

US/Canada Intro Notes





Who is this? Hint - “America” is named after him!





Amerigo Vespucci -

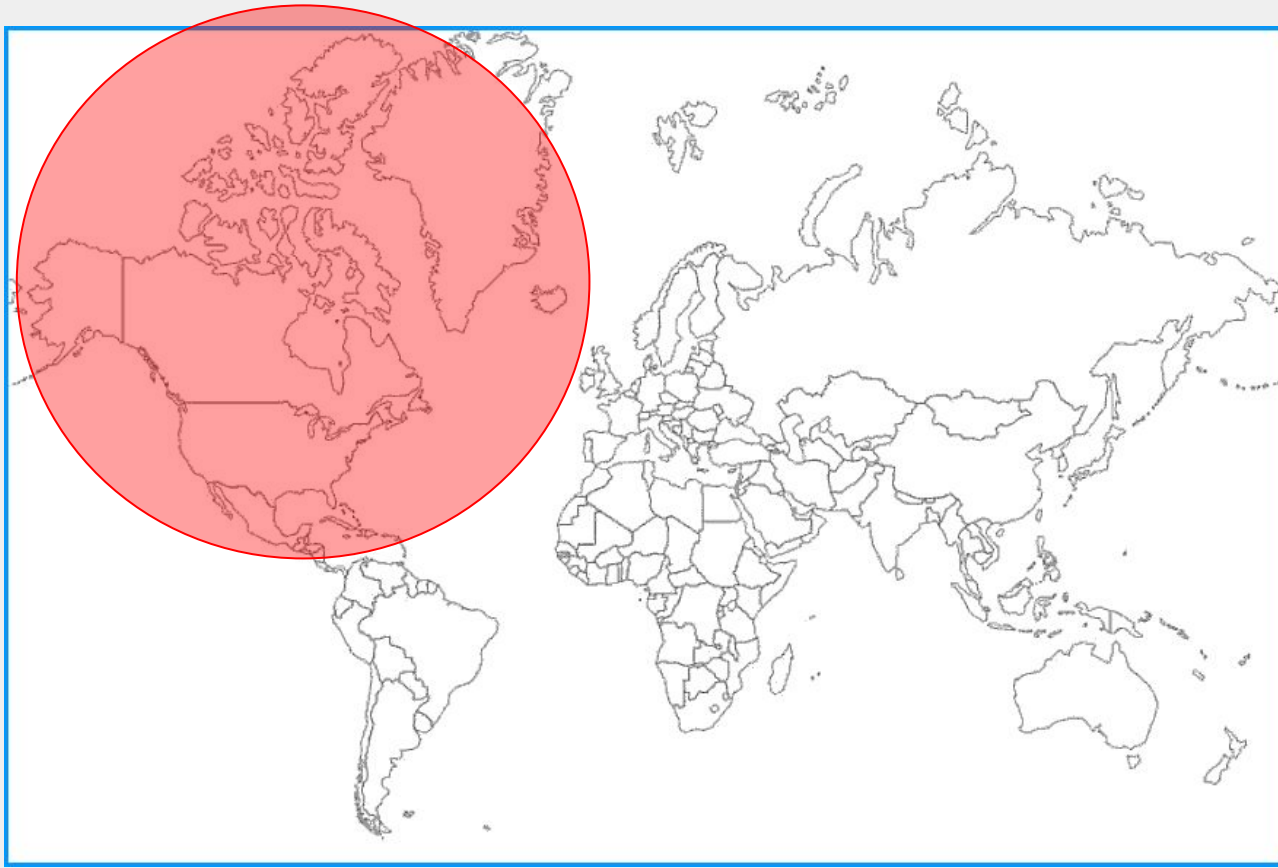
Italian Explorer who North & South AMERICA is named after. After returning from exploring part of North & South America (1501-1502), he was the first to come up with the idea that the places he visited were NOT Asia, but a “New World”!!





Where is North America?





Includes: United States, Canada, Greenland,
Mexico, Central America & Caribbean Islands



