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Woodley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Geography Focus:	Similarities & Differences of North American Countries	Year 5	Summer

Key Vocabulary	
North America	Rainforest
Central America	Extreme
Atlas	Longitude
Landmarks	The Prime Greenwich Meridian
Topography	Time zones
Continent	Tourism
Countries	Route
States	Distance
Islands	Scale
Climate	Tour
Environmental region	Attractions
Latitude	Similarities
Equator Northern Hemisphere	Differences
Yucatan	Contrast
Peninsula	

Possible Experiences
(Any visits, experiments, guest speakers, curriculum days, home / school projects etc.)





Prior Knowledge **What I should already know …**
Know counties and cities of UK Know the eight points of a compass Understand four grid references



What I will know at the end of the unit	
Objectives for the unit:	Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of two regions of North America with that of another part of Europe.
Key Skills & Fieldwork:	Use the eight points of a compass, six and four-figure grid references, symbols and keys to build their knowledge of North America in relation to the Maya civilisation. Use OS maps, atlases, globes and digital/ computer mapping to locate states and cities of North America. Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area including sketching and digital technologies .
Key Knowledge:	Use maps and atlases to find landmarks of a continent. Know the difference between countries and states. Name and locate the capital cities in the countries of North and Central America Identify the position and significance of latitude, the Arctic Circle and the Tropic of Cancer on North America. Explain the effect of the climate and environment on people living in extreme areas. Name some of the key physical and human characteristics of North and Central America. Use six figure grid reference Describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.