

Year 5: What shapes my world?



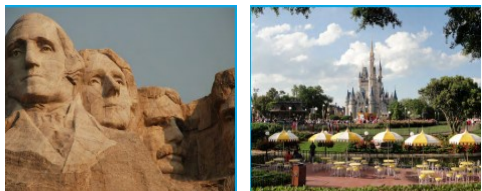
North America

Physical features of North America



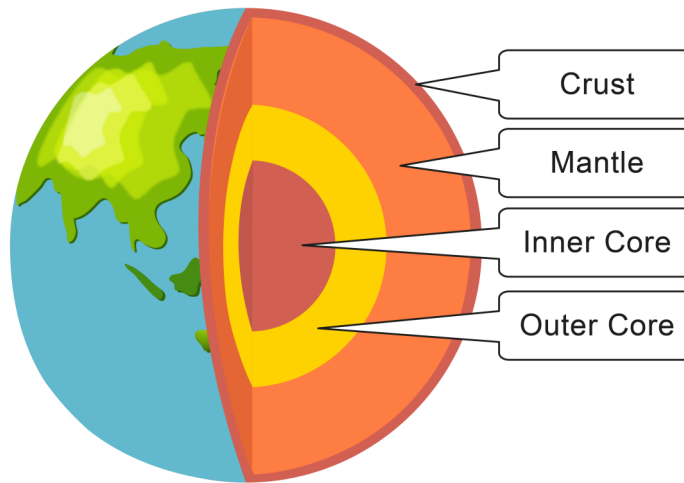
Grand Canyon Denali Mountain

Human features of North America



Mount Rushmore Disney

Layers of the earth



Physical Geography

Physical geography is the earth's natural features.

Such as:

- Mountains - a form of land high above it's surroundings.
- Climate zones - different types of weather based on the place on earth.
- Biomes - community of plant and animal life in a natural, large habitat.
- Vegetation belts - a specific home for a type of plant.

Human Geography

Human geography is how humans are affecting the earth with their activities.

Such as:

- Settlement - where people live and work.
- Distribution of natural resources; food, water, energy and minerals.
- Roads, bridges and buildings.
- Farming - growing crops and keeping animals for human use.

Physical geography can impact on human geography but human geography can also impact on physical geography. For example, pollution from humans can cause global warming and heavy rainfall can cause flooding to human features such as buildings.

Vocabulary

action	The process of doing something to achieve an aim.
climate	Average weather conditions of a place.
coastal	The line or zone where land meets the sea.
erosion	Wearing away sand, rock or soil by wind or water.
floodplains	A flat area next to a river that shows signs of flood.
glacier	Compacted snow that turns into ice.
gorge	A narrow valley.
ice	Frozen water.
interaction	How humans can change the earth, e.g. global warming and pollution.
meander	A bend in a river channel.
mining	The removal of minerals and metals from the earth.
North America	A continent in the northern hemisphere.
processes	The changes that happen constantly.
soil	The top layer of the land surface of the earth that is composed of broken rock particles, humus, water and air.
tectonic plates	The earth's crust.
transport	Movement of goods, people and information.
variation	The act, process, condition, or result of changing.
water cycle	The circulation of the earth's water.
waterfall	Water that falls over the edge of land onto a lower level.
weather	Conditions created by day to day changes in the earth's atmosphere.

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