

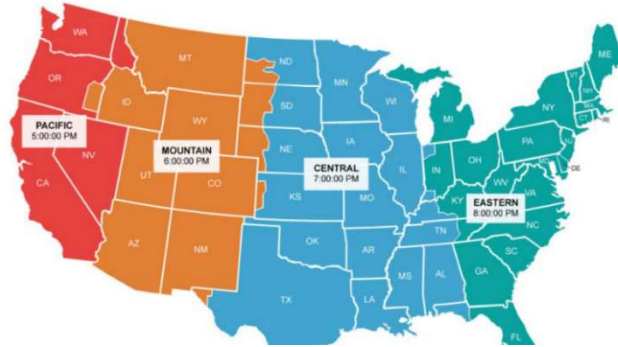


## Topic: What's so special about the USA?

## KS2 Strand: Place Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography

### What should I already know?

- The town I live in is called St. Helens, which is in Merseyside. There are villages, towns and cities in Merseyside, some of which are **coastal**. Liverpool is a city in Merseyside. It is close to St Helens.
- Merseyside is a county in England, which is a country. England is part of Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) and the United Kingdom (U.K.) is made up of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is in the **continent** of Europe.
- The seven **continents** (Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Australasia and Antarctica) and five oceans (Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic).
- Features of regions that lie on and between the **tropics**.



The USA is so large that it has different time zones.

### What will I know by the end of the unit?

The United States is in the **continent** of North America. It is bounded to the north by Canada to the west by the Pacific Ocean, to the south by Mexico, and to the east by the Atlantic Ocean. It is in the Northern Hemisphere.

50 States make up this large country. Some are well populated, others are more rural.

The **Missouri** river is the longest river in North America whilst **Denali mountain** (Alaska) is its highest peak.

New York state is on the east coast, its major metropolis is New York city which is also known as the Big Apple. There are two major rivers in New York City: the Hudson and the East River.

The climate is mostly **temperate**, but some states have are warmer (tropical climate) and others colder (an Arctic climate).

To travel from the UK to the USA you would need to fly or sail as the two countries are separated by the Atlantic Ocean.

### Vocabulary

export	goods that are sold to other countries
inhabitant	a person (or animal) that lives in or occupies a place
metropolis	largest, busiest, and most important city in a country or region
migration	movement from one place to another in order to settle there
peninsula	a piece of land almost surrounded by water
populated	inhabited or lived in
rural	to do with the countryside rather than the town
state	a large area of land that has a local government, there are 50 US states and the largest is Calif
temperate	a place which is never extremely hot or extremely cold
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest, especially when they are on holiday.
trade	the activity of buying, selling or exchanging goods and services

	city of Liverpool	city of New York
Physical features	Liverpool is built on the River Mersey which flows into the Irish Sea. 	New York city is built on the Hudson and East rivers. 
Human features	The Royal Liver Building is built on the river and is known for the two birds that stand on top.  There is a large dock for cruise ships and container ships (trade between countries).	The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France and is situated in New York harbour.  There is a large dock for cruise ships and container ships (trade between countries).



### More North America facts!

There are 23 countries in North America, with **Canada** being the biggest and **Grenada** being the smallest.

**Mexico City** is the largest **metropolis** in North America with more than 9 million inhabitants.

**Greenland** is the world's largest island.