

English Activity 1

Task: Read the information below and make bullet points about the USA and UK.

United States of America

The United States of America is the world's third largest country in size after Russia and Canada. It is located in the continent North America. Did you know there are 50 states?



History of the USA

The settlers fought for their independence from Britain in the late 18th century and formed a union of states based on a new constitution. The nation continued to expand westward. Although, the country is a relatively young nation, it has become a global power since declaring independence from Britain on July 4, 1776.

Citizens over the age of 18 years old can vote to elect the President and Vice President of the United States every four years. The president lives in the **White House** in the capital city of Washington, D.C.



The flag of the United States of America, consists of thirteen equal horizontal stripes of red alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing fifty small, white, five-pointed stars arranged in nine offset horizontal rows, where rows of six stars (top and bottom) alternate with rows of five stars. There are fifty stars on the flag, which represent the fifty states. The thirteen stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain, and became the first states in the U.S.

American football is the most popular sport to watch in the United States, followed by baseball, basketball, and ice hockey, which makes up the fourth major sports.

United Kingdom



The United Kingdom is an European country that includes four separate countries on the British isles England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. London is England's capital city and millions of tourists visit it each year. There are fifty-one cities in England including Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds and Sheffield and 935 towns.

England facts

The currency used in England is the British pound sterling. England has been home to many famous authors but William Shakespeare is perhaps the most well-known. St George is the patron saint of England and St George's Day is celebrated on 23rd April. The English flag is the red St George's Cross centred on a white background.

Football is the most popular sport in England, but rugby and cricket are also popular.

Tea is the English national drink! Every day, the British drink 165 million cups of tea.



Task: After reading both non-chronological reports, write facts in note form about the United Kingdom and United States of America in the table below.

United Kingdom	United States of America
<p>The England flag has a red cross on a white background. It is called St George's Cross.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The USA flag has 50 stars that represent the 50 states.

Activity 2

Click on the link below and listen to the video about New York. While you watch make sure you make notes. <https://watchkin.com/62103d3025>

Task: Read the example paragraph below about Los Angeles. Can you identify all the **generalisers** and **conjunctions** in the paragraph?

Generalisers	Conjunctions	Technical language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sometimes • always • often • generally • all • most • usually • many 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • because • although • but • and • in addition • so • however 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • population • located • tourist • city • state

Los Angeles

Los Angeles, which is the largest city in the state of California, is the second largest state in the entire USA. Did you know it has a population of 3.9 million people? The city covers an area of 503 square miles, it is located on the west coast of the USA and it borders with the Pacific Ocean. The name Los Angeles is Spanish and means 'City of Angels'. One reason why Los Angeles is so popular for tourist is because it is home to the famous Hollywood sign and the Walk of Fame. It also leads the world in film and television productions. Los Angeles is also nicknamed 'Tinseltown' because of the shiny and bright life of the Hollywood stars. Most tourists who visit Los Angeles go on tours to see the mansions that the stars live in, or go shopping on Rodeo Drive.

Task: Write your own paragraph about New York using your notes from the video. Use a range of generalisers and conjunctions in your writing.

Activity 3 – Planning a non-chronological report

What is a non-chronological report?

- Non-chronological reports don't have to be read in order.
- They aim to give us information on a certain topic.
- Filled with facts and information.
- Written in short paragraphs.
- Contain an introduction, main body and final paragraph.

