

Finn's North American Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify, describe, and understand the key geographical features, climates, and regions of North America.

Join Finn the dolphin on a virtual tour across North America! Use your geography textbook, atlas, or research notes to fill in this fact-file. Ensure you use specific geographical vocabulary and clear, descriptive sentences to explain the diverse landscapes found across the continent.

Word bank: tundra · desert · mountain range · continent · climate · latitude · coastal · vegetation · urbanisation · physical geography

1. Geographical Location: Describe where North America is positioned on a globe, including which oceans surround it and its relationship to the Equator. (2 marks)

2. Diverse Climates: Explain why North America experiences such a wide variety of climates, ranging from arctic conditions in the north to tropical regions in the south. (3 marks)

3. Physical Features: Identify one major mountain range and one major river system. Explain how these features influence where people choose to settle. (3 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare a desert region in North America with a forest region. How does the vegetation differ and why? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If you were tasked with building a new city in North America, which region would you choose and why? Consider resources, climate, and terrain. (4 marks)

6. What might happen if: Imagine the climate in the northern regions of North America became significantly warmer. Describe the potential impact on the local environment and the wildlife living there. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific country within North America (e.g., Canada, Mexico, or the USA). Create a travel brochure entry that details its currency (£ used for comparison), three major landmarks, and an explanation of why its physical geography makes it unique compared to the rest of the continent.