

Finn's North American Expedition

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

Join Finn the dolphin as he maps the wonders of North America. Read each question carefully and select or provide the most accurate geographical answer.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. False (The Rocky Mountains are in the west), 4. Mexico, 5. True, 6. Mississippi, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Canada, 10. D. Greater Depth Reasoning: North America's climate varies significantly due to its vast latitudinal extent, ranging from polar regions in the north to tropical regions in the south.

Word bank: Canada · Mexico · Rocky Mountains · Mississippi · Arctic · Tropical · USA · Isthmus

1. 1. Which of these countries is the northernmost nation in North America? A) Mexico, B) Canada*, C) USA, D) Panama (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: North America is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: The Appalachian Mountains are located on the western coast of the continent. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the name of the country that shares a southern border with the USA? (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The climate in the far north of Canada is classified as a polar climate. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which major river system flows through the centre of the United States? (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these is a significant physical feature of North America? A) The Alps, B) The Sahara, C) The Great Lakes*, D) The Himalayas (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: North America is the third-largest continent in the world by land area. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which country covers the largest total land area in North America? (1 mark)

10. 10. Which ocean lies to the west of North America? A) Indian, B) Arctic, C) Southern, D) Pacific* (1 mark)

Draw: Sketch a map of North America, clearly labelling the three largest countries and drawing the Rocky Mountains along the western side.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the climate in northern Canada is significantly different from the climate in southern Mexico. 2. Compare and contrast the physical geography of the east and west coasts of North America. 3. Justify why the Mississippi River has been essential to human settlement in North America throughout history. 4. What might happen to local ecosystems if the temperature of the Arctic region continues to rise? 5. If you were planning a journey from the Arctic Circle to the Caribbean, describe the changes in vegetation you would expect to see. 6. Research and explain how the Isthmus of Panama acts as a physical bridge between North and South America.