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## North America *Facts to Know*

Locate and identify the following on a map:

- Canada
- United States
- Mexico
- Central America
- Rocky Mountains
- Appalachian Mountains
- Mississippi River
- Great Lakes
- Pacific Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Caribbean Sea
- West Indies (Islands in the Caribbean Sea)
- Gulf of Mexico

The United States has 50 states. 48 of them are contiguous (sharing boundaries; together). Alaska and Hawaii are not contiguous with the rest of the United States.

The Mississippi River is the longest river in North America.



# Vocabulary

- Appalachian Mountains: The oldest mountain chain in North America; stretches from Newfoundland to central Alabama.
- Canada: The largest country in North America; located north of the United States.
- Central America: The name given to the narrow land bridge that connects North and South America, and is home to seven independent countries.
- Contiguous: Shares a boundary.
- Great Lakes: Freshwater lakes that form a chain from western New York State to northern Minnesota.
- Mexico: The third-largest country on the North American continent; located south of the United States.
- The Mississippi River: An important river in the United States; begins in Minnesota and empties into the Gulf of Mexico below New Orleans.
- Navigable: Able to be traveled by ship or boat.
- Rocky Mountains: A mountain range that extends for more than 3,000 miles from Alaska to New Mexico.