

Geography

Continents



For Upper Primary



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North America Is A Continent

Read the information, then complete the activity sheet which follows.

A continent is a large landmass on Earth. It is commonly believed that there are seven continents: Asia, Europe, Oceania, Antarctica, Africa, North America and South America. However, some geographers combine Europe and Asia (Eurasia) to make six continents in total. North America is located in the northern hemisphere. It is the third largest continent in the world. The map below shows the continent of North America.



DID YOU KNOW?

The continent of North America:

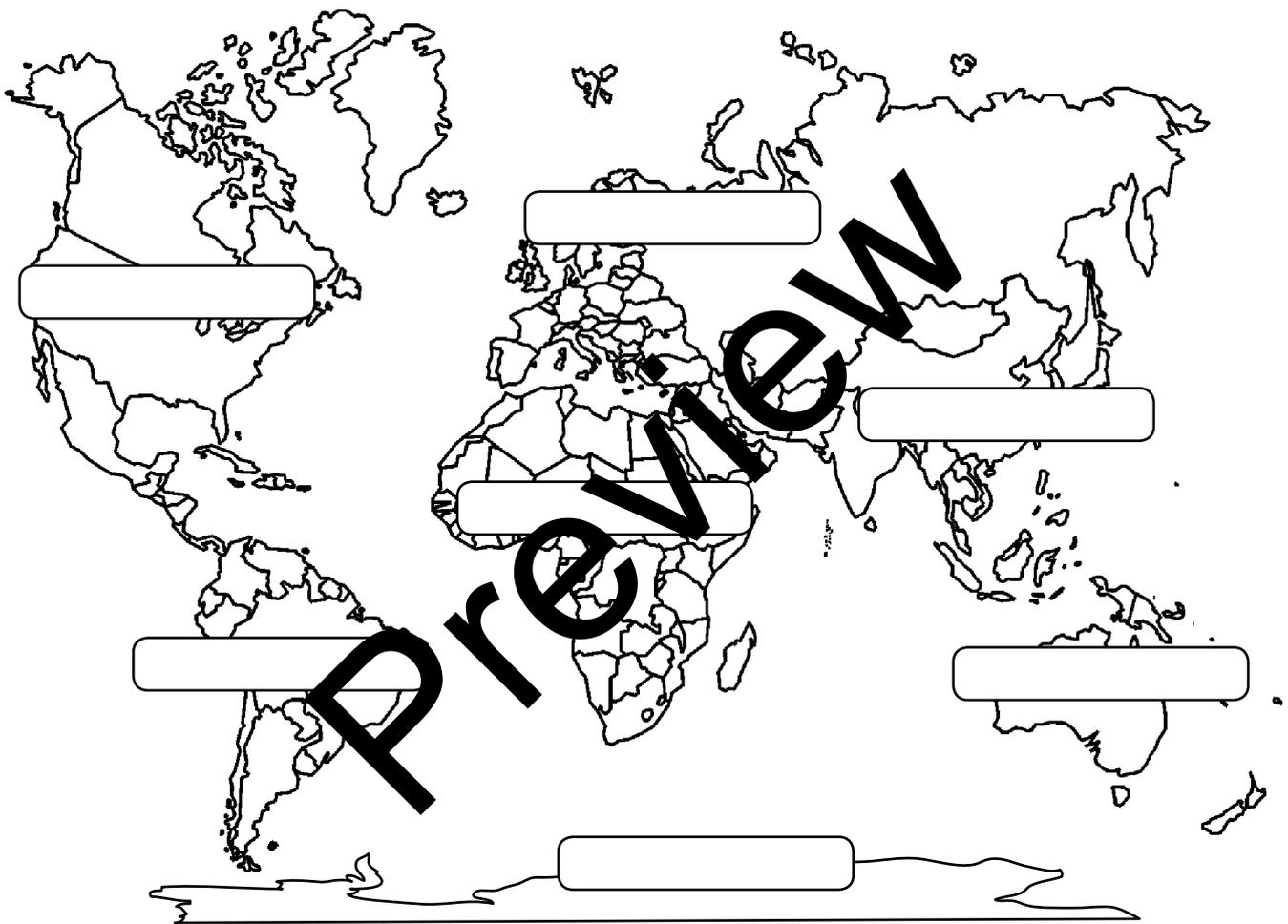
- covers 24,709,000 square kilometres
- is the fourth most populated continent in the world
- borders South America
- is where the Mississippi River is found (its largest watershed)
- includes Alaska where its highest elevation (Denali) is found
- includes New York City in the United States - its most densely populated urban area



Use the information on page 3 to complete this activity sheet.

1. What is a continent? Write a definition below.

2. Name the seven continents of the world on the map below.



3. Colour the continent in which you live.
4. Which two continents are often combined? What new name is given to this combined continent?

5. What continent borders North America?

The Continent Of Europe

Read the information, then complete the activity sheet which follows.

Europe is one of the seven continents of the world. It is the second smallest but the third most highly populated. It has both the biggest and the smallest countries in the world. Look at the map which shows you the countries located in Europe and the seas and oceans which surround it.



FAST FACTS ABOUT EUROPE

- It covers approximately 10,180,000 square kilometres.
- Its largest country is Russia taking up 40% of Europe.
- It spans an estimated 2% of the Earth's surface.
- Its smallest country is the Vatican City being only 0.44km² in area.
- It is located in the northern hemisphere.
- There are over 250 languages spoken in Europe.
- It has a population of approximately 740 million people.
- It is bordered by the continent of Asia.

Use the information on page 5 to complete this activity sheet.

Annotate the map showing:

- the oceans and seas which surround the continent of Europe;
- six facts about the continent of Europe.

FACT 1

FACT 2

FACT 3



FACT 4

FACT 5

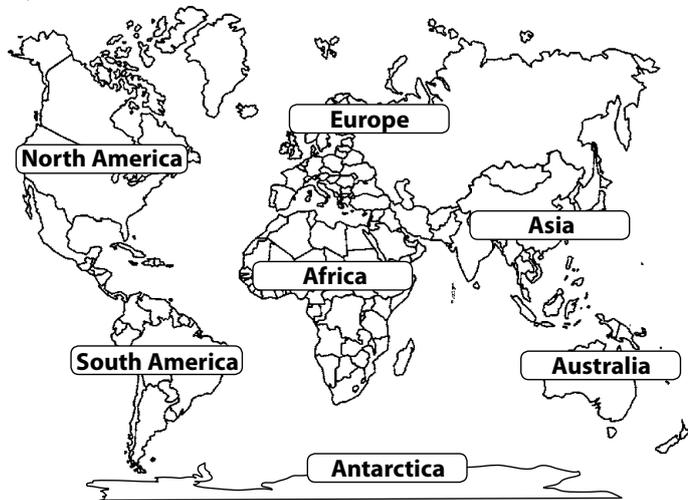
FACT 6

Answers

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A continent is a large landmass on Earth.

1.



- 4. Europe and Asia = Eurasia.
- 5. South America

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