Finn’s North American Expedition Fact-File

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

Join Finn the dolphin on his latest geographical survey! Use your atlas, textbooks, or online research to complete this fact-file. Make sure to use geographical vocabulary such as 'latitude', 'biome', and 'settlement' where appropriate.

Word bank: continent · tundra · latitude · biome · mountain range · settlement · climate · coastal · landlocked · basin

1. Geographical Context: Identify the borders of North America. Which oceans surround the continent and which continent lies to the south? (2 marks)

2. Climate and Biomes: Describe two distinct climate zones found in North America (e.g., Arctic tundra, tropical rainforest, or desert) and explain how they differ. (3 marks)

3. Key Physical Landmarks: Name one major mountain range and one major river system in North America. Explain why these are important to the landscape. (3 marks)

4. Human Geography: Choose one major city in North America. Describe its location and explain one reason why people might choose to settle there. (3 marks)

5. Economic Activity: North America has a diverse economy. Identify one primary industry (e.g., farming, mining, or manufacturing) and explain where it typically takes place. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a travel route across North America for Finn. Write a short paragraph explaining which three landmarks you would include in your journey and why.