NORTH AMERICA

USA

HO are 'the Americans'?
Of every 100 people in the
USA, over 80 have ancestors
from Europe. The first colonists came
from Britain, France and Spain, but
later on, people came from almost all
parts of Europe to the United States.

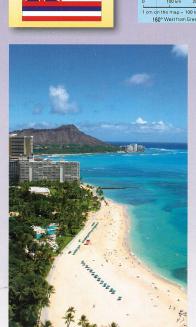
About 12 people out of every 100 came from West Africa, brought to the USA as slaves to work in the southern states. By 1865, the slaves were free. Many black Americans now live in the north-east. More recently, many Spanish-speaking people have arrived from Mexico and Puerto Rico.

There are now fewer than 1 million American Indians in the USA, some of whom live on special reservations.



▲ American football is a popular sport in the USA. Two teams of II people compete for points by trying to get the ball over their opponents' 'end zone'. Teams travel huge distances to compete with each other.





HAWAII

Aguai Oahu Honolulu OCEAN

Scale 1:10 000 000

1 cm in the map 1:00 km on the ground
160° West from Greenwich 158°

Mauna tord
156° PACIFIC

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Maui

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Hawaii

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Hawaii island itself has

a very active volcano in the south. If the height of

Mauna Kea is measured from the seabed, it is 10,023 metres: the world's

highest mountain. The

southerly part of the USA.

islands are the most

is the newest state in the USA: it became a state in 1959. The picture shows An American was Waikiki beach in Honolulu, the first man on the the biggest city. Honolulu Moon in 1969. The astronaut is holding is on Oahu island. These faraway Pacific islands are the USA flag. Above the tops of volcanoes, over his head is the Earth, 3000 km from mainland half in darkness. USA (see map page 63).



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