

# What Is a Continent?



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# What is a continent?

A continent is a large, solid landmass.



# What are the continents?

The continents are typically defined as:

**North America**

**Australasia**

**Asia**

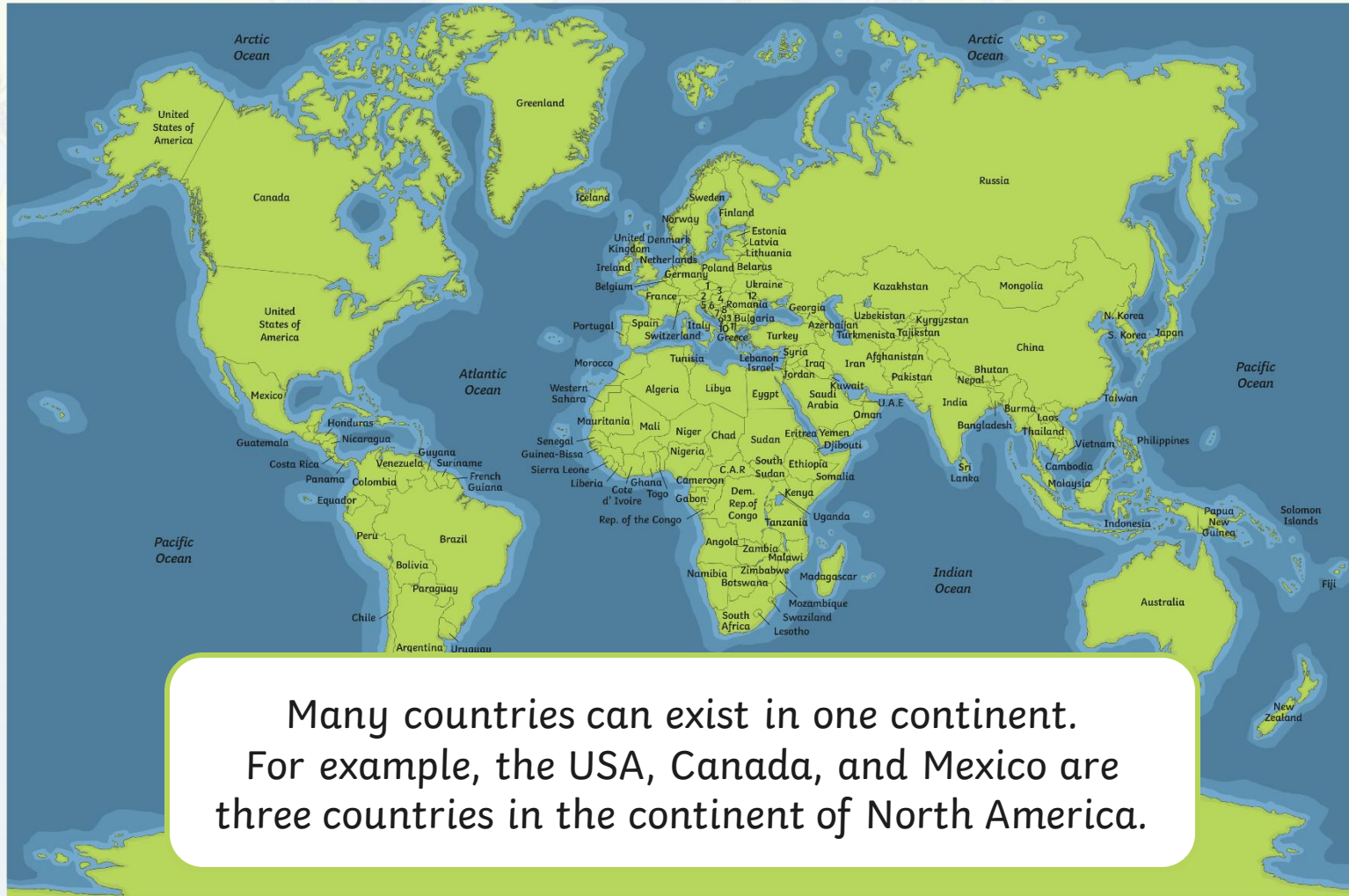
**South America**

**Africa**

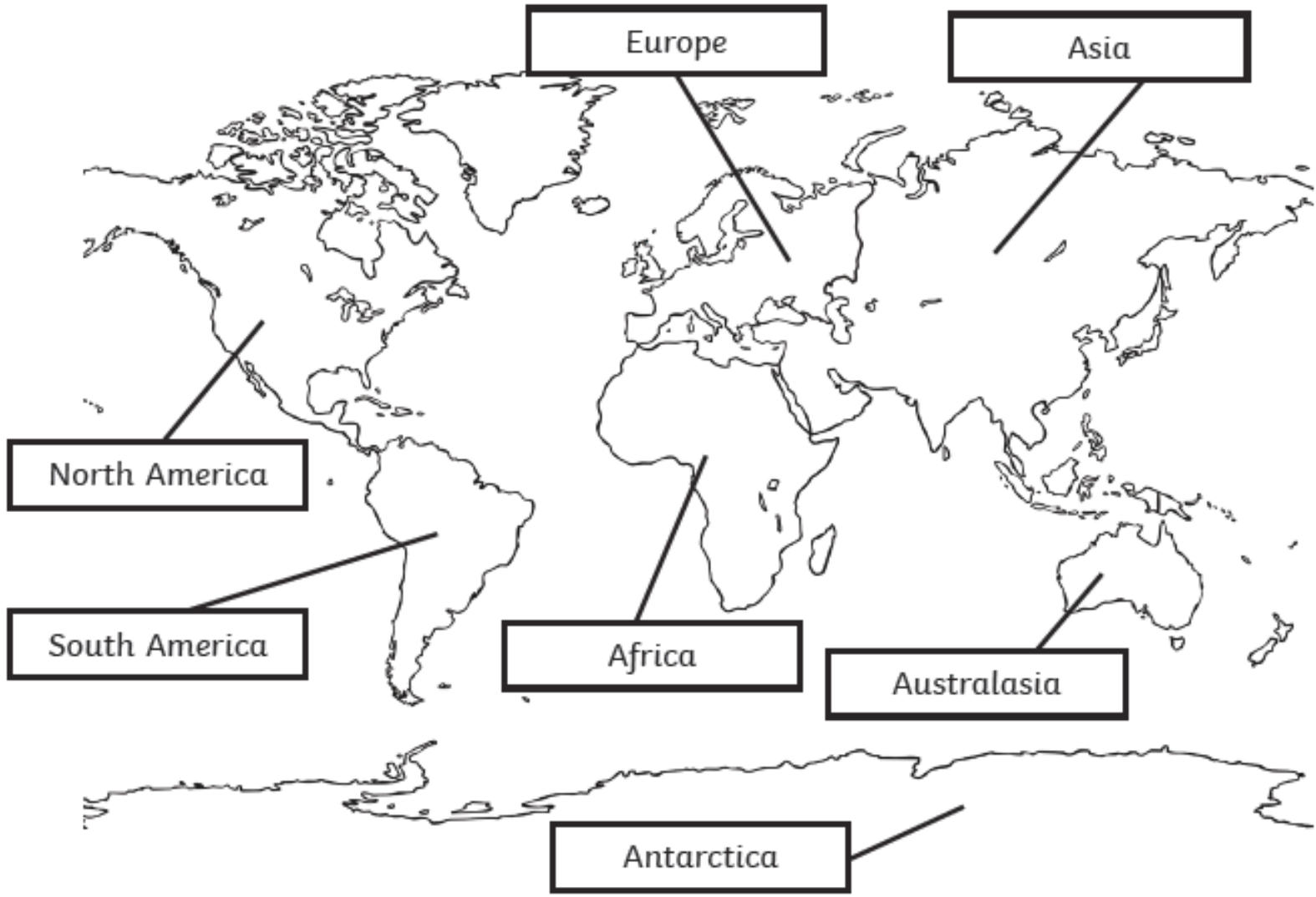
**Antarctica**

**Europe**

# What is a country?



Many countries can exist in one continent.  
For example, the USA, Canada, and Mexico are  
three countries in the continent of North America.



# Why are North and South America considered two different continents?

Even though it is man-made, North America and South America are separated by the Panama Canal.



