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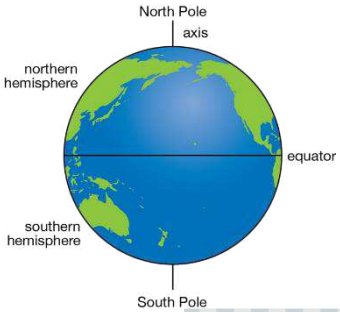
GEOGRAPHY	COUNTRY STUDY: NORTH AMERICA	YEARS 5 AND 6/ KEY STAGE 2

Cross curricular links

Maths- angles and time

Pictures/photos relevant to topic



Key skills

Use six figure grid references to build their knowledge of the wider world
Locate countries, using maps to focus on North America, identifying major cities
Identify the position/significance of Equator, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere
Understand geographical terms latitude and longitude
Identify different time zones in North America
Identify human and physical geography of a region within North America
Use digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied

Key Vocabulary/definitions

north, south, east, west- compass directions
grid reference- a location on a map, useful for helping a map user to find specific locations.
Equator- an imaginary line around the middle of Earth, dividing the planet into a northern hemisphere and a southern hemisphere.
Hemisphere-a hemisphere is one half of Earth. Eg the Northern and Southern hemispheres
Latitude- measures the distance north or south of the equator
Longitude- measures distance east or west of the prime meridian
time zones- are divided by imaginary lines called meridians. They run from the North Pole to the South Pole. There are 24 time zones. One for each hour of the day.
Human features- eg houses, roads and bridges. They have been built by people.
Physical features- eg seas, mountains and rivers are natural. They would be here even if there were no people around.

Key facts

Website: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/zxdpn9q (google "BBC Bitesize Latitude")
Lots of information (videos and quizzes) about longitude, latitude and hemispheres.
There are also links to Time Zone resources and videos.

Prime Meridian: you can find this if you go to Greenwich Park, not far from Bermondsey. The meridian line in Greenwich represents the Prime Meridian of the world, Longitude Zero (0° 0' 0"). Every place on the Earth is measured in terms of its angle east or west from this line.