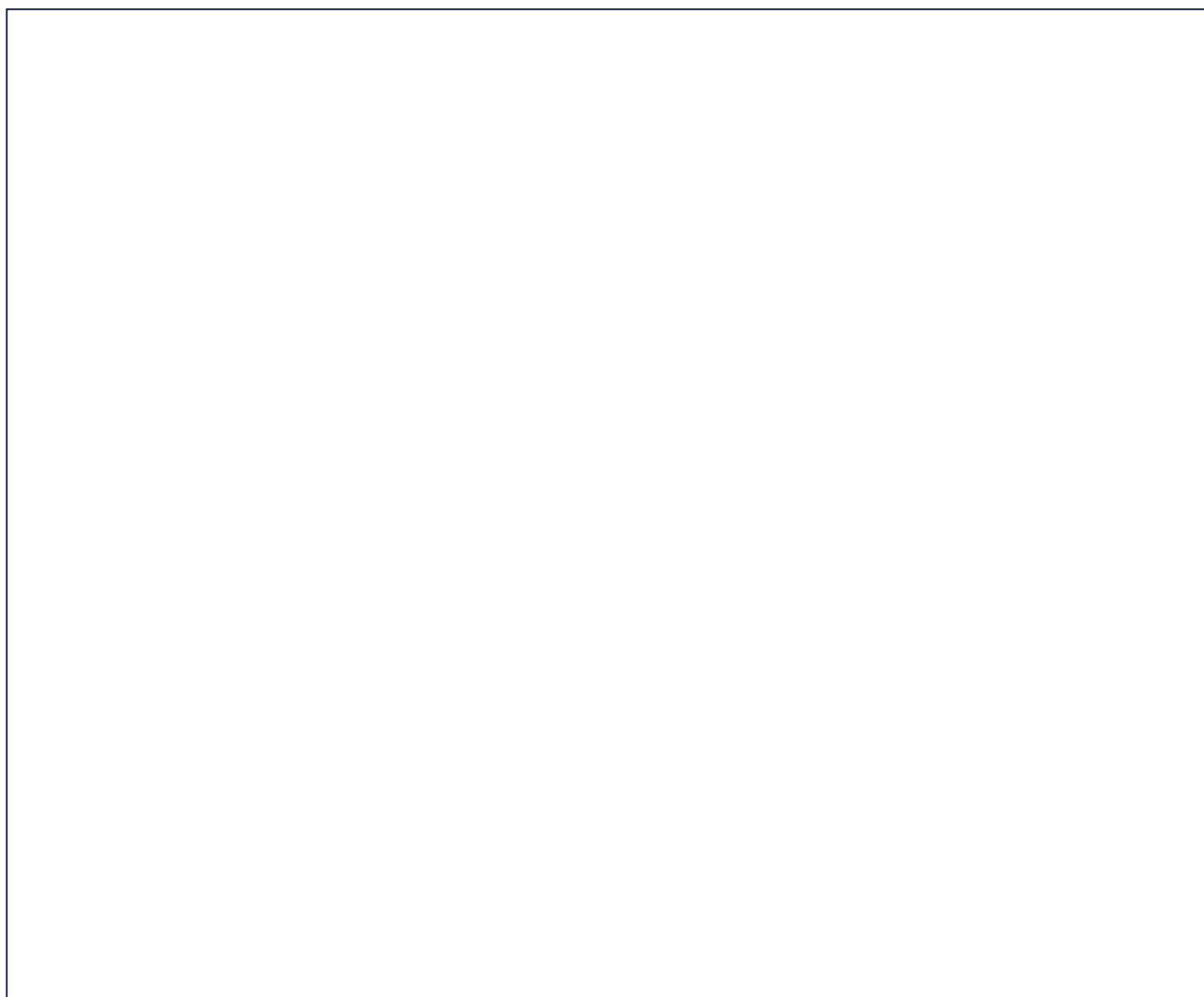


Mapping North America with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key geographical features and biomes of North America.

Follow the drawing prompt to create a detailed map of North America. Use the word bank to label the physical and human geographical features accurately on your drawing.

Draw: Draw a large, clear outline of the North American continent on your page. In the northern section, use cool colours (blues and whites) to illustrate the Tundra biome. In the west, draw jagged lines to represent the Rocky Mountains. Include the Great Lakes as distinct blue shapes in the centre-east. Add a flowing blue line to represent the Mississippi River leading towards the south. Ensure the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are clearly labelled on the east and west coasts respectively.



Label words: Rocky Mountains · Mississippi River · Arctic Circle · Great Lakes · Atlantic Ocean · Pacific Ocean · Equator · Tundra

Steps:

1. Identify two major mountain ranges or river systems in North America and explain why they are significant to the continent's climate.
2. Compare and contrast the climate of the northern Tundra with the coastal regions near the Atlantic Ocean. Justify your answer using geographical terms.

3. What might happen if the Great Lakes were to dry up? Describe the potential impact on the surrounding environment and human settlements.
4. Label your drawing to show where the Arctic Circle is located. Why is this line of latitude important for North America?
5. Justify why the location of the Mississippi River was historically vital for trade and transport in the region.
6. Explain why North America has such a wide variety of biomes compared to smaller continents.