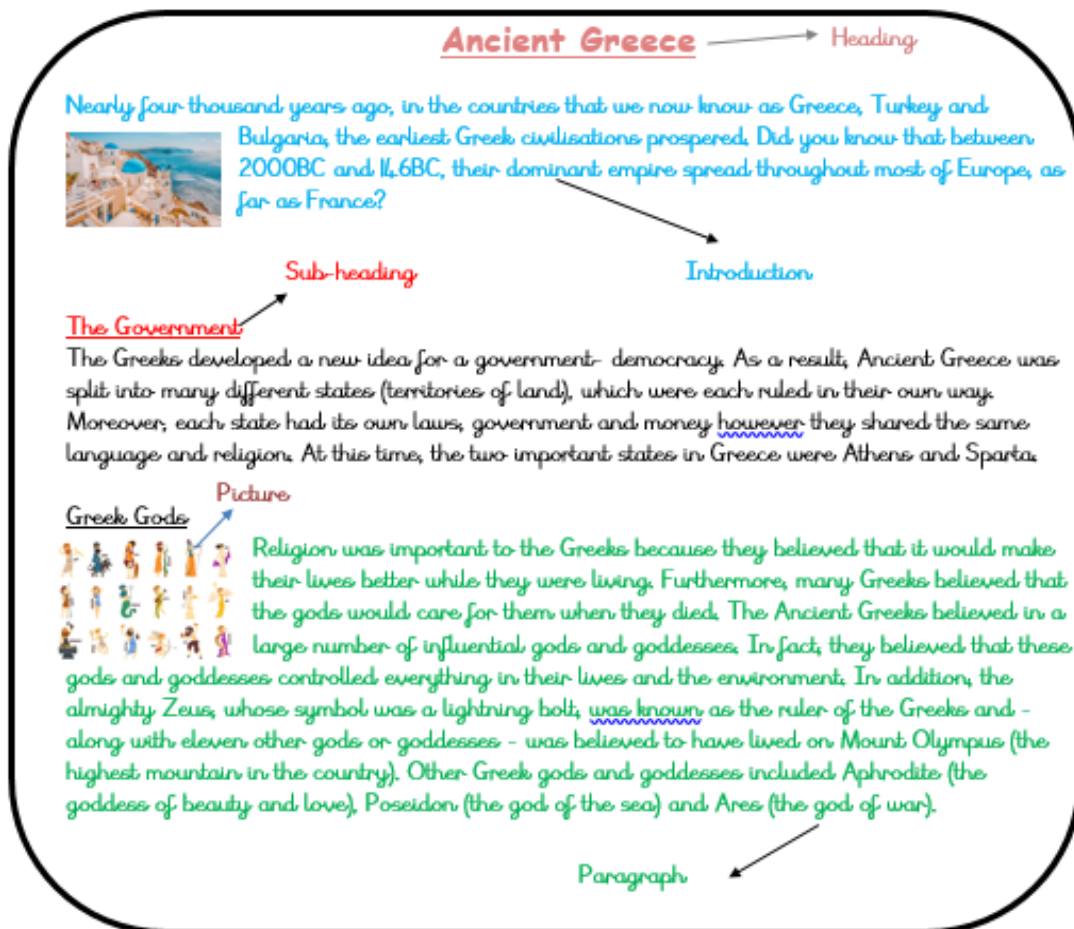
Language features of a non-chronological report

Remember these are features of a non-chronological report.

- Heading
- Sub-heading
- Pictures and captions

- Paragraphs
- Introduction

Here is a structural feature of a non-chronological report..



Look at the plan below. What are the sub-headings you need to use? When you record information on your plan make sure you use bullet points. Remember you don't need to write in full sentences.

<u>Climate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hot and humid summer • highest temperature ever recorded is 112°F • frequency of tornadoes • vulnerable to hurricanes 	<u>Geography</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • state's eastern border with South Carolina runs up the Savannah River, northwest to its origin at the confluence of the Tugaloo and Seneca river. • state's western border runs in a straight line south-southeastward from a point southwest of Chattanooga, to meet the to meet the Chattahoochee river near the west point.. • water boundaries are still set to be the original thalweg of the rivers.
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Georgia

