

Year 3 Geography

Key Question: Beyond the Magic Kingdom: what is the Sunshine State really like?



Timeline	
1497-1514	Europeans see Florida for the first time.
1763	Britain gained control of Florida in 1763 in exchange for Havana and Cuba
1783	During the Revolutionary War, Spanish troops entered Florida and repossessed the land.
1945	Florida became the twenty-seventh state in the United States
15 th December 1966	Walt Disney died at the age of 65. He sadly died from lung cancer.
1 st October 1971	The .Magic Kingdom in Florida opened
2004	Four hurricanes struck Florida causing extensive damage, killed at least 19

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Key Facts		
The Magic Kingdom is the most visited theme		
park on earth. (approximately 56,000 per		
day!)		
Hurricanes occur in the region around Florida		
and place many lives at risk		
People visit Florida for many different		
reasons: tourism being one of the main		
reasons.		
The state of Florida is a peninsula		
16 th July 1969: The Kennedy Space Centre in		
Florida is home to most famous Space Launch		
of all time (first moon landing)		

Vocabulary Dozen		
Alligator	A large semiaquatic reptile similar to a crocodile but with a broader and shorter head, native to the Americas and China	
Caribbean	The region consisting of the Caribbean Sea, its islands, and the surrounding coasts.	
Civilization	The society, culture, and way of life of a particular area	
Climate	Weather in a particular area	
Conservation	An area of land protected to conserve life	
Endangered	Species that are becoming extinct	
Equator	The Equator is an imaginary circle around Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts	
Hurricane	A storm with a violent wind, in particular a tropical cyclone in the Caribbean	
Peninsula	A piece of land almost surrounded by water or projecting out into a body of water	
Theme park	An amusement park with a unifying setting or idea	
Time Zone	One of the areas into which the world is divided according to what time it is there	
Tourist	A person who is travelling or visiting for pleasure	



Tourism In Florida

- 19 million visitors enjoy the Magic Kingdom each year and in 2015, 759 000 of these were tourists from the United Kingdom just beaten into second place in the overseas visitor rankings by Brazil with 770 000.
- Overall, 2 out of 10 visitors to the Magic Kingdom every day are tourists (people who
 are travelling or visiting a place for pleasure such as a holiday) who come from overseas
 countries.

Home Geographer:

Compare another city of your choice with the state of Florida https://weather-averages.co.uk/ which would you prefer? Research your own endangered species. What is causing it to become endangered? Plan your dream day in Disney Land using https://www.disneyworld.co.uk/destinations/magic-kingdom/





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