



Geographical Locations and Characteristics

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1. Use atlases, information books and the Internet to explain the geographical location of the following places in the Americas:

Place Name	Anchorage, Alaska	Rio de Janeiro
State and/or country		
Capital city		
Coordinates (latitude and longitude)		
Hemisphere		
Size (area, etc.)		
Natural (physical) features		
Time zone		
Typical weather (rainfall, summer and winter temperature, etc.)		

2. Find and describe other places in the world that share similar physical features with each of your chosen locations in the Americas. Explain why this might be the case.



Geographical Locations and Characteristics **Answers**

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1.	Use atlases, information books and the Internet to explain the geographical location of the following places in the Americas:		
	Place Name	Anchorage, Alaska	Rio de Janeiro
	State and/or country	Alaska, USA	Brazil
	Capital city	none	none
	Coordinates (latitude and longitude)	61° N, 149° W	22° S, 43° W
	Hemisphere	Northern	Southern
	Size (area, etc)	5083 km ²	1255 km ²
	Natural (physical) features	Anchorage is on coastal lowland and has natural features such as mudflats and waterfalls.	Rio de Janeiro is on the coast. It also has mountains and forests. The Cabuçu River flows through Rio de Janeiro.
	Time zone	UTC/GMC -9 hours	UTC/GMT -2 hours
	Typical weather (rainfall, summer and winter temperatures, etc)	Anchorage has a subarctic climate. Most of the rainfall occurs in late summer. The average daytime summer temperatures range from 13°C to 26°C. The average daytime winter temperatures range from -15°C to -1.1°C. Temperatures range from above 40°C in summer and above 27°C in winter.	Rio de Janeiro has a tropical climate. The average annual rainfall varies from 1200 to 2800mm. It has hot, humid summers and wet winters.



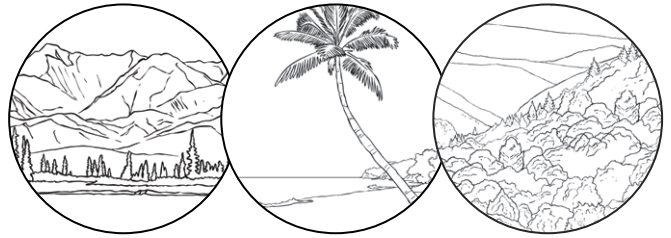
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1. Use atlases, information books and the Internet to explain the geographical location of three places in the Americas:

- a place near the arctic circle;
- a place in the tropics;
- a place in one of the temperate zones.



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State and/or country			
Capital city			
Coordinates (latitude and longitude)			
Hemisphere			
Size (area, etc.)			
Natural (physical) features			
Time zone			
Typical weather (rainfall, summer and winter temperature, etc.)			

2. Find and describe other places in the world that share similar physical features with each of your chosen locations in the Americas. Explain why this is this case.



Geographical Locations and Characteristics **Answers**

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1.	Use atlases, information books and the Internet to explain the geographical location of the following places in the Americas: Example answer			
	Place Name	<i>Fairbanks</i>	<i>Buenos Aires</i>	<i>Dallas</i>
	State and/or country	<i>Alaska, USA</i>	<i>Argentina</i>	<i>Texas, USA</i>
	Capital city	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>	<i>none</i>
	Coordinates (latitude and longitude)	<i>64° N, 147° W</i>	<i>34° S, 58° W</i>	<i>33° N, 97° W</i>
	Hemisphere	<i>Northern</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>Northern</i>
	Size (area, etc)	<i>84.24 km²</i>	<i>203 km²</i>	<i>999.3 km²</i>
	Natural (physical) features	<i>Fairbanks is in the Tanana Valley. It is near many hills and mountains.</i>	<i>Buenos Aires has a mostly flat landscape with numerous small rivers flowing through it.</i>	<i>Dallas has a flat, inland landscape. It has many rivers and lakes.</i>
	Time zone	<i>UTC/GMC -9 hours</i>	<i>UTC/GMT -3 hours</i>	<i>UTC/GMT -6 hours</i>
	Typical weather (rainfall, summer and winter temperatures, etc)	<i>Fairbanks has a subarctic climate. It has long, cold winters and short, warm summers. The average temperatures range from -22°C in January to 17°C in July. The average annual rainfall is 275mm.</i>	<i>Buenos Aires has a mild climate all year round. The average annual temperature is 18°C. The average annual rainfall is 1147mm.</i>	<i>Dallas has a humid subtropical climate. It has mild winters and hot summers. The average annual temperature is 18°C. The average annual rainfall is 942mm.</i>
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	<i>Answers vary.</i>			