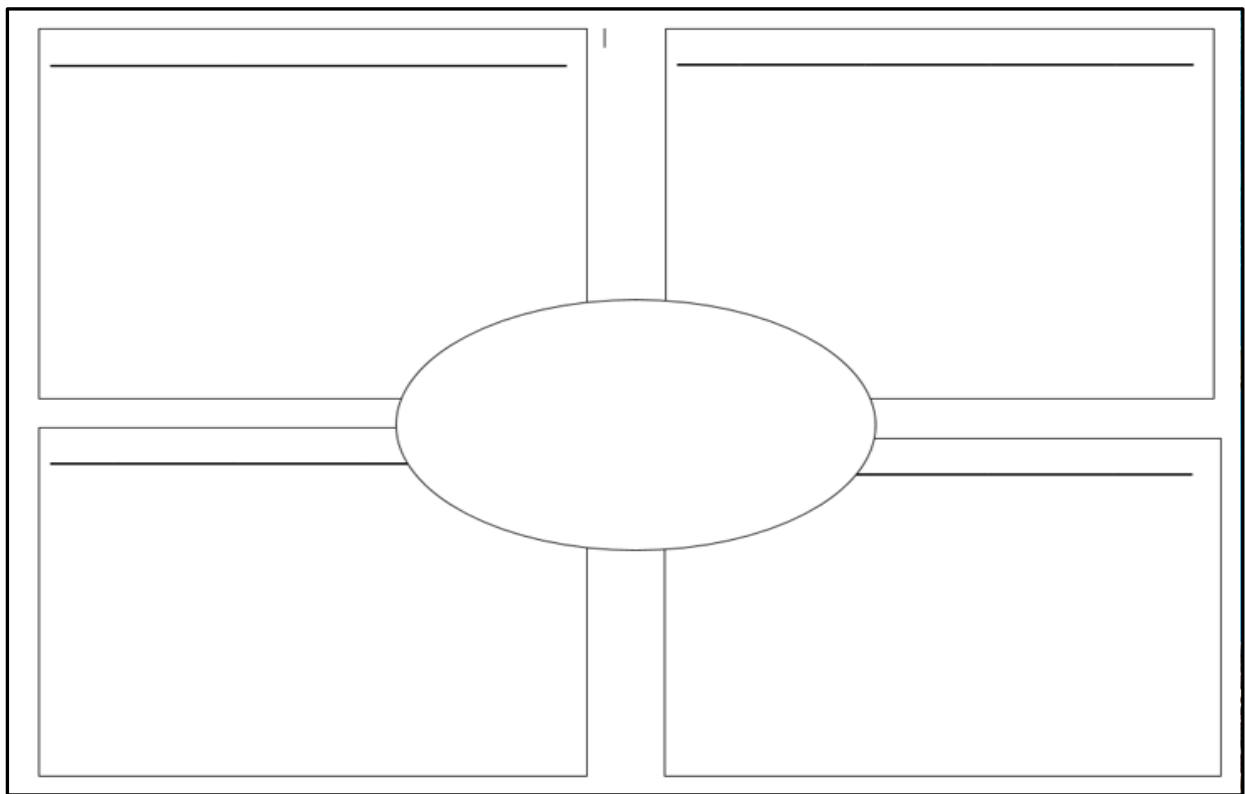
Wildfire

- northern mockingbird and brown thrasher
- reptiles and amphibians
- popular freshwater game fish

Interesting facts

- fine art museum
- widespread farms
- agricultural output

Task: Using the website - [https://kids.kiddle.co/List of U.S. states](https://kids.kiddle.co/List_of_U.S._states) choose a state you want to research. Once you have chosen a state, you are going to create a plan for your non-chronological report. Use my model and the template to help you plan your report.



Activity 4 – Writing a non-chronological report

Task: You are going to write your non-chronological report using your plan from the activity three. Remember to use **conjunctions**, **pronouns** and **generalisers**.

Generalisers	Conjunctions	Pronouns
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sometimes• always• often• generally• all• most• usually• many	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• because• although• but• and• in addition• so• however	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• them• their• they• our• it

1. Get your plan from activity 3. Start your report with an introduction.
2. Next, write about the different subheadings from your plan.
3. Create a non-chronological report on the state of your choice.

Use the model text below to help with your report.



Georgia

Georgia is a place filled with southern charm. Did you know that many settlements were inhabited by the mound building cultures? The Province of Georgia was one of the thirteen colonies that revolted against British rule in the American Revolution by signing the 1776 Declaration of Independence.

