

## Road Trip USA

This term the children are off on a road trip, so buckle up, sunglasses on – we're off across the good old US ofA! Flying from London Gatwick, and landing at JFK airport, New York, it's time to explore the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. Use your map skills to navigate your way around some of its most famous landmarks and send a postcard home to ask the question: Do you wish you were here?

### Did you know?

- Major Mountain Ranges: Rocky Mountains, Appalachian Mountains

Major Rivers: Mississippi, Missouri, Colorado

Money: U.S. dollar

For centuries, native peoples lived across the vast expanse that would become the United States of America. In the early 17th century, settlers moved from Europe to the 'New World', established colonies and displaced the native peoples.

Throughout its history, the United States has been a nation of immigrants. The population is diverse with people from all over the world seeking refuge and a better way of life. The country is divided into six regions – New England, the mid-Atlantic, the South, the Midwest, the Southwest and the West.

### Facts and Figures

Name: United States of America

Location: North America

Capital: Washington

Languages: English is the most common

Population: 328.2 million

Size/Area: 9.834 million km<sup>2</sup>

### Key Vocabulary

**Native Americans** – a member of any of the indigenous peoples of North, Central, and South America.

**Settlers** – a person who moves with a group of others to live in a new country or area.

**Region** – an area, especially part of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries.

**State** – a nation or territory considered as an organized political community under one government.

**Rockies** – the chief mountain range of western North America; extends from British Columbia to northern New Mexico; forms the continental divide.

**United** – joined together politically, for a common purpose, or by common feelings.

