

### 3 BIG IDEAS

#### Location

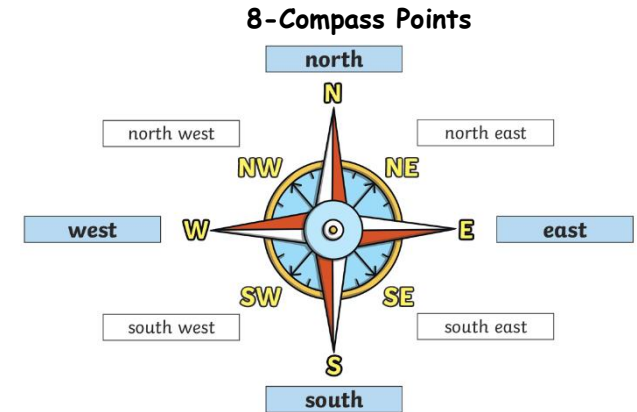
- I can use a map to locate countries in North and South America.
- I can use eight compass points to locate cities in North and South America.
- I can name and locate regions in North and South America.
- I can follow Route 66 on a map.

#### Diversity

- I can compare settlements on in North and South American cities using satellite images and photographs.
- I can describe similarities and differences between some North and South American cities.
- I can compare and contrast human characteristics of life in North and South American countries.

#### Environment

- I can identify key physical features of countries, states and cities in North and South America.
- I can identify key human characteristics of countries, states and cities in North and South America.
- I can identify and describe the weather and climate and in regions of North and South America.



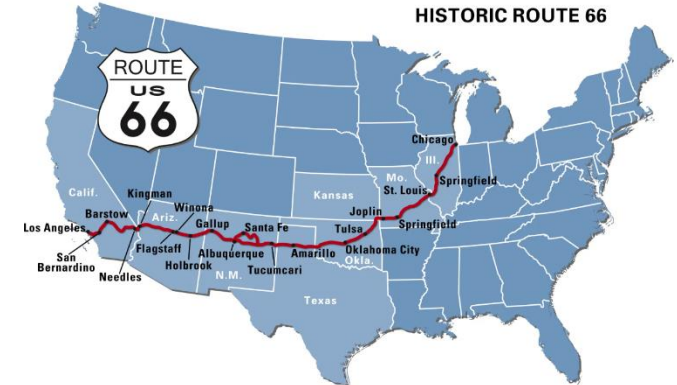
### North America



### South America



### Route 66



### New York City, New York (North America)

New York City is located on one of the world's largest natural harbours at the mouth of the Hudson river. It is made up of five boroughs.

**Landmarks:** The Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building, Central Park.

**Climate:** New York City has a humid subtropical climate. Winters are chilly and damp and can be 0.7 °C. Summers are typically hot and humid, with a daily mean temperature of 25.3 °C in July.



### Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (South America)

Rio de Janeiro's landscape is mainly made up of mountains, forests and coastline. The city is built around the Tijuca Forest - one of the world's largest urban forests.

**Landmarks:** Christ the Redeemer statue, Sugar Loaf, Copacabana Beach

**Climate:** Generally hot, humid and tropical but the weather can also be extreme. Autumn and winter can be affected by cold fronts from Antarctica, while in the summer, heavy rain can cause devastating floods and landslides. The temperature typically varies between 18°C and 31°C.



## Vocabulary

**Continent** - a large continuous landmass, separated from other continents by water or other geographical features.

**The Americas** - The Americas are two separate continents consisting of North America and South America.

**North America** - A continent in Earth's Northern and Western Hemispheres. It contains the countries Canada, Mexico, USA, and many others.

**South America** - A continent mainly in the Southern Hemisphere. It contains the countries Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil, and many others.

**Central America** - A narrow strip of land that lies at the southern end of North America. It connects that continent with South America. The region consists of seven countries, including Belize, Guatemala and Panama.

**Region** - An area of the earth's surface that has certain features of land and climate.

**State** - An area of land, and it is one of the parts that make up a whole country. USA has 50 states.

**City** - A busy settlement where people live and work.

**Route 66** - A historic highway in the United States from Chicago to Los Angeles. It crossed much of the American Midwest, Great Plains, and Southwest.

**Settlement** - A places where people live and sometimes work.

**Digital mapping** - A method of preparing maps in which the data is stored in a computer for ease of access and updating.

**Computer mapping** - Any mapping procedure done with the help of computers.