



A map of the Americas highlighting mountain ranges

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A large and detailed map of the Americas, with an inset of Arctic America with Alaska still marked 'Russian America'. On the map the areas are coloured to mark who controls them. 'New Albion' is marked, an area of Oregon under joint British/US control, created in the Treaty of 1818, although the name was given to the area by Sir Francis Drake in 1579. The map highlights the mountain ranges, not only in the Americas but also in western Africa and Europe. Particularly prominent is the infamous 'Mountains of Kong' across Guinea, the range invented by the famous cartographer James Rennell to account for the eastward flow of the River Niger, as described in a commentary on Mungo Park's travels.

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