3 Major Languages of North America?

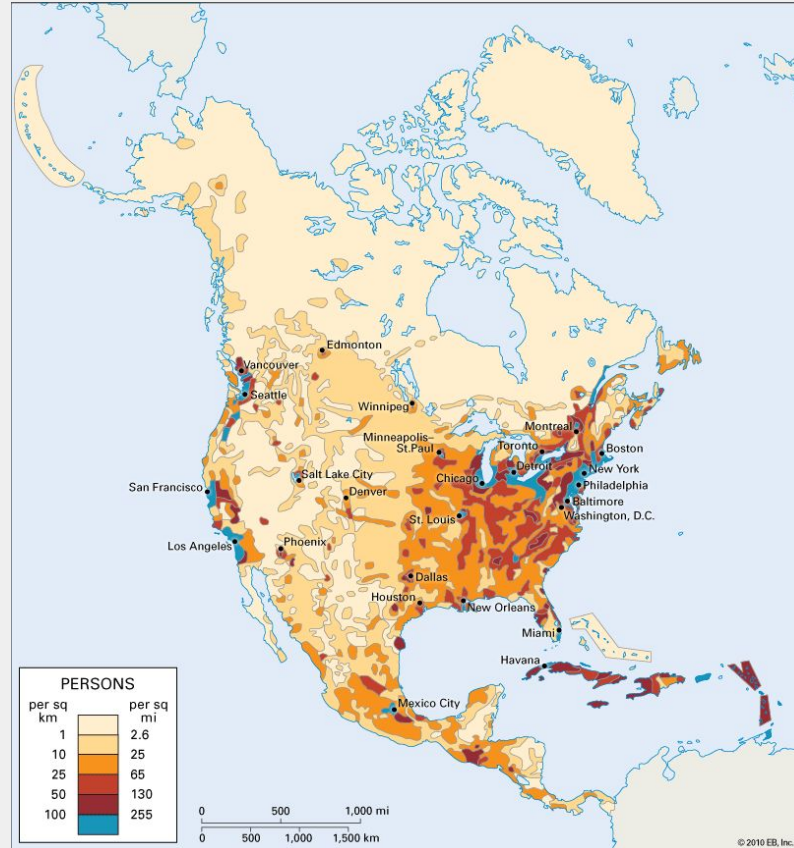


English, Spanish & French

Why these 3...where did they come from?



Population of North America?



580 Million

Note:
USA = 325 million
Canada = 36 million
Mexico = 127 million

The population of the United States is not distributed evenly. Instead, we tend to bunch up in communities, leaving the spaces in between more sparsely inhabited. Most Americans live in or near cities; today 53 percent live in the 20 largest cities. 75 percent of all Americans live in metropolitan areas.

This map shows population density. The relative height of each major city reflects its population in 1990.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Go West. Nevada is the fastest growing state, followed by Arizona, Idaho, Colorado, and Utah.

Wyoming has the lowest population density of all states in the lower 48 with an average of five people per square mile.

What happens in the empty spaces? Some of it is farming country. More than one quarter of America's crop land is used to grow corn. One third of what is produced is exported to other countries.

Chicago, the country's third largest city, has a population of about three million people. There are 21 states with populations smaller than this city.

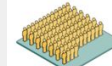
Largest metropolitan area includes New York City and portions of New Jersey and Long Island with a total population of 20 million.

Population density is highest in New York City, where there are 20,000 people per square mile.

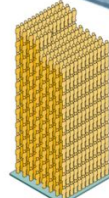
West. Some states are full of water. For example, Louisiana includes more than 8,000 square miles of lakes and wetlands. That's an area bigger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

Coastal areas are home to more than half the U.S. population.

Approximately one in nine Americans lives in the nation's most populous state—California. More than 15 million people live in the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County metropolitan area.



Distributing our population evenly would put an average of 76 people per square mile.



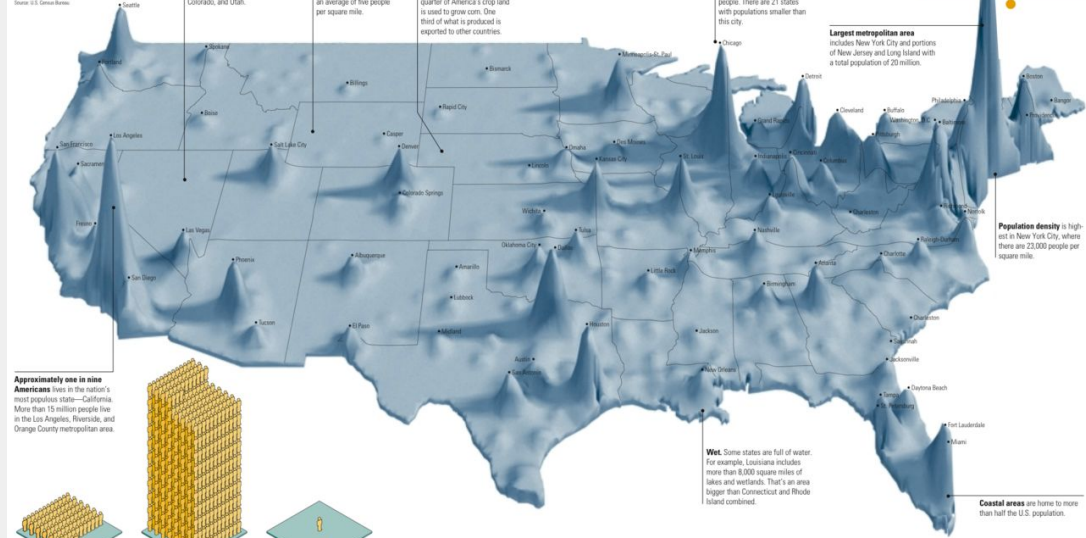
New Jersey is the most densely populated state with an average of more than 1,000 people per square mile.



Alaska is a sparsely populated state with an average of one person per square mile.

Population Distribution

Where do we live?
Where don't we live?



FYI - Canada and California have basically same population!!!



How many Countries in North America?





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Size of North America?



9.3 Million Square Miles

Note:
**3rd Largest Continent
Behind Asia and Africa**



Highest Point in North America?





Denali - 20,320 ft above sea-level



Lowest Point in North America?



Death Valley - 282 ft below sea-level



Name the Current...

President of USA

Prime Minister of Canada



**USA -
Joe Biden**



**Canada -
Justin Trudeau**

