contains over 100 active volcanoes.
- The grand Canyon was formed by the erosion of the Colorado river.
- Niagara Falls is made up of 3 waterfalls on the Niagara River.
- The largest Great lake in North America is Lake Superior.



Key Skills

- To use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks.
- To use an atlas to locate places and physical features.

Resources

- Google Earth, Google Maps identifying states in USA.
- Atlases, Globe
- Geographical Association
- Physical map of North America