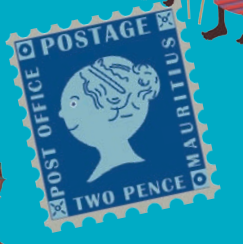


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## CORDILLERA

The Cordillera mountain range stretches from north to south along the western part of North America. In South America it is known as the Andes. It has a total length of 15,500 km.

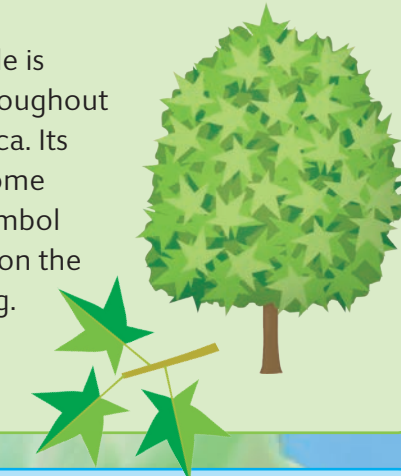
## ARCTIC FOX

Only about 50 cm long, the arctic fox lives alone or in a pair. It feeds on birds and small rodents.



## MAPLE

The red maple is common throughout North America. Its leaf has become a national symbol and appears on the Canadian flag.



## NIAGARA FALLS

The most famous waterfall in the world is found on the Niagara River. It is 52 m high and composed of several cascades.



## GRIZZLY BEAR

Standing on its hind legs the grizzly bear can be up to two and a half metres in height. It eats everything – from berries to insects and fish to large animals such as deer and reindeer.



## GRAND CANYON

The most famous and most-visited canyon in the world. It is 446 km long, 29 km wide and 1.6 km deep.



## GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

One of the world's longest suspension bridges is in San Francisco. It is suspended on cables almost a metre thick and is nearly 3 km long.



## NEW YORK

One of the most populous cities in the world and the USA's biggest. It is also one of the main centres of world trade.



## RACCOON

Comes originally from North America, although it has since spread to other continents. It is an omnivore and lives close to human dwellings.



## POPOCATÉPETL AND CITLALTÉPETL

These volcanoes are still active. Citlaltépetl is the highest mountain in Central America. In an indigenous American language 'Popocatepetl' means 'smoking mountain'.

## PIRATES

The time after the discovery of America was a golden age for pirates, who attacked ships taking gold from America to Europe. The Caribbean Sea was their favourite haunt.

## HUMMINGBIRD



Hummingbirds live only in America. The smallest grow to be only about 6 cm long. Like insects they pollinate flowers and feed on the nectar of plants. They are the only birds in the world that are able to fly backwards.



# NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

North America is the third largest continent. It stretches across the western and northern hemispheres. Its shores are washed by three oceans – to the north the Arctic, to the west the Pacific and to the east the Atlantic. North America includes Greenland, the world's largest island. Between North America and South America we find Central America, which is considered part of North America. America was named after the seafarer Amerigo Vespucci, who reached the shores of America soon after it was discovered by Christopher Columbus and was the first to believe,



## STATUE OF LIBERTY

The Statue of Liberty, which is in New York, stands 93 metres high including its pedestal and weighs 200 tons. It was gift to the United States from the people of France. The statue has become a symbol of America.

## INDIGENOUS INHABITANTS

The indigenous Eskimos still live in the northernmost part of North America. Their houses are igloos made of snow and they live mainly by hunting seals and reindeer. North America was first populated mostly by American Indians such as the Apache and the Mohican, who lived in tipis and hunted mainly buffalo.



## CLIMATE

The climate of the North American continent is very varied. In the north there is a cold polar climate, while in the south it is so hot that there is even desert. Central America has a tropical climate and exotic plant and animal species.

## PEOPLE AND LANGUAGES

Mostly English is spoken in North America. An exception to this is Canada, where English and French are spoken. In Central America people speak mainly Spanish.



## BALD EAGLE

This rare eagle lives in North America. It features on the state emblem of the USA.



## ALLIGATOR

Alligators live in the rivers, marshes and swamps of North America. They can be more than 5 metres long. Adult alligators do not hesitate to attack bears, for instance.



## GIANT SEQUOIA

The sequoia is known as the mammoth tree. It can grow to a height of 80 metres and live to be 3000 years old.



correctly, that it was a completely new continent. Many fruits and vegetables that originated in America – such as potatoes, tomatoes, maize, peppers and chocolate – were later brought to Europe, where they became part of the everyday diet. North America is a great storehouse of natural wealth. In the north there are deep forests with lots of wood; here, too, natural gas and oil are mined. This continent also experienced the greatest gold rush in the history of humankind.

America was discovered by Christopher Columbus.

