



Yosemite National Park Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

Climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place
Human features	Areas of land which are man-made/synthetic. They are there because of human ideas and actions.
Physical features	natural features of land
Weather	the condition of the atmosphere in one area at a particular time
Continent	One of the main landmasses of the globe.
Country	The territory of a nation/the land of one's birth or citizenship.
Equator	The great circle of the earth that is equidistant from the North and South Pole
Landscape	A section or expanse of rural scenery.
Biome	A complex biotic community characterized by plant and animal species and maintained under the climate conditions.
Climate	The weather conditions in an area.
Hemisphere	A half of the earth divided into northern and southern by the equator.
Average	An amount/standard considered as usual or ordinary.
Tourist	A person who is travelling.

locate the world's countries concentrating on environmental regions and key physical characteristics.

recognizing and identifying key physical geographical features of the world; how these are interdependent and how they bring about change over time.

What I will know by the end of the unit.

- Locate the world's countries, including North America.
- Understand the environmental regions and key physical characteristics of specific regions in North America
- Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of physical geography between a region of the United Kingdom, South America and North America.
- Understand and describe physical geography including climate zones, biomes, vegetation belts and mountains.





Yosemite National Park is located in California, USA.




Did you know Yosemite Valley is a glacially carved canyon? The glaciers that shaped Yosemite Valley retreated 15,000 years ago.


In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant. This protected Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove. Eventually, thanks to John Muir, the forests and mountains surrounding Yosemite Valley were protected. Yosemite National Park was formed in 1890.

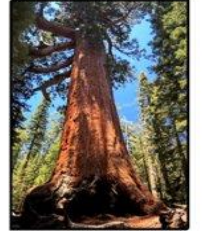
Yosemite National Park is located in the Sierra Nevada mountain range.



Yosemite Falls is the tallest waterfall in the USA. It has a drop of 740 metres.



Yosemite is famous for its three giant sequoia groves. Giant sequoias are some of the largest and tallest trees on Earth.



Yosemite National Park covers an area of 1169 square miles (3028 km²). This is the same as 761,268 acres.

Yosemite National Park is located within the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Mountains can be formed in different ways but the Sierra Nevada mountains are fault-block mountains. Millions of years ago, the Pacific Plate slowly pushed its way underneath the North American Plate, which eventually meant that rock was pushed up, creating mountains. Fault-block mountains are very steep on one side but have a much more gently sloping side on the other.

