

Political maps show countries or territories.



Physical maps show us what the terrain (land) is like.



Flags of North America



What is so special about North America?

### Largest Populations

U.S.A.  
(322 million people)



Mexico  
(127 million people)



Canada  
(36 million people)



### Biomes of North America



Biome	A biome is a large area characterised by its vegetation, soil, climate, and wildlife.
Continent	A large expanse of land that often contains several countries.
Country	A region that governs itself and is usually fully independent of other countries.
State	In the United States, a state is a political entity, of which there are currently 50 .
Hemisphere	Half of a sphere; in geography it is common to talk about a 'northern' and 'southern' hemisphere.
Equator	An imaginary line of latitude that is <b>equidistant</b> from the north and south poles.
Tropic of Cancer	A line of latitude to the north of the equator which provides one boundary for 'the tropics'.

### Points of the compass