## HOCKEY

North America is the cradle of ice hockey, which today is one of its most popular sports.



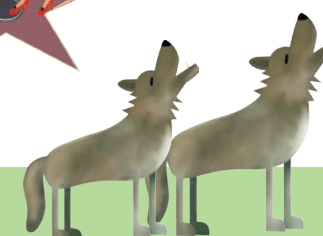
## MAYA AND AZTECS

The Maya and Aztecs – peoples that left behind great mysteries and many strange stone pyramids – lived in North America.



## FILM STUDIOS

North America is also the largest producer of world cinema. The world's largest film studios are in California.



## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

North America's Yellowstone National Park is the oldest national park in the world. It contains many different animal and plant species. Animals move about the park freely, so if you take a walk there you might meet a herd of buffalo or a pack of wolves.

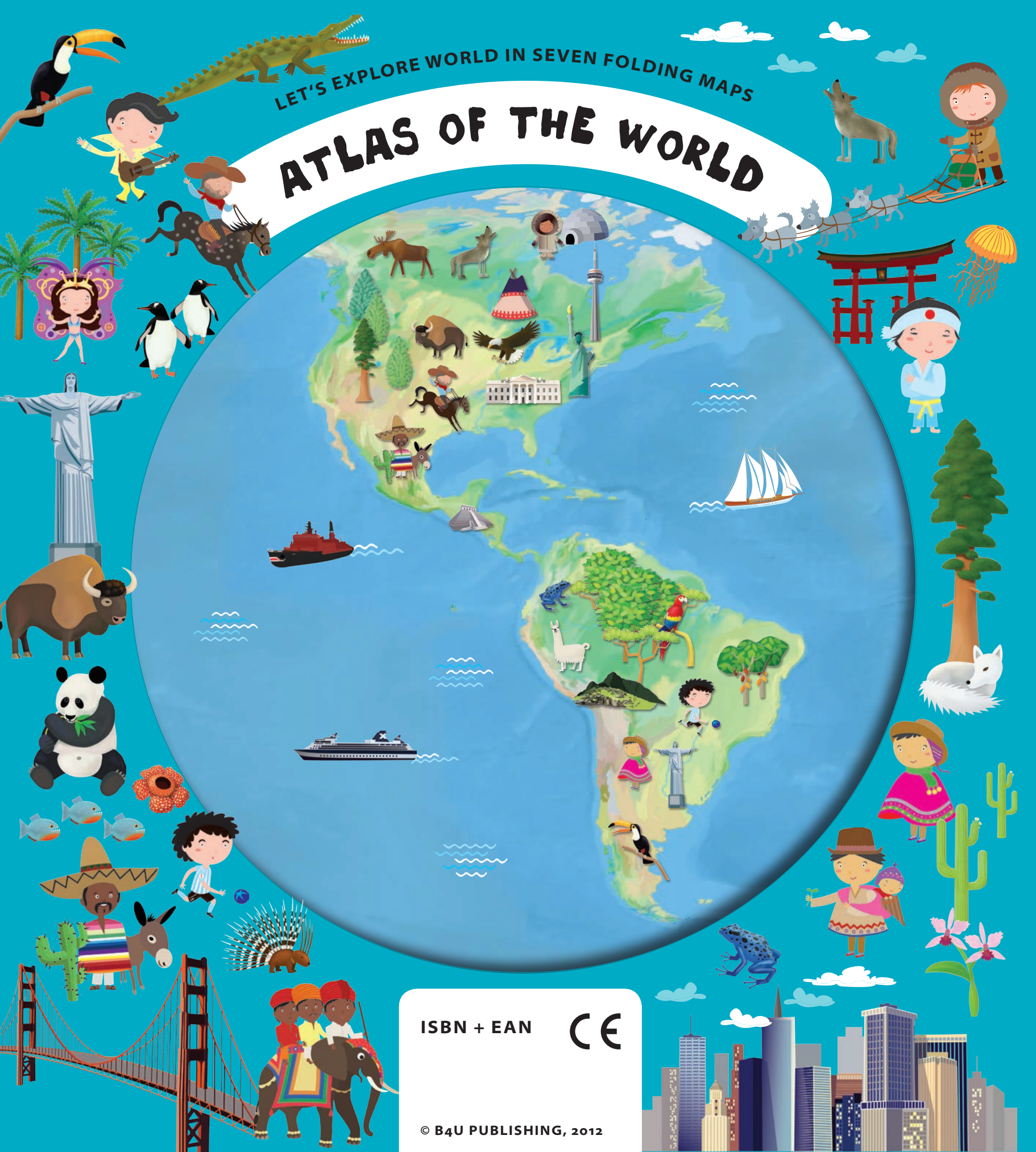


America used to be called the New World.



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