

Lesson ideas for geography teachers to share: the Americas

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0009tvs/the-americas-with-simon-reeve-series-1-episode-3>

Activity

Watch episode 3 on California in the series the Americas with Simon Reeve. Answer the following.

1. How much of the Earth's surface do the Americas cover?
2. What are Redwoods nicknamed?
3. How high can Redwoods grow?
4. What is the Ark Angels Project?
5. Why are Redwoods seen by some as the solution to climate change?
6. What happened in Paradise?
7. Are Californian wildfires getting better or worse?
8. Why is the 140 acre 'controlled fire' undertaken? How fast can wildfire spread?
9. What is so important about the Central Valley?
10. How many people don't have access to clean drinking water?
11. How much water do almonds and beef use respectively?
12. How has water use changed Californian topography?
13. What is the average house price in Beverley Hills?
14. How many rough sleepers are there in LA?
15. What is the problem with infrastructure in America?
16. What do the California Conservation Core do?
17. What is The Green New Deal?
18. What's the story with Bombay Beach?

Suggested further reading

<https://www.politico.com/states/california/story/2020/03/27/california-saw-dense-housing-near-transit-as-its-future-what-now-1269263>

1. What two things did the state 'legacy' of housing do in California?
2. What does Governor Gavin Newsom worry Covid19 will do?