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EXPLORE NORTH AMERICA



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CHAPTER 1

MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS

Let's explore the **continent** of North America! The Grand **Canyon** is here. It is more than one mile (1.6 kilometers) deep in some places.



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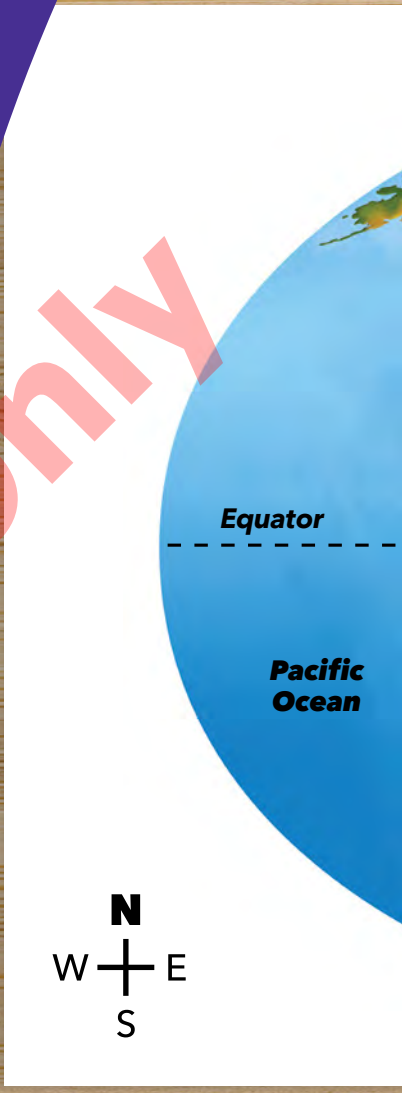
Greenland is part of this continent also. It is between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. Much of it is covered in an **ice sheet**.

ice sheet

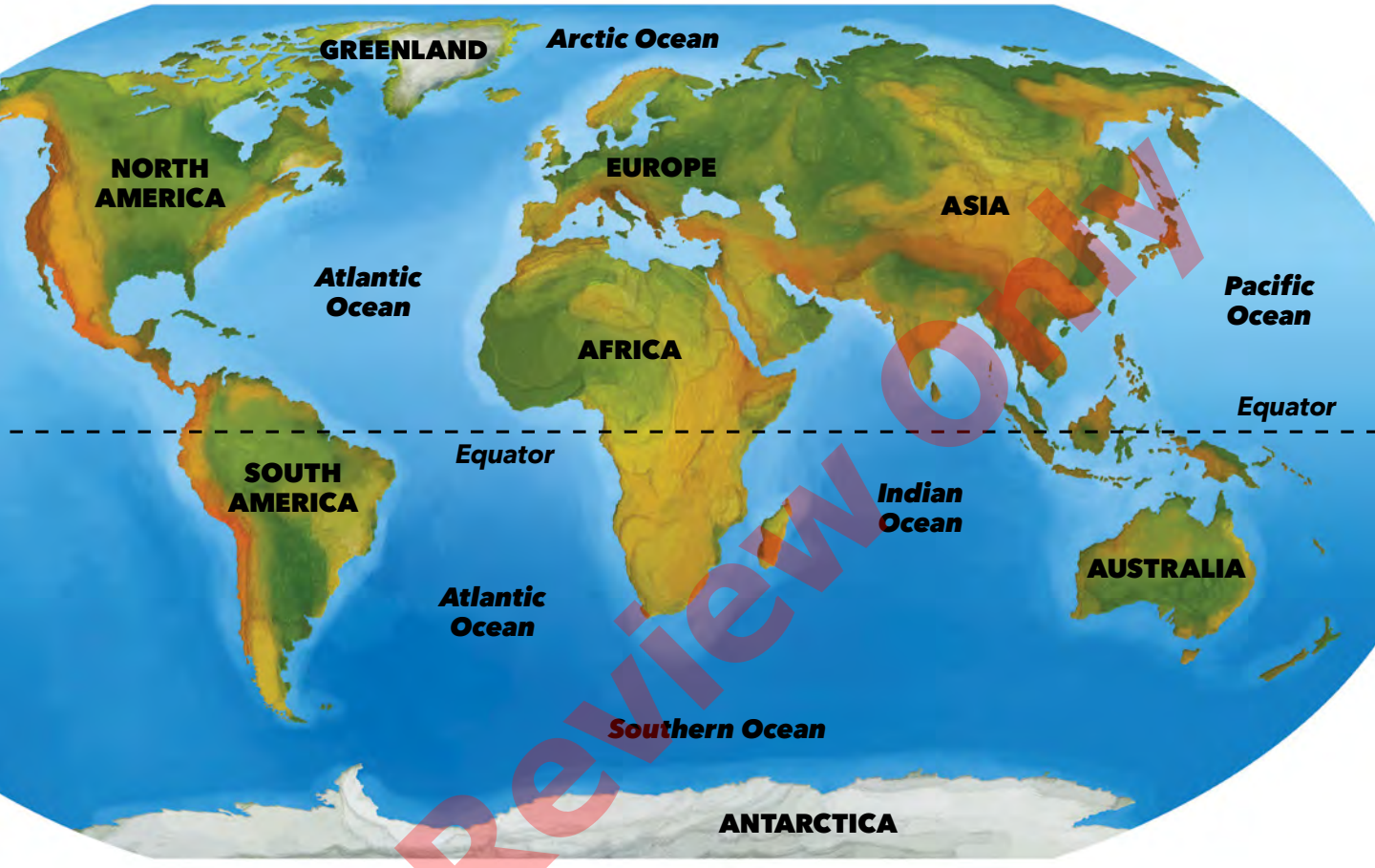
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North America is in the Northern **Hemisphere**. It is north of the **equator**. It is the third largest continent.

The United States and Canada make up much of North America. Greenland is Earth's largest island. Central America and the Caribbean are **regions** in the south.



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Many mountains cross this continent. The Rocky Mountains are in the West. The Appalachian Mountains are in the East. The Sierra Madres span the South.

DID YOU KNOW?

Denali is the highest peak in North America. It is 20,310 feet (6,190 meters) high. It was called Mount McKinley. But the named changed. Denali is what Native Americans called it.





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QUICK FACTS & TOOLS

AT A GLANCE



NORTH AMERICA

Size: 9,355,000 square miles (24,229,338 square km)

Size Rank: Asia, Africa, **North America**, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia

Population Estimate: 370 million people (2019 estimate)

Exports: Machinery, vehicles, oil

Facts: North America could fit the state of Texas nearly 35 times.

The Greenland Ice Sheet covers more than 700,000 square miles (1,812,992 square km).

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