

Mexico (Year 4)

Prior Learning

- The Mayans began to settle in the Yucatan area of what is now Mexico between 2600 BC and 1800 BC.
- Mexico is part of North America, one of the 7 continents of the world (North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia/Oceania, Antarctica).
- The Pacific Ocean borders the west side of Mexico.
- Lots of architecture in Mexico is similar to architecture in Spain.
- The main language in Mexico is Spanish.

Human and Physical Features

Human Features

Chitzen Itza, Templo Mayor, Great Pyramid of Tenochtitlán, Chapultepec Park.

Physical Features

Popocatepetl, Iztaccíhuatl, Copper Canyon, Sea of Cortez, Pico de Orizaba, Lake Chapala, Yucatan Peninsula, Central Plateau, Chihuahuan Desert, Lacandon Jungle.

Concepts

cultural	Examines the cultural values, practices, discursive and material expressions and artefacts of people, the cultural diversity and how cultures are distributed over place.
Interdependence	Countries are dependent on one another. Mutual dependence on the two nation's economies.

Key Vocabulary

peninsula	a piece of land almost surrounded by water or projecting out into a body of water.
plateau	a flat elevated platform that rises sharply above the surrounding area on at least one side
arable	used or suitable for growing crops.
rural	an open area of land with few houses and buildings

Key Facts

- Location - Mexico is located in the continent of North America.**
- On a map Mexico is found in Central America. It sits between North America and South America.**
- Capital City – Mexico City**
- Climate - As Mexico is close to the equator it is quite hot throughout the year. The temperature in the summer is around 28°C. The winter is very mild. October to May is the dry season, which means there is very little rain.**
- Language - Spanish**
- Pico de Orizaba is Mexico's tallest mountain standing at 5,636m**
- Mexico is prone to earthquakes and sits in one of the most dangerous earthquake zones named "The Ring of Fire".**

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