# Africa

## Africa Fact File

### Total Population

1.216 billion

### Number of Countries

54

### Longest River

Nile (Egypt)

### Highest Point

Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)

### Largest Lake

Lake Victoria (Kenya)

### Largest Desert

Sahara



# Antarctica

## Antarctica Fact File

### Total Population

No permanent residents and never has there been a native population

### Number of Countries

No individual groups of countries

### Largest Ice Shelf

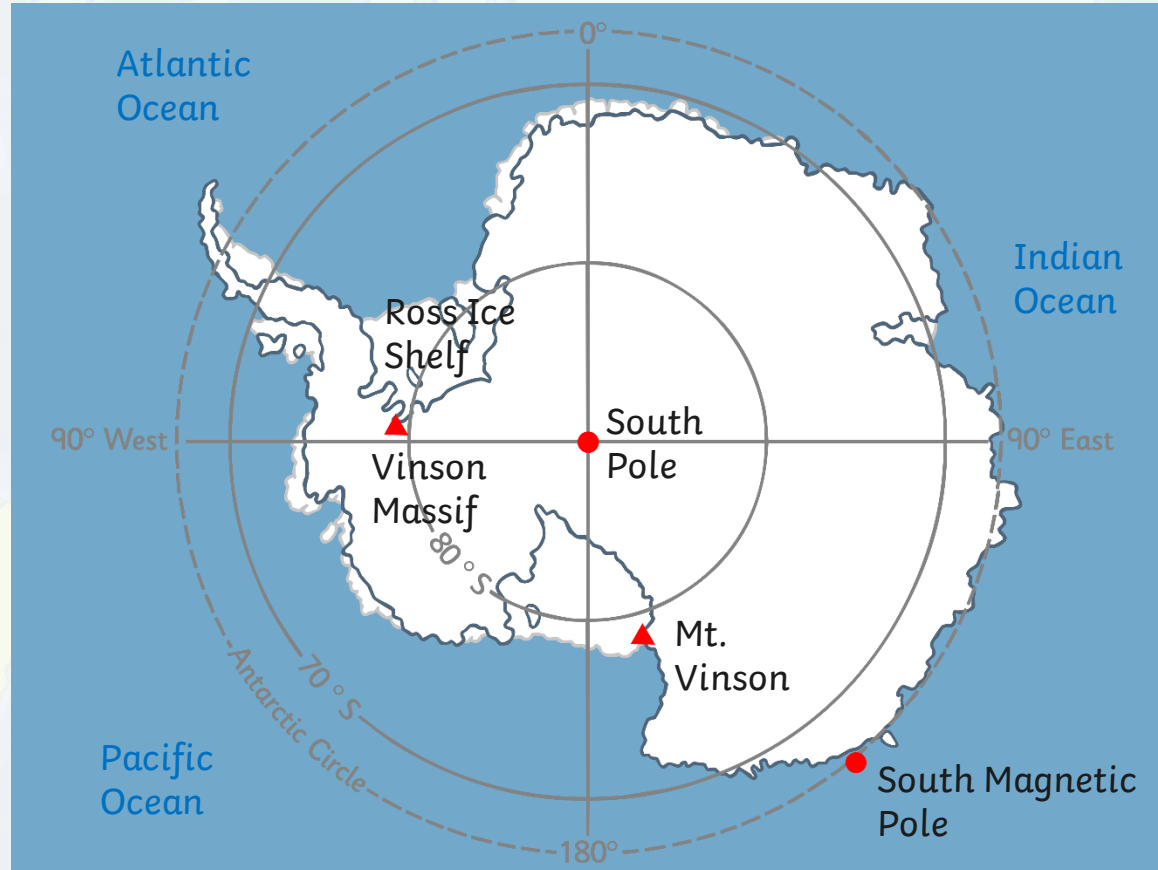
Ross Ice Shelf

### Area

5,339,543 miles

### Highest Point

Mt. Vinson





# Asia



1. Lebanon
2. Israel
3. Jordan
4. Kuwait
5. U.A.E
6. Cambodia
7. Malaysia
8. Singapore

# Asia Fact File

## Total Population

4.5 billion

## Number of Countries

48

## Longest River

Yangtze River (China)

## Highest Point

Mount Everest  
(China/Nepal)

