

## Year 5 Knowledge organiser: How does the location of states in the USA impact land use?

### Key information

Where in the world is North America?



- The USA is a country in the continent of North America.
- Canada is located in North America to the North of the USA.
- There are 50 states in the USA.
- The Pacific and Atlantic oceans and the Gulf of Mexico are the bodies of water that border the USA.

What are the human features of New York City and what is it like there?



- New York City has a humid subtropical climate, with cold winters and hot, moist summers.
- New York City is in the state of New York.
- The state of New York borders six U.S. states: Pennsylvania and New Jersey to the south, and Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Vermont to the east.
- New York also borders the Canadian areas of Ontario and Quebec to the north.
- The Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Times Square and Empire State building are key physical features of New York City.

Why do people visit Tennessee?

- The Smokey Mountains is a famous national park in Tennessee. It is a popular tourist destination and boasts mountains, rivers and waterfalls amongst their many beauty spots.
- The Smokey Mountains is one of the most famous and visited national parks in the USA.
- The Mississippi River runs through the state of Tennessee.

Where is the Mississippi river and how does it influence the landscape around it?



- The Mississippi River lies in the following ten US states: Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- The length of the Mississippi River is approximately 2,320 miles.
- The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers combine to form the longest river system in the USA and North America.
- The river flows from Lake Itasca in Minnesota and into the Gulf of Mexico.

How does the climate of Florida influence the human and physical geography of the state?

- The climate of the north and central parts of Florida is humid subtropical. Most of South Florida has a tropical climate.
- There are several islands located off the East coast of Florida called the Florida Keys. These are a popular tourist destination.
- Everglades National Park is a national park east of the Mississippi River located in Florida, near Miami.
- Everglades National Park covers 1.5 million acres of subtropical wilderness.
- It is an ecosystem that is famous for its rich vegetation and many species of animals that inhabit the area.

### Key vocabulary

State	A large governing area with established boundaries within a country.
Tourist	A person who is travelling or visiting a place for pleasure.
Tourism	The activities of people traveling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for leisure, business or other purposes.
Subtropical	Refers to the subtropics which are a climatic region of the world. They lie between the tropics and Temperate zones.
Tropical	Located close to the equator, it is a climate that is warm to hot and moist all year-round.
Mangroves	A tree or shrub which grows in tidal, chiefly tropical, coastal swamps, having numerous tangled roots that grow above ground.
Everglade	A swampy grassland especially in southern Florida usually containing saw grass and at least seasonally covered by slowly moving water.
Confluence	Where two or more flowing bodies of water join together to form a single channel.
Tributary	A river or stream flowing into a larger river or lake.
Mouth	The part of a river where the river merges into another river, a lake, a reservoir, a sea, or an ocean.
Human geography	A human feature is something man-made or it was made by a human being e.g. buildings.
Physical geography	A physical feature is something which is natural occurring— it happens naturally e.g. rivers and mountains.
National park	An area of countryside, or occasionally sea or fresh water, protected by the state for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife.