

Hemingbrough Geography Curriculum

Theme: A Comparison with Mexico

Phase: Upper Key Stage Two

Year Group: 6

Strand: Locational Knowledge / Human & Physical Geography

In Year 1 & 2 I should already have learned to:

- Name & locate **the 7 continents** and **5 oceans**.
- Name, locate and identify characteristics of **the 4 countries and capital cities of the UK**
- Understand similarities and differences between Hemingbrough & Nairobi.
- Locate hot and cold places on a map of the world.

In Year 3 & 4 I should have already learned:

- The geographical similarities and differences of human and physical geography in a region of the United Kingdom and a region in North America.
- A basic knowledge of vegetation belts and local land use.

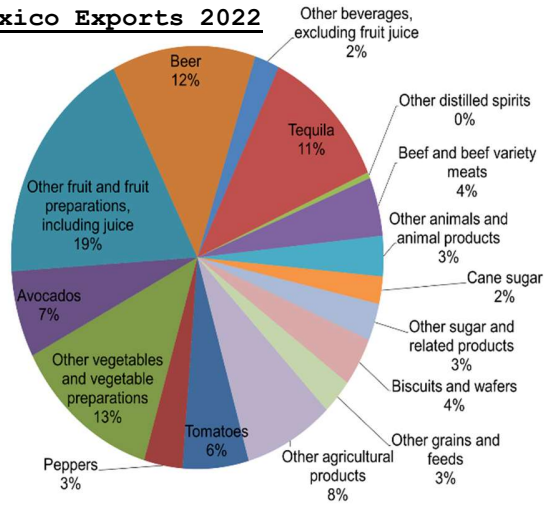
1. Can you describe how the UK and Mexico trade goods and services with other countries?

2. Can you explain where Mexico is on a map, using your knowledge of hemispheres, the equator and Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn?

KEY FACTS

Capital City: Mexico City
Population: Approximately 110,645,000 people
Land Mass: 811,536 square miles
Currency: Peso (MXN)
Language: Spanish
Climate Zone: Tropical, rainy climate

Mexico Exports 2022



Where is Mexico?

Mexico is located in North America between the USA and Central America.



Mexico

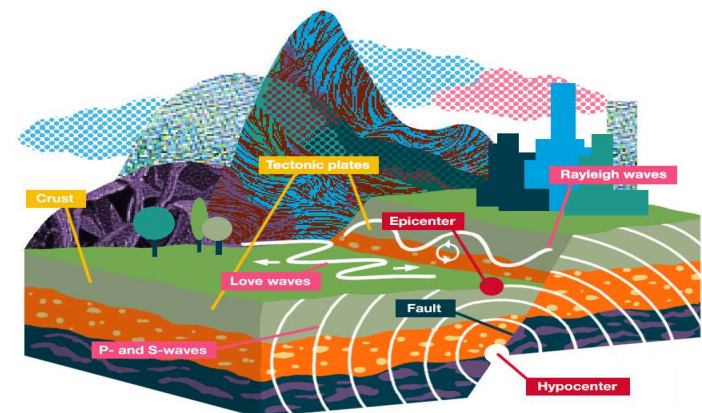
United Kingdom

3. Can you describe the processes that caused a natural disaster to occur in Mexico? Can you also discuss why the UK is less likely to experience natural disasters?

Mexico City earthquake, 1985

On September 19, 1985, an earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale hit Mexico. It struck at 7:19 in the morning and lasted two minutes. Hundreds of buildings collapsed after the first minute, and thousands of people were buried in the rubble.

In the aftermath, the government was unable to cope with the emergency. The consequences of the earthquake were enormous. It weakened the ruling political party's grip on power, which had remained unchallenged for decades. It gave the people a sense of power in the face of tragedy. But it also created safety and prevention codes, which had not existed before.



KEY VOCABULARY	
canyon	A deep, passage cut through the surface of the Earth with steep cliffs on both sides.
civilisation	A complex human society, usually made up of different cities, with certain characteristics of cultural and technological development
climate	The average course of weather conditions for a particular location over a period of many years.
coastline	Where land meets the sea.
desert	A landscape form that gets little precipitation .
elevation	The height of a location above sea-level.
empire	A state under the authority of a single ruler
equator	The imaginary great circle around the middle of the earth's surface.
export	Exports are the goods and services produced in one country and purchased by another.
fertile	The ability of soil to sustain plant growth
import	Goods purchased by a country from another.
migration	The movement of people from one place to another.
national park	A large area of land protected by the government.
peninsula	A piece of land that is bordered by water on three sides but connected to mainland.
precipitation	Rain.
temperate	Moderate. Temperatures can change greatly, between summer and winter.
trade	The exchange of goods, money and services between countries.
tropics	Regions of the Earth that lie roughly in the middle of the globe.

Also a peninsula.



FEATURES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM & MEXICO			
	HUMAN FEATURES	PHYSICAL FEATURES	CLIMATE
UNITED KINGDOM	The UK has many villages, towns and cities. The capital City, London, is home the Queen and the UK Parliament. Many tourists visit London and the British coastline. The UK's main exports include manufactured goods, fuels, chemicals; food, beverages and tobacco.	The UK's natural topography is mostly rugged hills and low mountains, levelling to rolling plains in the east and southeast.	The UK climate is temperate; moderated by prevailing southwest winds over the North Atlantic.
	Mexico has many villages, towns and cities. The capital city, Mexico City, began as the home of an ancient empire . Many tourists visit the coast and Mayan and Aztec ancient structures. Mexico's main exports include vehicles and electrical machinery.	There are deep canyons , peninsulas , tall mountains, dry deserts , national parks , forests and a long coastline . Central Mexico is mountainous, with peaks reaching over 16,000 feet. Many of these are volcanic - volcanic soil is very fertile, as a result, Mexico was home to some of the oldest civilizations in the world.	Much of Mexico's central and northern areas are above the Tropic of Cancer and have a temperate climate; those at high altitudes can get very cold too. To the south of the Tropic of Cancer, Mexico is a lot more tropical with steadier, warmer temperatures.

4. Can you describe and compare the physical features of the UK and Mexico?

5. Can you describe and compare the human features of the UK and Mexico?

Skills	Teacher Assessment	Self-Assessment
I can investigate and reason about a country based on their trade links with other countries		
I can understand and promote fair trade by providing solutions to the problem.		
I understand the link between people, places and environments		