



## Year 5 and 6 Postcard Writing

This week, your writing task is linked to the weekly theme of **Geography** with a focus on North America (which we learnt a lot about during the Autumn term at school.) Your topic mat activities this week will help you recap some of this learning. Your writing task this week is to write a postcard home as if you were visiting North America. You could address your postcard to either a family member or your teacher, Miss Rogan or Mrs Plummer.

### Monday

Practise using some of the punctuation you have been taught to use throughout year 5 and 6 by having a go at the activities on the website below. Year 6, you might like to have a go at the Year 5 ones too, to refresh your brains.

<https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/resource/year-6-using-punctuation-to-mark-boundaries/> Year 6

<https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/resource/year-5-using-brackets-and-dashes-to-indicate-parenthesis/> Year 5

<https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/resource/year-5-using-commas-to-indicate-parenthesis/> Year 5

### Tuesday - gathering ideas for writing

Imagine you are currently visiting North America... Where in North America would you visit? What would you see? How would this be different to where you live in Ripon?

You might want to do some more research using the internet to help you find out what it would be like and what you might see. Record your ideas on the next page.

# My visit to North America 😊

Choose 3 countries within North America you would visit...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name 3 things you would see in each country. This might be a city, a town, a physical feature such as a river, mountain, volcano etc or a human feature such as a famous landmark.

Country 1:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Country 2:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

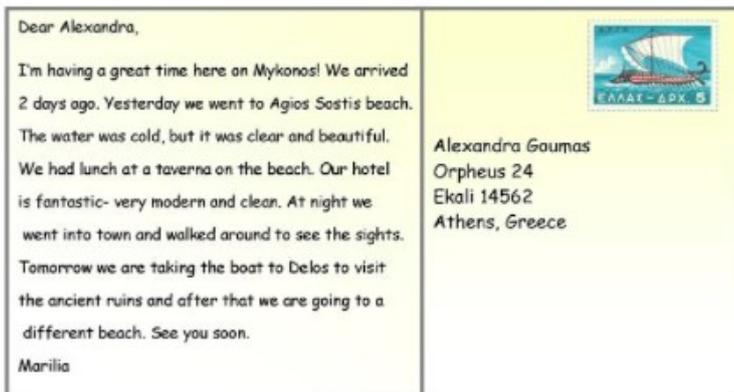
Country 3:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Extra challenge: find out the time difference compared to the UK from some of the places you have chosen to visit ... are they all the same or are some of them different?

Wednesday - Let's start to plan our writing

Here is an example of a postcard someone has sent from their holiday... but I am sure yours will be much more detailed.



Using the ideas you gathered yesterday, make some notes on the plan below so that you are ready to write your postcard tomorrow.

How will you start your post card? (Examples Hi there, Dear mum, Hi mum, Hey there dad, To Andy)

Thursday - draft your writing

Use the plan you created yesterday to write your postcard. Draft your

writing in your book then when you are *Explain where you are and how you are enjoying it. (Examples: it's magnificent here in North America so many fascinating places to visit.)*

*Explain why it is so different to home (Examples: it's so different from home; New York city is huge compared to Rinn there are so many towering building and bustling streets etc)*



happy with it you can write it out neatly on the postcard template on page 6 on Friday.

Remember to include a wide range of punctuation which you practised using on Monday.

Remember to use the word banks on pages ..... and tick of ideas from your plan as you use them to help you.

Friday - complete your postcard

When you are happy with your writing, copy it neatly onto the postcard on page 6. (Make sure you have used some different punctuation).

When you have completed your writing, add some pictures to the front of your postcard (page 7) to show some of the sights you have seen in North America. You could draw the pictures or find some and stick them on.

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# Descriptive Settings: Rainforests and Jungles

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