

Year 6 The United States of America Summer 2



Human features of USA

The 50 States.



The United States of America has the largest economy in the world and, because of its enormous size, is divided into 50 different states. Each state has their own laws. This is why there are 50 stars on the national flag.

Sports and Recreation



Sports in the U.S.A. define much of its culture and many sports are played exclusively to the country including American Football, baseball, ice hockey and basketball. Many more countries have since developed these too.

Colonisation



When Christopher Columbus arrived in 1492, humans had been in North America for over 30,000 years. The Europeans settled on the land but disease and war meant most of the natives were killed. The U.S.A. declared its independence from Britain in 1776.

Physical features of USA

The Grand Canyon



An enormous carved canyon in the ground formed by the Colorado River, which began 5-6 million years ago. It runs 1800m deep and 18 miles wide and is in Arizona in western U.S.A.

The Rocky Mountains



'The Rockies' are a major mountain range, spanning 3000km, in the west running through Canada and the United States. The range offers dramatic wilderness, diverse wildlife/alpine lakes.

USA festivals/ celebrations

Independence Day [4th July]

New Orleans Mardi Gras [February]

Thanksgiving [November]

Halloween [October]



Mount Rushmore



Vocabulary

state	the population of an area under a single government
plain	a large, flat area of land without trees
canyon	a deep valley with steep sides
erosion	The wearing away of something over time
drought	a long period with little or no rain
flood	an overflow of water onto land
agriculture	the work of raising crops and farm animals
economy	how money is made and used within a country or region

Food and Farming in the USA

CORN The United States is the largest producer of corn in the world producing 32% of the world's corn crop in the early 2010s. Corn is grown in over 400,000 farms.



SOYBEANS Over 279,000 farms in the USA produce soybeans making the USA the largest producer and exporter of soybeans accounting for over 50% of the world's soybean production



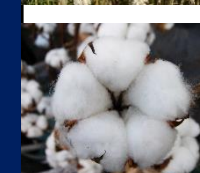
HAY production in the United States exceeds 119 million tons per year. Alfalfa is the primary hay crop grown in this country.



WHEAT Over 160,000 farms in the USA produce wheat. USA produces around 10% of the world's wheat supplies and about 25% of world's wheat export.



COTTON is grown in 17 southern states, concentrated in California, Texas, and the Southeast. Farms in those states produce over 30% of the world's cotton with annual exports of more than \$7 billion.



Drought in California



Volcano: Mount St Helens