

Niagara Falls & the Great Lakes — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- The Great Lakes are five huge freshwater lakes shared by Canada and the United States.
- They hold about one-fifth of all the fresh surface water on Earth.
- Niagara Falls lies on the border between Canada (Ontario) and the USA.
- A huge amount of water thunders over Niagara Falls every second.

Key vocabulary

- Freshwater — water that is not salty.
- Waterfall — water falling from a height over a cliff or ledge.
- Border — the line dividing two countries.
- Hydroelectric — making electricity from moving water.

Why they matter

The Great Lakes provide drinking water for millions of people, support shipping and fishing, and the rushing water at Niagara is used to make hydroelectric power. Niagara Falls is also one of the most visited natural wonders in the world.

Remember the names

The five Great Lakes are Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior — you can remember them with the word HOMES.