

32. North America

USA

= the richest (wealthiest) country in the world

URB => 75%. Population: 280 mil.

- ❑ *Raw materials reserves*: oil + natural gas (Gulf of Mexico), coal (NE), minerals (Appalachian mts.)
- ❑ *Agriculture*: California (grapes, strawberries, citrus fruits), Great plains (horses, cattle, wheat, soya, barley, corn), Alabama + Georgia + South Carolina (cotton)
- ❑ *Industries*: iron and steel industry, timber and paper products (Washington, Oregon), electronic equipment, car (Detroit) and aircraft (Seattle) industry => *many job opportunities*.
- ❑ *Tertiary*: highly developed everywhere around the country. Business centres = NYC, Chicago, LA, San Francisco
- ❑ = 3rd largest crude oil producer (Texas, Louisiana)
- ❑ NPs: Yellowstone

Canada

- ❑ = world's largest producer of uranium, nickel, zinc
- ❑ *Raw materials reserves*: gold, copper, silver (Rocky mts.), oil + natural gas (Edmonton + Calgary in Alberta)
- ❑ *Agriculture*: wheat, sunflowers and cattle farming (prairies of Manitoba, Saskatchewan) of Manitoba, Saskatchewan. Wheat – the most important Canadian crop. 75% of total *maple syrup* production located in CAN
- ❑ *Industries*: important ports (Vancouver), leading industrial city of Toronto (the safest city of NA), region of the “*Golden Horseshoe*” (Lake Ontario SW coastline) => car and aircraft assembly, steelworks, shipbuilding, financial center
- ❑ NPs: Banff, Jasper

Mexico

Population: 100 mil.

- ❑ Mexico City = 1 of the largest cities in the world (20 mil. inhabitants)
- ❑ *Raw material reserves*: oil (Gulf of Mexico), iron, zinc, copper
- ❑ = largest producer of *silver*
- ❑ *Maquiladoras* = >2000 factories located along MEX-US border using foreign capital and MEX labour => important source of income and help of prevention from dependency on oil drilling (extraction)
- ❑ famous *gastronomy*: food, drinks
- ❑ traditional *crafts*: highly decorated carpets, clothes (made by native Indians)
- ❑ land of contrasts ⇔ from northern *deserts* through *mountains* (Sierra Madre) to tropical *rainforests* in the south

GDP/capita:

- a) USA: 31,000 USD
- b) CAN: 20,000 USD
- c) MEX: 4,500 USD