



# The USA

Learning Objective:

To be able to identify, explore and compare American cities.

village

town

city

What is the  
difference between a  
city, a town and a  
village?







A **village** is a small settlement that is more rural than a town. Villages tend to be surrounded by countryside. Villages don't have many services.



A **town** is an urban settlement that is larger than a village but smaller than a city. Towns have lots of shops, services and houses.

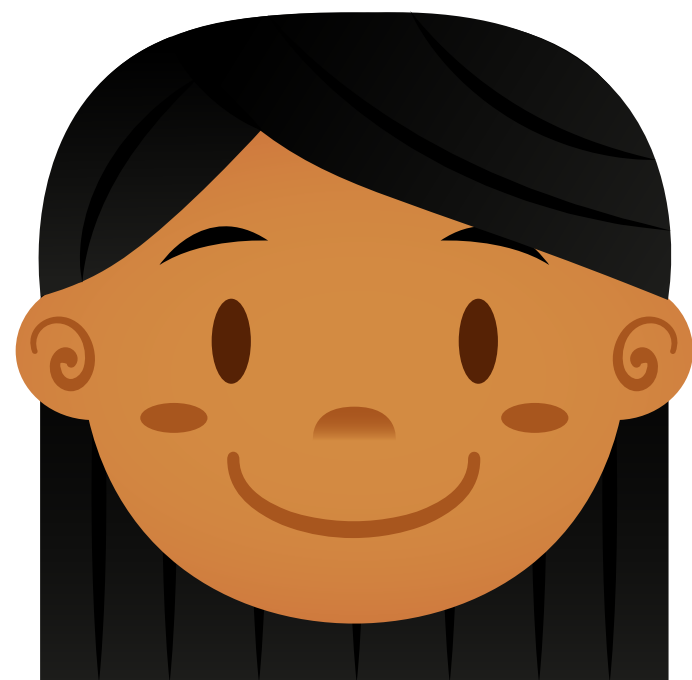


A **city** is a large urban settlement. Cities are densely populated and they have many services, shops, businesses and other features.





Today we're going to be exploring some American cities!



How many American cities can you name?

Think, pair, share your ideas.



Here are some of the largest and most famous cities in America. Which of these is the capital city of the USA?



**New York**  
New York

**Chicago**  
Illinois

**Boston**  
Massachusetts

**Washington, D.C.**  
District of Columbia

**San Francisco**  
California

**Orlando**  
Florida

**Las Vegas**  
Nevada

**Seattle**  
Washington

**New Orleans**  
Louisiana

**Houston**  
Texas

**Memphis**  
Tennessee

**Salt Lake City**  
Utah





Washington, D.C. (which stands for District of Columbia) is the capital city of the USA. A capital city is where the government of the country runs the country from. The White House (where the President lives) is in Washington, D.C. as well as the Capitol and the Supreme Court. These three buildings are the three major buildings in American government.



