Come Fly With Me – North America

From 30,000 BCE to 16,000 BCE – Beringia Land Bridge connected Asia and N. America

Approx 18,000 BCE to 11,000 BCE – First humans inhabit the continent of North America.

1021 AD – Earliest evidence of Viking settlements in North America.

1492 – Christopher Columbus "discovers" North America. He landed at a group of islands now called the Bahamas.

1607 – 104 English men and boys start the first colony in North America. It is called Jamestown.

4th July 1776 – Indepen dence Day.

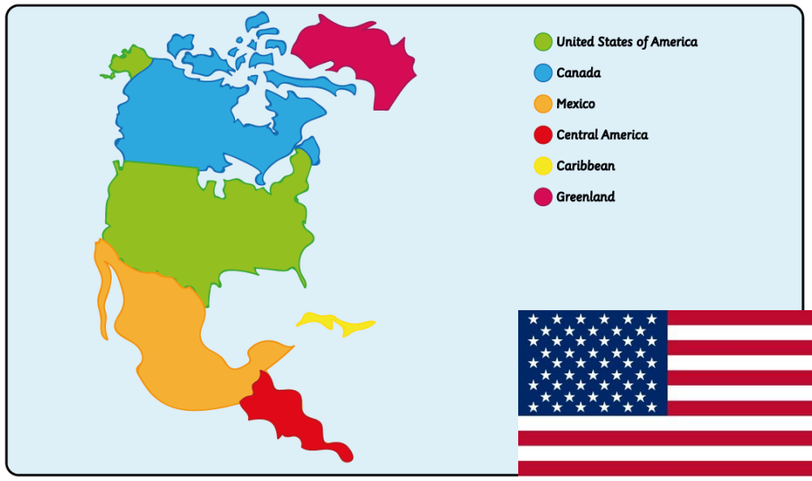
1775 – 1783 – American War of Independence.

1861 – 1865 – American Civil War.

1865 – Abraham Lincoln assassinated.

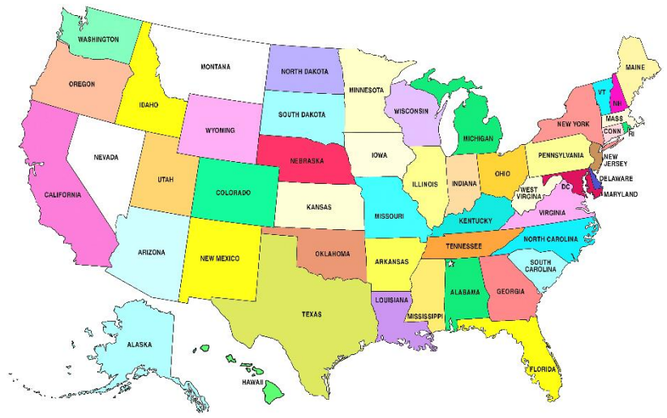
1876 – General Custer is defeated at Little Bighorn.

North America is a **continent**. It is made up of the following 6 regions.



The United State of America (USA) is made up of 50 **states**.

The United States flag has 50 stars to represent the 50 current states and 13 stripes to represent the 13 original **colonies**. It is call the **Star Spangled Banner.**



Before Europeans settled in the US, it was inhabited by **indigenous** people we call the **Native Americans**.

They lived in **tribes** all over the continent.

Many Native Americans were killed in battles with the Europeans or from new diseases introduced by the Europeans.

Some of these tribes still exist today. The largest is the **Navajo**, followed by the **Cherokee** and **Sioux**.

Due to its size, the climate in North America is varied.

Tundra, **deciduous forest**, **coniferous forest**, **rainforest, desert**, **alpine/mountain**, **Mediterranean** and **grassland**.



Statue of Liberty



The White House



Golden Gate Bridge



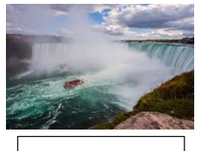
Rocky Mountains



Grand Canyon



Mount Rushmore



Niagara Falls



Disney World

Key Vocabulary

Indigenous – a word used to describe the population originally living in a particular location.

Native American – The term used to describe the indigenous people of the continent of North America.

Tribe – A group of people living together with the same culture, language and rules.

Continent – a continuous landmass.

Colony – a group of people of one nationality living in a foreign place.

State- an area of land with its own government and border within a larger country.

Tundra- a typically treeless area of land where temperatures are low and the ground is always frozen.

Deciduous forest- a forest where the tress shed their leaves in winter.

Coniferous forest – a forest made up of evergreen trees such as pine trees.

Prior Knowledge

Continents are land masses made up of many different countries.

There are 7 continents. Europe is one of these continents and Great Britain is a European country.

Depending on where you are in the world, the climate is very different.

It is coldest at the poles and warmest at the equator.

During the 15th Century Europeans were exploring the world.