



The USA is separated into fifty different states – forty-eight of the states are part of the mainland and the other two (Alaska and Hawaii) are not. Alaska is separated from the mainland USA by Canada and Hawaii is an island. **The capital** of USA is **Washington DC**.

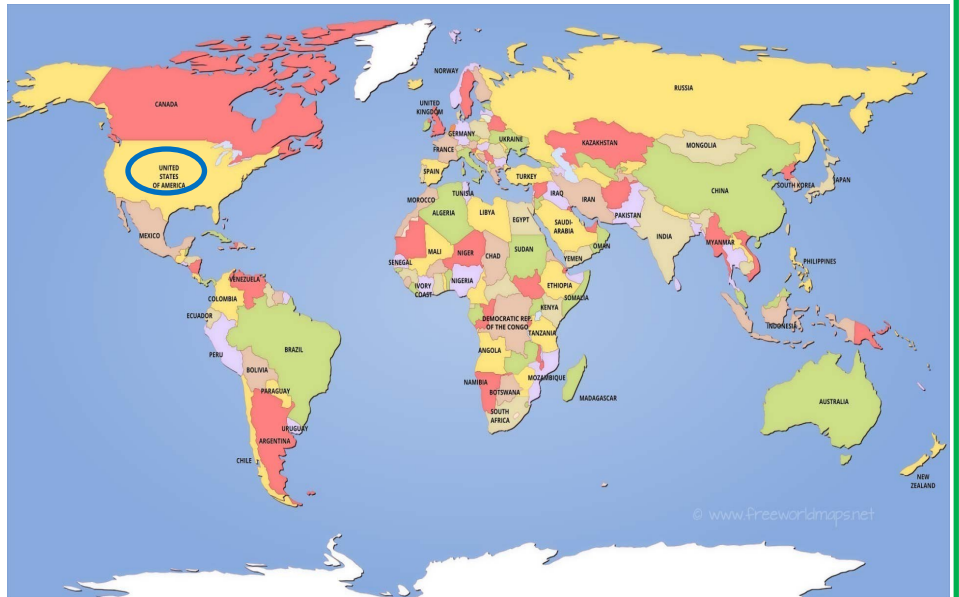
The stars on the USA flag represent each of the 50 states. Each state has its own state capital and state government. They are all part of the USA but have different rules and laws as well as their own individual flags and nicknames. The culture in each state can also be very different.

What are the 50 States of the USA?



Where in the World is the United States of America (USA)

The USA is a country located in the continent of North America. It is the third largest country in the world — after Russia and Canada. To the south of the USA you have the country of Mexico and the continent of South America. To the north of the USA you have Canada (which is also in North America). To the east of the USA you have the Atlantic Ocean and if you crossed that ocean you would reach parts of Europe and Africa. To the west you have the Pacific Ocean and if you crossed that ocean you would reach Russia and other parts of Asia. Can you see the **USA** on the map?



The Map shows the United States' varied landscape, including a broad, flat coastal plain and the **Florida peninsula**. The **Appalachian Mountains** form a line of low mountains separating the eastern seaboard from the **Great Lakes** and the **Mississippi Basin**. There are five **Great Lakes**, four of which form part of the border with Canada; only **Lake Michigan** is situated entirely within the United States. The **Great Plains** in the west of the region, grow a large portion of the countries agricultural products, ending at the **Rocky Mountains**. The Midwest is known for its productive farmland, stretching south to the Gulf Coast. There is also the lush Mississippi river basin and two large tributaries, the **Ohio River** and the **Tennessee River**.



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Significant Landmarks:



The Statue of Liberty

She carries a torch above her head and wears a crown. She symbolises liberty and freedom.

The Statue of Liberty is a statue located in New York City, New York. It was a gift to the American people from the French.

The Golden Gate Bridge is a bridge located in San Francisco, California. It is one of the most famous landmarks in the USA. Despite being called the Golden Gate Bridge, the bridge is actually more of an orange/red colour.



Golden Gate Bridge



Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon was carved out of rock by the Colorado River millions of years ago. It is located in Arizona. The canyon is 277 miles long and in places is 18 miles wide. At some points the canyon is over a mile deep.



Death Valley

Death Valley is a desert valley in Eastern California, in the northern Mojave Desert, bordering the Great Basin Desert.

During summer, it is thought to be the hottest place on Earth.

Unit Specific Vocabulary:

Border	An invisible line separating two countries or areas
Climate	The typical weather patterns in a place over time
Land Mass	The amount (area) of land in a place
Landmark	An important or significant feature
Human feature	A feature created by or the result of human activity
Physical feature	A feature created or occurring naturally
Latitude	a measure of the distance you are located from the equator
Longitude	the distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian.
North America	A continent in the northern hemisphere
Population Density	Measurement of the number of people in an area. This can be calculated by dividing the number of people by the area in question.
Population Distribution	The pattern of where people live. Places which are sparsely population contain few people. Places which are densely population contain many people.
President	The individual in charge of all states in the USA
Skyscraper	A very tall building with many different storeys
State	An area in a country with its own government
State Capital	The capital city of a state in the USA
State Governor	The individual in charge of a state in the USA
USA	A country in North America - United States of America

Significant Places:



North America and the USA

North America is one of seven world continents. The USA (United States of America) is a country within North America. It is one of the largest countries in the world and is separated into 50 different states.



Austin, Texas

Texas is one of the 50 states of the USA. It is the second largest state in terms of land mass and the second largest in terms of population. The state capital of Texas is a city called Austin.



Juneau, Alaska

Alaska is one of the 50 states of the USA. It is the largest state in terms of land mass and is actually separated from the mainland USA by Canada. The state capital of Alaska is a city called Juneau.



Sacramento, California

California is one of the 50 states of the USA. It is third largest in terms of land mass but the largest in terms of population. The state capital of California is a city called Sacramento.

**Significant Places:**

New York is famous for its skyscrapers

New York City is located in the state of New York. It lies where the Hudson and East rivers join New York Bay. The city is made up of five districts called boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island.

New York City (NYC) is the most populous city in the United States. NYC is home to the United Nations headquarters, and has been described as the cultural, financial, and media capital of the world, as well as the world's most economically powerful city. The next five most populous cities in the state are Buffalo, Yonkers, Rochester, Syracuse, and the state capital of Albany.

New York City is packed with world-famous sites. The **Statue of Liberty** is located in its bay. The **Empire State Building** is the best-known skyscraper in the Manhattan skyline. The huge **Central Park** lies near the heart of Manhattan.

