

North America - Climate, Vegetation and Resources

Chapter 9: North America - Climate, Vegetation and Resources · Topic 1

Key Concept

Northern parts of Canada have a cold, Arctic climate with tundra vegetation, while southern USA and Mexico have warmer, more tropical climates.

Vegetation varies accordingly, from coniferous forests in cooler regions to grasslands in the central plains and deserts in the southwest.

North America is rich in natural resources, including minerals like coal and oil, as well as fertile farmland for growing crops.

These diverse climates, vegetation, and resources support a wide range of economic activities across the continent.

Quick Revision Notes

- Northern Canada has a cold, Arctic climate.
- Arctic regions have tundra vegetation.
- Southern USA and Mexico are warmer, more tropical.
- Vegetation includes coniferous forests and grasslands.
- The southwest has desert regions.
- North America has rich mineral resources.
- Coal, oil and fertile farmland are found there.
- These resources support diverse economic activities.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss the climate difference between northern Canada and Mexico.
- 2 Research the vegetation in different parts of North America.
- 3 Name a natural resource found in North America.
- 4 Discuss how climate affects vegetation.
- 5 Research an economic activity supported by North America's resources.
- 6 Create a chart of climate zones in North America.