

Key Words

Amazon basin	The area which is drained by the River Amazon and all of its tributaries.	Mountain	A large landform, often with a peak, rising high above the surrounding area. A mountain range is a chain of mountains.
Amazon river	The longest river in South America. It flows through Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Brazil.	Fold mountain	Mountains formed when tectonic plates collide and cause the plates to wrinkle
Tributary	A river or stream that flows into a larger river.	Rockies	Another name for the rocky mountains. A mountain range in N. America that stretches N- S across Canada and the USA.
Source	The original point where a river begins.	Tectonic plate	A section of the Earth's crust.
Mouth	The end of a river, where it enters a lake, sea or ocean.	Glacier	A slowly moving mass or river of ice formed by the accumulation and compaction of snow on mountains or near the poles.

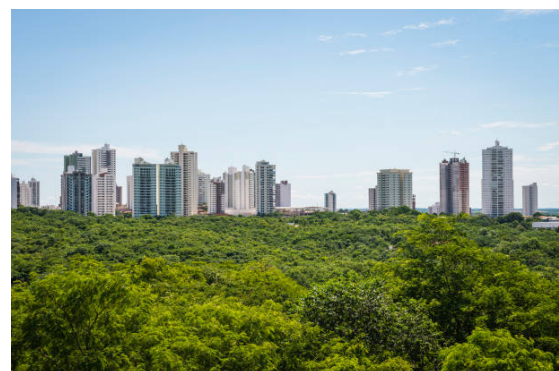
Key Ideas

- The North American city of Denver and the South American city of Cuiaba have many differences in their physical geographical features , such as their landscape and climate. This in turn means that there are many differences in their human geographical features. However, both locations also have many similarities - such as their links to gold mining.**
- Denver is located in Colorado. This is on the East Coast of America within the Rocky Mountains. It has a population of around 700,000 people. The city dates back to 1859 and was founded as a gold mining town.
- The Rockies were created around 80 million years ago by tectonic plate movement. They were then shaped by glacial action. Denver has a semi-arid climate and is in a temperate coniferous forest biome.
- The landscape of the Rockies has then been shaped by the human processes of settlement, transport, mining, trade & tourism.
- Cuiaba is located in the Amazonian basin in Brazil, near the River Amazon. It has a population of around 600,000 people. It started in 1727 as a gold mining town.
- The Amazon basin has a rainforest biome and climate linked to its location on the equator. The Amazon river is a natural water course that runs through the region. It carries rain water from the Andes mountain ranges out to the Atlantic Ocean. It is one of the longest rivers in the world.
- The landscape of the Amazon basin has been shaped by the human processes of settlement, transport, mining, trade, farming & deforestation.

COMPASS DIRECTIONS: The 8 main directions on a compass are - N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW.



The city of Denver in the Rocky Mountains



The city of Cuiaba in the Amazon basin.