## Largest Sea

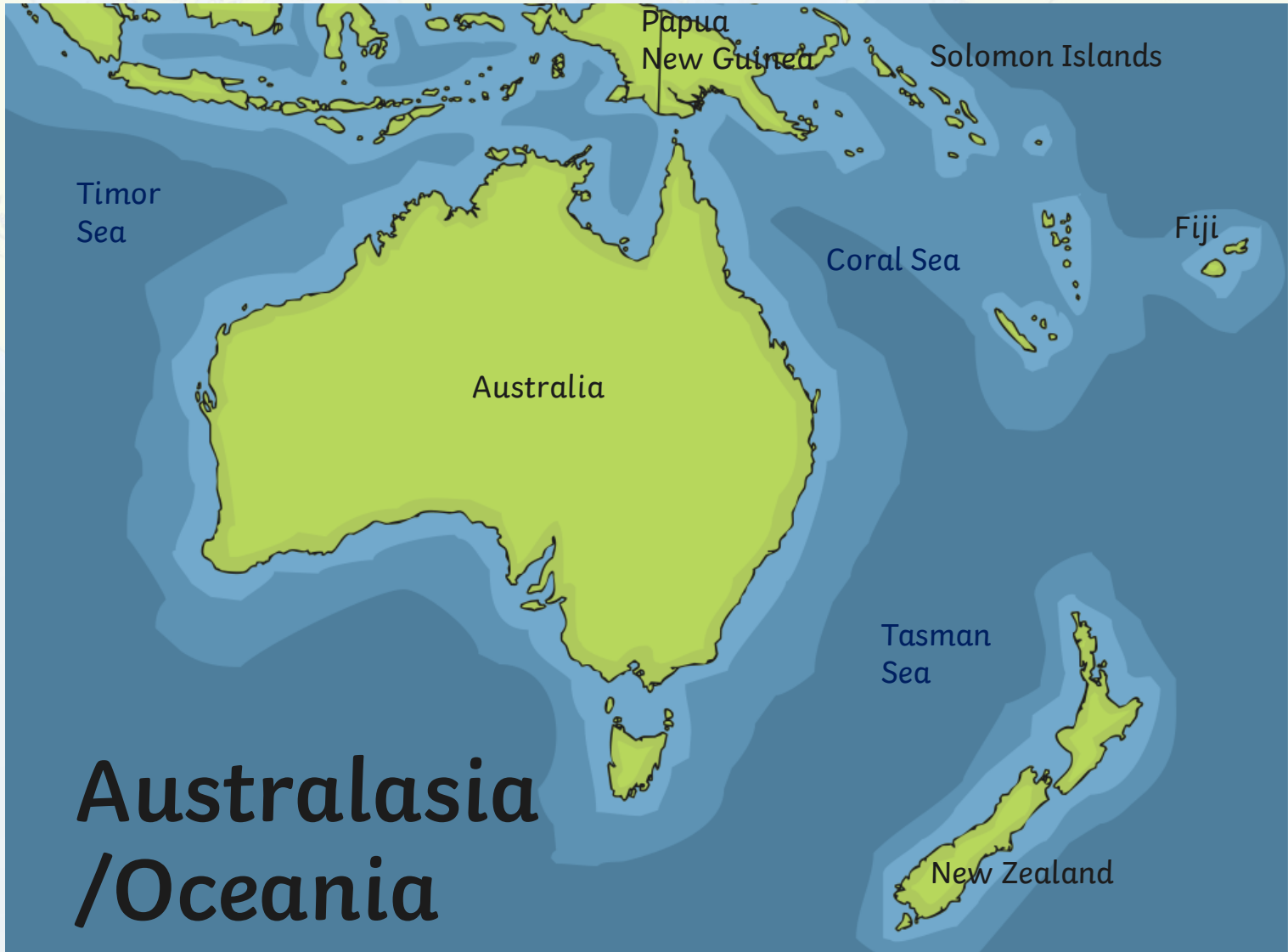
Caspian Sea

## Largest Desert

Gobi (Mongolia)

Russia spans across  
both Asia and Europe





# Australasia /Oceania

# Australasia/Oceania Fact File

## Total Population

38.8 million

## Number of Countries

14

## Longest River

Murray River  
(Australia)

## Highest Point

Mount Cook  
(New Zealand)

## Largest Lake

Eyre (Australia)

## Largest Desert

Great Victoria Desert  
(Australia)



# Europe

1. Netherlands
2. Belgium
3. Luxembourg
4. Andorra
5. Switzerland
6. Czech Republic
7. Austria
8. Slovakia
9. Slovenia
10. Hungary
11. Croatia
12. Bosnia
13. Serbia
14. Montenegro
15. Macedonia
16. Albania
17. Moldova
18. Azerbaijan
19. Armenia
20. Georgia
21. Kosovo
22. Cyprus



# Europe Fact File

## Total Population

741.4 million

## Number of Countries

50

## Largest Country Population

Russia

## Longest River

Volga (Russia)

