

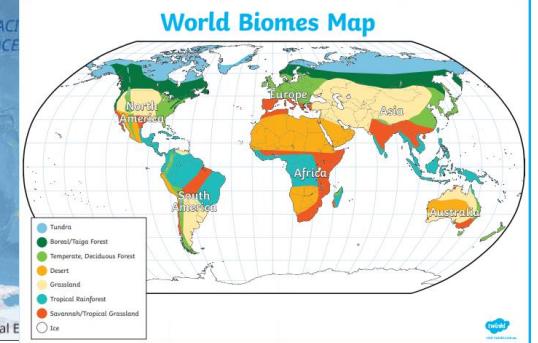
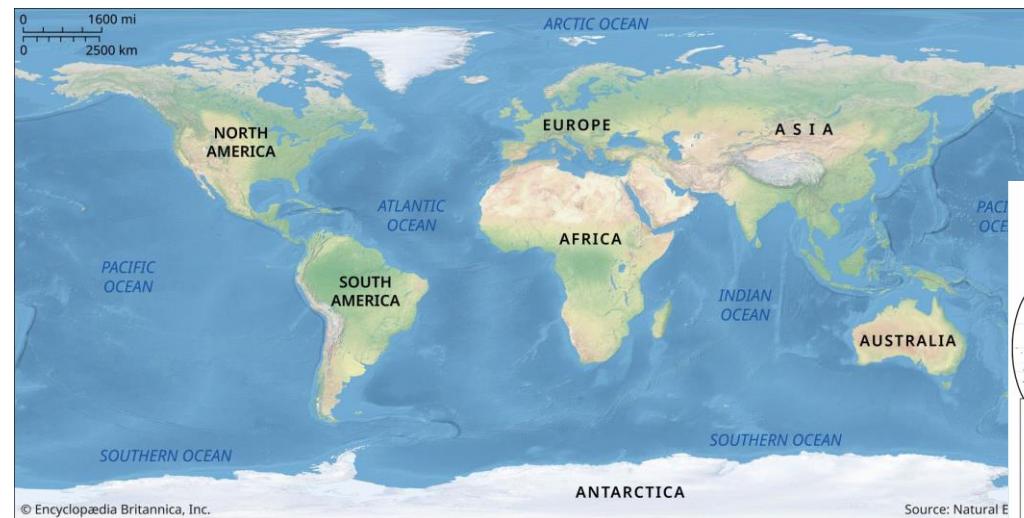
The Americas

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ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY	
North America	a continent containing the United States, Canada, Greenland, Mexico, and Central America.
South America	home to the citizens of Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, the Falkland Islands, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Paraguay.
Tropic of Cancer	the area from the equator, which circles the Earth, to the invisible line 23° north of the equator
Tropic of Capricorn	the circle of latitude that contains the subsolar point at the December (or southern) solstice.
Equator	an imaginary line around the middle of a planet
Terrain	a stretch of land, especially regarding its physical features.
City	a large town.
State	a nation or territory
Environment	The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.

Any Visual Representations



By the end of the topic, I should be able to:

- Determine the difference between North, South, East and West.
- Describe different characteristics of varying terrains across America.
- Locate different states and cities on Google Earth.
- Be able to describe human and physical features of different regions within America.
- Be able to describe weather and climate within different regions of America.



Key facts about North America

North America is the third largest continent in size and fourth largest in population. It is made up of 23 independent countries as well as many dependent territories. Around 590 million people live there; more than half of them live in the United States. North America is located entirely in the northern hemisphere. The tropic of Capricorn passes through Mexico and the Bahamas.

Key facts about South America

South America is the fourth largest continent. It is made up of twelve different countries and three dependencies. Around 440 million people live there. South America is in the western hemisphere. Most of the continent also belongs to the southern hemisphere. The equator runs through three of its countries: Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador. The tropic of Capricorn passes through Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina and Chile.