Climate

Usually, hot and humid summers are typical, except at the highest elevations. The highest temperature ever recorded is 112 °F in Louisville **and** the lowest is –17 °F. **Often**, Georgia is affected by hurricanes striking the Florida panhandle and tornadoes striking the city causing moderate damage to buildings.

Geography

Georgia's western border runs in a straight line south-south-eastward from a point southwest of Chattanooga, to meet the Chattahoochee River near West Point.. **It's** eastern border with South Carolina runs up the Savannah River, northwest to its origin at the confluence of the Tugaloo **and** Seneca Rivers. Did you know that its water boundaries are set to be the original thalweg of the rivers?

Wildlife

The state of Georgia has approximately 160 bird species and about 79 species of reptiles. These varies from northern mockingbird, Brown Thrasher to reptiles **and** amphibians include the eastern diamondback and copperhead.

Interesting Facts

Georgia's widespread farms produce peanuts, corn, and soybeans across middle and south of the state. **It's** agricultural outputs include poultry **and** eggs. **Their** fine art museums include the High Museum of Art and the Michael C. Carlos Museum both located in Atlanta.

Activity 5 - Task: You are going to plan an itinerary for your dream holiday. Read the holiday information below about different states in the USA. Which state do you want to visit the most?

Texas is known as the "Lone Star State". It is famous for BBQs, live music, hot temperatures and so much more.

Here are some of the fantastic places visited by our tourist:

Houston

- Visit the Johnson Space Center with its interactive exhibits and shuttle simulator.
- In the afternoon, head out of town to on the "Wet n Wild" Splash Town water park just north of Houston.
- After dinner, enjoy seeing a live show at the Bayou Music Centre.



San Antonio

- Enjoy a relaxing boat trip along the San Antonio River. During the trip see the city's grand building and historic saloons, jump off the boat.
- At midday head to the El Mercado old Mexican market for a Texan-style lunch.

California has many nicknames. It known as The Land of Milk and Honey, The El Dorado State, The Golden State and The Grape State.

San Diego

- Spend the morning sailing in San Diego Bay.
- Go on a whale-watching cruise, looking out for grey whales, dolphins and other marine animals.
- Explore the world famous San Diego Zoo, which is home to nearly 4000 different animals, enjoying Mexican food for dinner.



Redwood National Park

- Drive up to the Redwood National Park and see some of the tallest trees in the world.
- Stop at one of the visitor centres and explore the exhibits about the park before heading off for a drive on the Pacific Coast Highway.
- Enjoy the views of the Pacific Ocean and forests as you follow this world renowned coastal road.

New York State is known as the Empire State.

Niagara Falls

- Visit the iconic Niagara Falls and take a boat trip to the very bottom of the Horseshoe Falls.
- Take a ride on the Niagara Sky Wheel and join in with the "Cave of the Winds" tour.



New York

- Visit the major sights of Manhattan Island.
- Climb to the top of the Empire State Building for an aerial view of the city.
- Take a boat tour on the Staten Island ferry to New York's Upper Bay.

- Visit Liberty Island, the home of the Statue of Liberty.

Task: Use the information in the text above to decide whether these statements are true or false.

Statements	True	False
New York is home of the statue of liberty.		
Texas is well-known for its live music.		
The Niagara Falls is in California.		
California has some of the tallest trees in the world.		
New York is the place to visit if you enjoy water parks and boat trips.		

Task: Using the holiday description above plan your dream holiday for five days from 13th July – 17th July.

Complete the itinerary.

Date	Day	Activity State	Activity	Details
13.7.20	1	California	Arrive in California. Go sailing Visit Redwood National Park	Booked into hotel. Sailing in San Diego Bay on and go on the whale-watching cruise. Drive to Redwood National Park to see the tallest trees.
14.7.20	2			
15.7.20	3			
16.7.20	4			
17.7.20	5		Fly home	

Answers - Activity 5

Statements	True	False
New York is home of the statue of liberty.	✓	
Texas is well known for its live music.	✓	
The Niagara Falls is in California.		✓
California has some of the tallest trees in the world.	✓	
New York is the place to visit if you enjoy water parks and boat trips.		✓