



Title of topic: Road Trip USA
 Topic Focus: Geography
 Year 4 – Autumn 2nd half term






This is the knowledge organiser for our topic. It includes all the learning outcomes, key facts and vocabulary. Please share this with your child to help them develop their knowledge and understanding of our topic.



Humans cause changes to the environment which can be positive or negative for living things.
 Sounds travels in waves and needs a medium to travel through.





The United States of America is made up of 50 states.
 The capital city is **Washington DC**
 The **USA** has a wide range of **environments** and a diverse population, including **native Americans** (the indigenous people).

Key Human Features:

- Statue of Liberty 
- New York City 
- Golden Gate Bridge 
- Hoover Dam 
- Mount Rushmore 

Pop Art is a famous modern American art form which started in **New York**.
 Key Figures include Andy **Warhol**, Roy **Lichtenstein** and Piet **Mondrian**

Key physical features:

- Grand Canyon 
- Niagara Falls 
- Monument Valley 
- Old Faithful geyser 

Key vocabulary:

Capital – town or city where the government of a country is based.

Climate - typical weather for an area, region or country.

Indigenous – occurring naturally or originating in a particular place.

Landmark – A landscape feature that is easily seen and recognised from a distance.

Native American – A member of one of the groups of people who were living in America before the Europeans arrived.

Pitch – the different “notes” we hear in music and sound.

Physical features – An item on a landscape that has occurred naturally.

President – A person who has the highest position in a country that does not have a King or Queen.

State – A part of a large country that has its own government.

Tribe – A group of people who live together and share beliefs, customs and language.

Volume – how loud or quiet a sound is.