

# North America

North America is the third largest continent in the world. It consists of twenty three different countries.

The longest river in North America is the Missouri River which flows through seven different states.

The highest mountain in North America is the Denali which is in Alaska, an isolated part of North America.

The largest lake in North America is called Lake Superior which is as big as Alaska.

Originally North America was inhabited by indigenous people known as native Americans, however, in later years, Europeans arrived and took land from the native Americans. There are still groups of native Americans such as the Cherokee, Navajo and Iroquois people. However, only 2% of all Americans consider themselves Native Americans.

*The Rocky Mountains (left); The Panama Canal (right)*



*Niagra Falls (above)*



## DID YOU KNOW?

Central America is the name for the collective countries that bridge the continents of North and South America.

Central America although named differently, is still considered to be part of the North American continent.

There are numerous islands off the coast of North America known as The Caribbean Islands which also are part of the continent of North America.

