



Key Location Facts:

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| The USA is a country that is made up of 50 states. |
| The USA is bordered by Mexico and Canada. |
| The Atlantic and Pacific oceans border the USA. |
| The capital of the USA is Washington DC. |
| U.S.A stands for United States of America. |
| The USA is in the continent of North America. |
| There are 23 countries in total in North America including Canada, Greenland, Mexico and the USA. |
| California is a state on the West coast of the USA. |

Physical Features in California:

- Beaches on the west coast
- San Andreas fault – the biggest fault line in the world
- Yosemite National Park
- The Sierra Nevada mountains
- Lake Tahoe
- Giant Sequoia forests
- Mojave desert
- Death Valley National Park
- Napa Valley

Human Features in California:

- Large cities – San Francisco and Los Angeles
- Iconic landmarks – the Golden Gate bridge, Alcatraz, Hollywood sign, Disneyland
- Natural resources – fertile farmland, mining
- Businesses – finance, film and television, technology

Diagrams/Images/Maps:



What I should already know:

- Portsmouth is a city in the south of England in the county of Hampshire.
- Tourists visit Portsmouth for different reasons.
- Urban areas have different categories of land use.
- In the region of Portsmouth there is a national park – The South Downs.
- National Parks help to protect an area.
- Earthquakes and volcanoes happen where there are fault lines.
- In volcanic areas, the soil can be rich in minerals and geothermal energy can be used.

Key Vocabulary:

| word | Definition |
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| state | An area of a country with its own government |
| fault line | The place where two tectonic plates meet |
| settlement | A place where people live and establish a community |
| land use | The way that humans use the land |
| rural | Countryside |
| urban | Towns, villages and cities |
| National Park | An area of countryside that is protected |
| mountain | A large natural raised area of the earth's surface |
| glacier | A large area of ice which moves slowly |
| valley | A low area of land between mountains or hills. Often there is a river flowing through it. |
| waterfall | A point on a river or stream where the water flows over a vertical or steep drop |
| monolith | A large upright block of stone or rock |
| aerial photo | A photo taken from the air |
| trade | Buying and selling goods and services |
| economic activity | The amount a country or area sells and makes |