Glossary

borough

A town or village that governs itself.

capital

A town or city where the government of the country is based.

climate

The typical weather for an area, region or country.

culture

The behaviour, customs and ideas of a particular group of people.

custom

A traditional way of behaving, specific to a place, time, or people.

demographic

A particular portion of a population, such as gender, race or age.

discriminate

To treat a person or group of people differently, especially worse than how you treat others, because of their gender, age, skin colour or other reasons.

dreamcatcher

A hoop with a loose web of yarn, beads and feathers in the centre, which is believed by Native Americans to give good dreams and keep nightmares away.

Equator

An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth that is an equal distance between the North and South Poles.

government

The group of people who are officially in control of a country.

icon

A famous thing or person that is considered to represent a way of life or certain beliefs.

indigenous

Occurring naturally or originating in a particular place.

itinerary

A route or plan of a journey.

journey stick

A stick that Native Americans decorated to remind them of the places they had visited.

landmark

A landscape feature that is easily seen and recognised from a distance, especially one that helps you to know where you are.

legend

A very old story from the past about a famous person or event. Legends are believed by some to be true to an extent, although this cannot be checked.

longhouse

A long house where many people live together. The Native American Iroquois tribe lived in longhouses, and often 20 or more related families lived together.

Native American

A member of a race who lived in North or South America before Europeans came.

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Northern Hemisphere

The half of the Earth that is found north of the Equator.

physical features

Items on a landscape that have occurred naturally, such as mountains and waterfalls.

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population

All the people living in a certain place, area or country.

reservation

An area of land managed by a Native American tribe.

Southern Hemisphere

The half of the Earth that is found south of the Equator.

state

A part of a large country that has its own government, such as in the United States.

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stereotype

A set idea that people have about a person or thing, which may often be wrong or untrue.

totem pole

A painted wooden pole carved with symbols that is part of Native American tradition.

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tour

A visit when you look around a place and learn about it.

tourist

A person who visits a place for interest or pleasure.

tribe

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