

Finn's North American Explorer Fact-File

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

Join Finn the dolphin on an expedition across the North American continent. Research the geography of this vast landmass and fill in the sections below to complete your explorer's fact-file. Use your atlas or classroom resources to find the information.

Word bank: continent · climate · mountain range · tundra · latitude · canyon · coastal · archipelago

1. Key Countries: List three countries found in North America and identify their capital cities. (3 marks)

2. Physical Features: Describe two major physical geographical features (such as mountain ranges or rivers) found on the continent. (4 marks)

3. Climate Zones: Explain how the climate changes as you travel from the northern parts of the continent to the southern parts. (3 marks)

4. Natural Resources: Identify two natural resources that are significant to the economy of North American countries. (2 marks)

5. Human Geography: Briefly describe one major city in North America and what it is famous for. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a trip from the Arctic Circle to the Caribbean Sea. Write a short paragraph explaining which climate zones you would pass through and what clothing you would need to pack for each part of your journey.