**The White House**

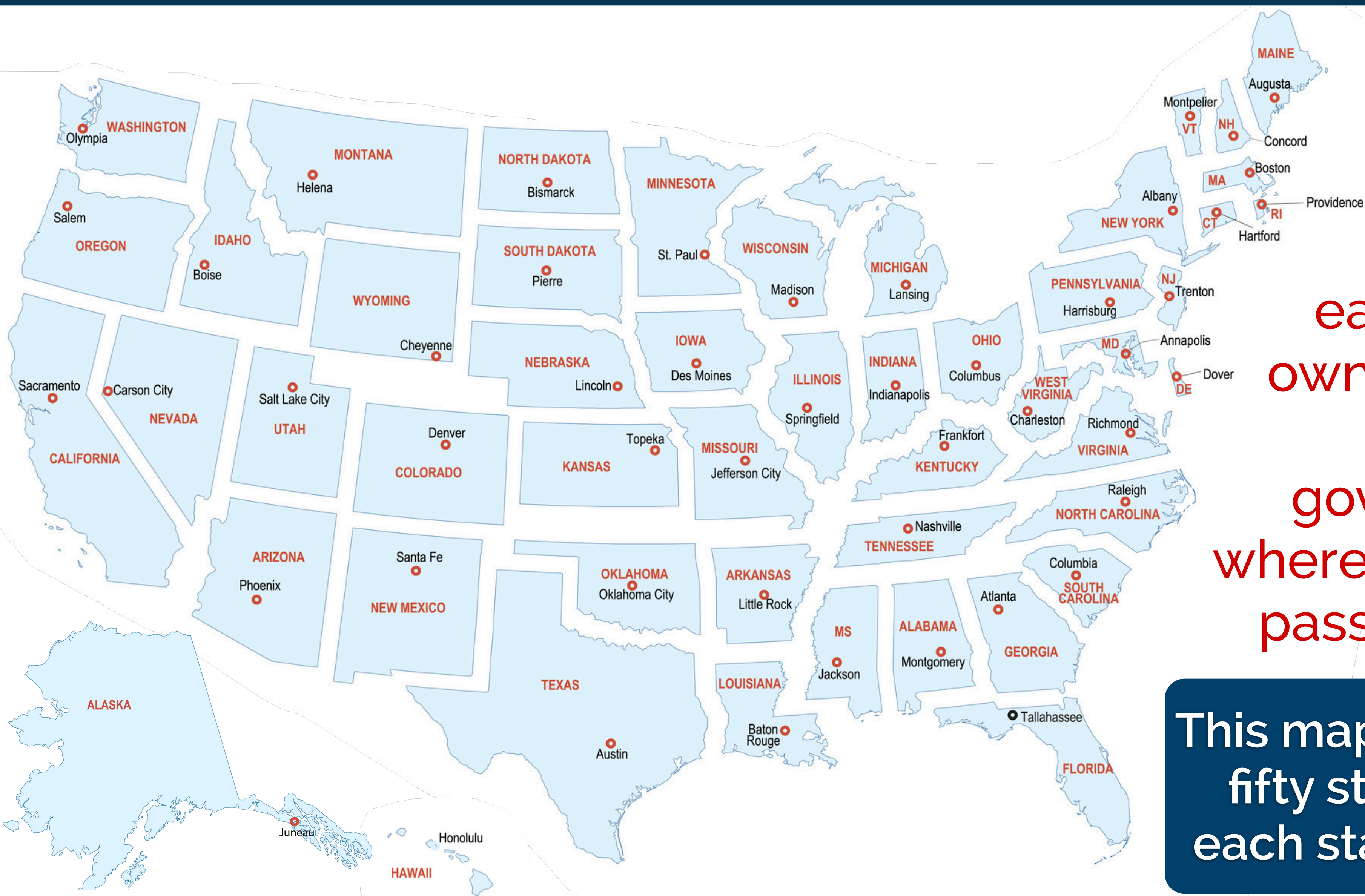


**The Capitol Building**



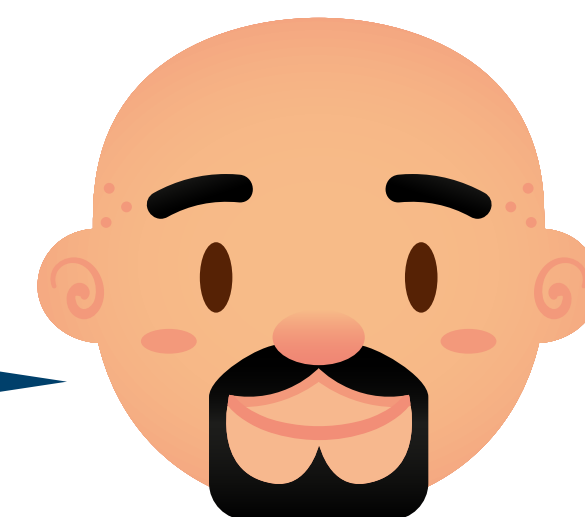
**The Supreme Court**





As well as having Washington, D.C. as the capital city of the country of the USA, each state also has its own capital city. The state capitals all have government buildings where state laws are made, passed and enforced.

This map shows the fifty states with each state capital.





**This is Times Square in New York. New York is one of the most famous cities in the world.**

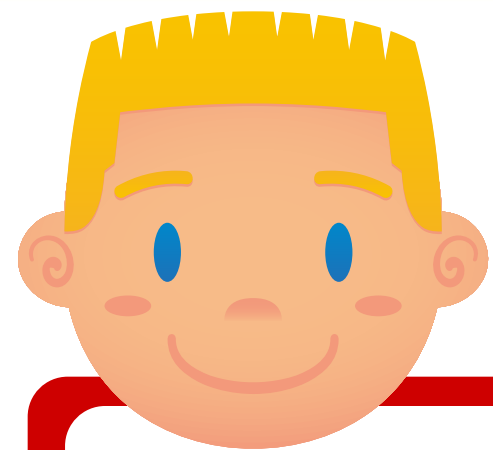


If you wanted to find out more about NYC, what questions could we ask that would help us learn more about it?



Think, pair, share your ideas.





Did you think of any of these questions?

What is the area of New York?

What is the population of New York?

How many people visit New York every year?

What are the most popular tourist attractions in NYC?

What kind of food do people eat in New York?

What kind of jobs do people have in New York?

What makes New York such a famous city?

What is the tallest building in NYC?

Why is New York known as the Big Apple?

What is the climate of New York like?





Are you ready to  
go and find out some  
information about  
American cities on  
your own?



## Plenary:



Let's use an online map to drop in on New York City to see what it's like!



Did you know that there are six other places called 'New York' in the USA? Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa and Florida also have places called New York. How are all these New Yorks similar to or different from each other?