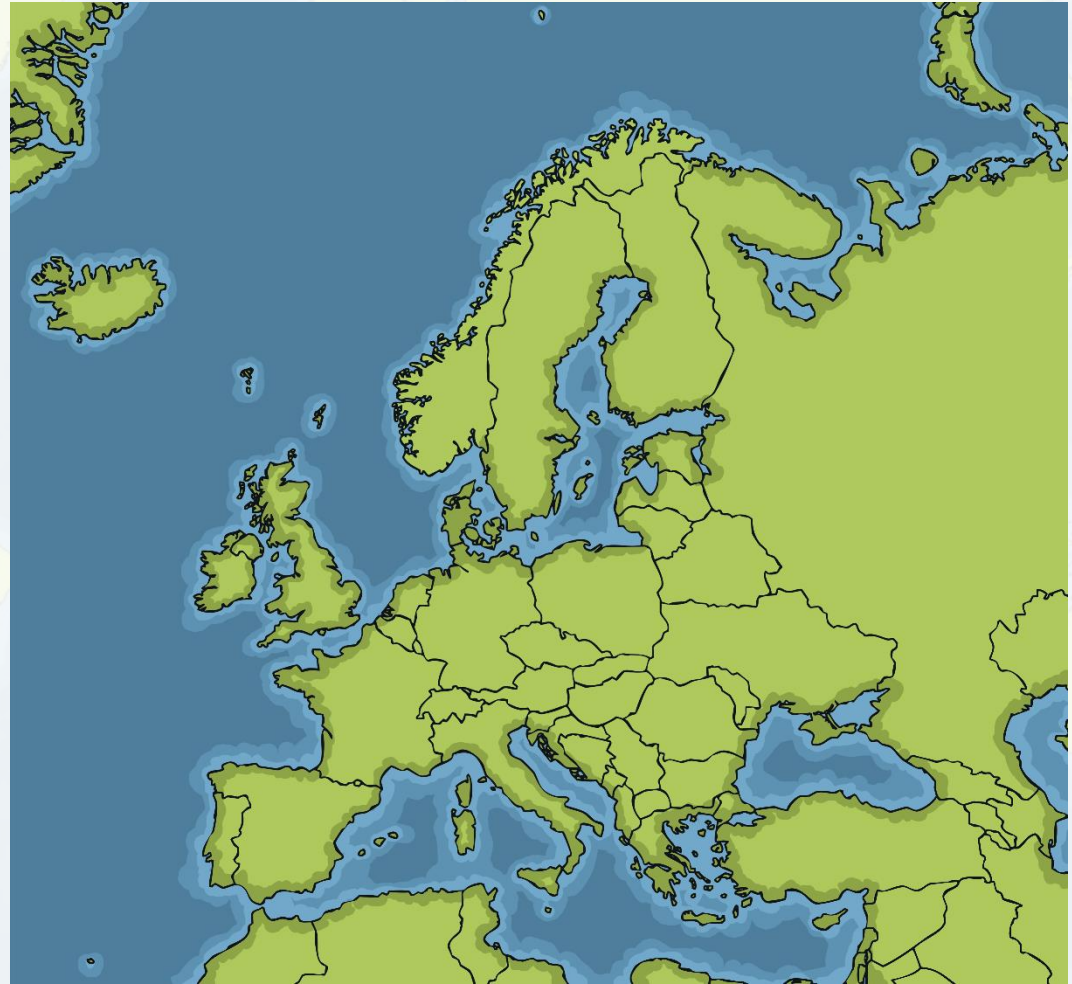
## Highest Point

Elbrus, Caucasus  
Mountains (Russia)

## Largest Lake

Ladoga (Russia)

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# North America

1. Belize
2. Guatemala
3. Honduras
4. Costa Rica
5. Panama
6. Cuba
7. Jamaica
8. Haiti
9. El Salvador
10. Dominican Republic



# North America Fact File

## **Total Population**

579 million

## **Longest River**

Mississippi - Missouri

## **Highest Point**

Mt McKinley (Denali),  
Alaska

## **Largest Lake**

Lake Superior, Canada

## **Largest Desert**

Great Basin





# South America

## South America Fact File

### Total Population

422.5 million

### Number of Countries

12

### Longest River

Amazon

### Highest Point

Cerro Aconcagua  
(Argentina)

### Largest Lake

Lake Titicaca (Bolivia)

### Largest Desert

Atacama Desert (Chile)

