



## Geography: Lilac Class – North America

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#### Key Vocabulary

<b>Population</b>	The total number of people living in a country, city or area
<b>Capital City</b>	The city where the government is located
<b>Compass</b>	an instrument for showing direction. A typical compass has a moving magnetic needle that points north
<b>Grid References</b>	Numbers and letters along the edges of a map to help locate places
<b>Country</b>	an area of land that is controlled by its own government
<b>Trade</b>	buying, selling or exchanging goods and services.
<b>Human Features</b>	Things such as language, religion, political systems, and population are examples of <b>human characteristics</b> .
<b>Physical Features</b>	The <b>physical characteristics</b> of a place including landforms, climate, soils, and hydrology.
<b>Equator</b>	An imaginary line around the middle of a planet halfway between the North Pole and the South Pole, at 0 degrees latitude.
<b>Northern Hemisphere</b>	The half of Earth that is north of the Equator
<b>Southern Hemisphere</b>	The half of Earth that is south of the Equator
<b>Climate Zone</b>	The weather changes in different parts of the world. Where there are similar weather patterns this is known as a climate.
<b>Topographical</b>	<b>Topography</b> describes the physical features of an area of land. These features typically include natural formations such as mountains, rivers, lakes, and valleys.

#### Route 66

Route 66 is an iconic east-west highway that connects Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif., and traces the development of the United States. Begun in 1926, the 2,448-mile network of paved roads was a main way of movement of people and goods for several decades, until being replaced by the interstate highway system.

- Route 66 was designed as an interregional link between the east and west of America.
- It was established on 11 November 1926.
- It stretches 2,488 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles.
- The highway runs through eight states: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.
- In his famous novel *The Grapes of Wrath*, John Steinbeck proclaimed it 'The Mother Road'.
- The route was decommissioned in 1985, when the new interstate was finished.


As Route 66 is no longer an official highway, many parts have fallen into disrepair. Over the course of the 20th century, most of the road has been swallowed up by Interstate 40, and the iconic sights often require some off-roading. Nevertheless, a Route 66 holiday is not just a road trip – it's an odyssey of a lifetime, and you'll come across some astonishing attractions you won't find anywhere else in the world. Here are just a few of them.

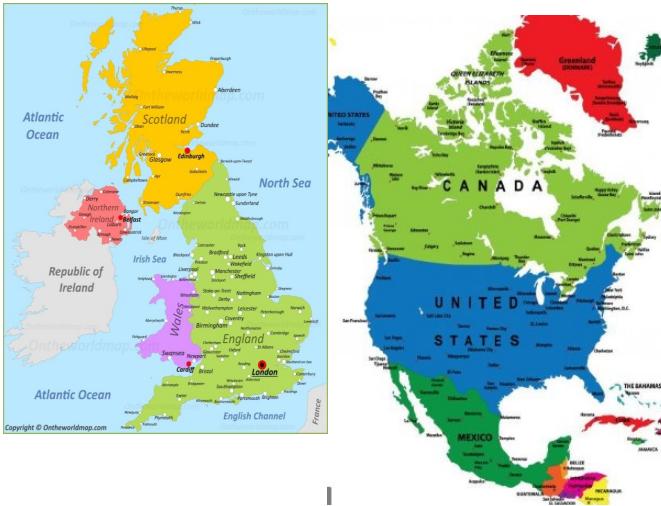





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Population	Approx. 66 million
Size	250,000 km <sup>2</sup>
Language	English
Countries Making the United Kingdom	England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
Currency	Sterling pounds



North America	
	
Population	579 million
Size	24.71 million km <sup>2</sup>
Language	English, Spanish & French
Number of countries in North America	23
Currency	Mostly US Dollars

North America Facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North America is the third largest continent; it covers about 16.5% of Earth's land mass .</li> <li>- How many oceans border North America? North America is bordered by three oceans the Arctic Ocean (north), the Atlantic Ocean (east) and the Pacific Ocean (south and west)</li> <li>- What is the geography of North America like? The continent of North America has a wide variety of geographical features including; gigantic mountain ranges, wide, flat, grassy plains, hot dry, deserts, frozen ice caps and hot tropical regions. It is often said that North America is the only continent to experience every kind of climate!</li> <li>- Famous places to visit in North America; Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, Chichen Itza, Teotihuacan, Rocky Mountains, Mount Rushmore, the Statue of Liberty and Yellowstone National Park .</li> <li>- North America is usually split into three main sub-regions Canada (located north), the United States (located centrally) and Mexico (located south) .</li> <li>- The main languages spoken in North America are English, Spanish and then the French language</li> </ul>

