

THE STAR-SPANGLED STATE BOOK

HAVE FUN LEARNING
ABOUT ALL 50 STATES

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With three boys ages 5-14, I've seen plenty of curricula over the years, but this is truly the first that I've seen to take such a thorough approach to teaching the 50 States. It is just packed with information! My family absolutely loves the colorful pages with clip art and quick facts. I've never had a book that was such a complete resource. The Star-Spangled State Book gives the capital, the date the state entered the Union, the state's population and population ranking, the state's land area and land area ranking, the names of the three most populated cities, a picture of the state, the state flag, and then some other quick facts. That's a lot to learn, but this book will make it fun!

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..... INTRODUCTION

Learning about our 50 unique states will be a rewarding experience for you. However, before beginning, you may find it beneficial to read the following information.

- 1. EACH STATE IS LISTED** in alphabetical order.
- 2. AT CERTAIN PLACES** within this book, INFO pages have been inserted to give you a more organized look at certain important facts. (An index of these INFO pages can be found on the previous page.)
- 3. INFORMATION FOR EACH STATE INCLUDES:**
 - a. the name of the state's capital
 - b. the date that the state entered the Union
 - c. the state's population and population ranking
 - d. the state's land area and land area ranking
 - e. the names of the state's three most populous cities
 - f. an outline of the state and the state's flag
 - g. two stories about the state
 - h. a STATE FACTS box that contains some quick facts about the state
 - i. and a number in the STATE FACTS box that represents that state's order of admission to the Union. For example, since Hawaii was the 50th state, the number 50 will appear in its STATE FACTS box. To find out what the number's COLOR represents, turn to the Civil War map on page 14.
- 4. AS MENTIONED BEFORE**, a state's three most populous cities can be found on its STATE PAGE. Take a look at Alabama on page 6 of this book. Do you see BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, and MOBILE? These are listed in order with the most populous city being mentioned first.

In other words, Birmingham is the largest city in Alabama, Montgomery is the second largest, and Mobile rounds out the third spot.
- 5. AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH** STATE PAGE is the challenge of all challenges: the four GEOQUIZZES! If you want to learn more about the GEOQUIZZES, turn to page 5.

WAIT!
READ THIS PAGE BEFORE
CONTINUING.

THE SCIENCE OF THE FUTURE



GEOQUIZ

The Star-Spangled State Book offers many ways for you to test your knowledge of the states. The GEOQUIZ is one of the most popular. In fact, it's so fun that we have given you four GEOQUIZZES to play. To play one of them, do the following:

- Pick from one of these four categories: States, Capitals, Borders, or Trivia.
- Look at the bottom of this page and answer that category's first clue.
- Next, look at the page number shown below your clue and turn to that page.

If you end up turning to the STATE PAGE of the state that you guessed, then pat yourself on the back! You were correct. However, if you turn to the STATE PAGE of a state that you didn't guess, then you've made a mistake. Better luck next time.

- Finally, after turning to a STATE PAGE, look at the bottom of it, find your category, and continue by answering the next clue. Right or wrong, keep doing this until you've answered all 50 clues. When you've mastered the challenge, you'll make it through all 50 clues without making a mistake. GOOD LUCK!

NOTE: In order to answer ALL 50 clues, you MUST begin on this page!

STATES. CAPITALS. BORDERS. TRIVIA.

Just pick a category and begin. Read the clue.
Give your answer. Turn the pages to see if you're right!

It's easy. If you're playing the STATES game, say the name of the state pictured below and turn to page 16 to see if you're right.

HINT: Page 16 should be Florida's STATE PAGE.

REMEMBER: ALL GEOQUIZZES START HERE!

GEOQUIZ

STATES



PAGE 16

CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
FRANKFORT

PAGE 26

BORDERS

I BORDER LOUISIANA
AND NEW MEXICO.

PAGE 57

TRIVIA

THIS WAS THE LAST
STATE TO BE ADMITTED
TO THE UNION.

PAGE 18

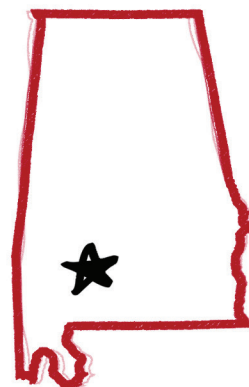
CAPITAL: MONTGOMERY

STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 14, 1819

POPULATION: 4,779,736

RANK: 23ND

AREA: 50.750 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 28TH

BIRMINGHAM | MONTGOMERY | MOBILE



MONTGOMERY. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man. She was imprisoned and later released. However, her act led to a boycott of Montgomery's transportation system, which gained much attention throughout the nation.

Later, the Supreme Court declared many of the state's segregation laws unconstitutional and other stands against injustice began. No doubt, the Civil Rights movement owes a lot to the efforts of Rosa Parks.

TRIUMPH. Blind and deaf from the age of nineteen months, Helen Adams Keller became a renowned author and lecturer. Learning to read, write, and speak in several languages, she not only was considered America's "First Lady of Courage," she became an inspiration to the world. Alabama honored Helen Keller for her ability to overcome obstacles by featuring her portrait on the backside of the state's quarter.



- In 1862, Montgomery served as the first capital of the Confederacy.
- In 1902, Dr. Luther Hill performed the first open heart surgery in the western hemisphere in Montgomery, AL.
- Sports greats Henry Aaron, Willie Mays, and Joe Lewis were born in Alabama.
- The first rocket to put a man on the moon was made in Alabama.
- People from Alabama are called Alabamians.

AL

GEOQUIZ

STATES



PAGE 28

CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS RICHMOND

PAGE: 61

BORDERS

I BORDER NEW YORK,
MASSACHUSETTS, AND
RHODE ISLAND.

PAGE 13

TRIVIA

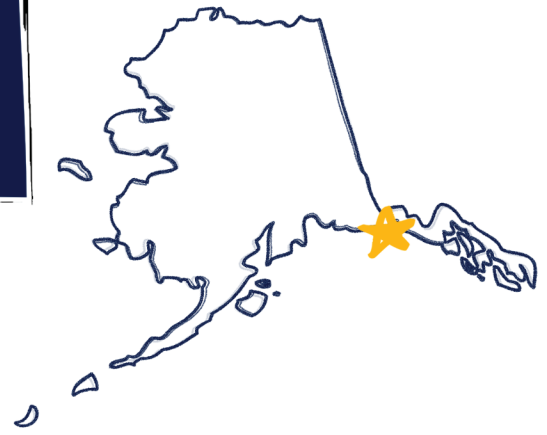
THE BATTLE OF
YORKTOWN WAS FOUGHT
IN THIS STATE.

PAGE: 61

ALASKA

CAPITAL: JUNEAU

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 3, 1959



POPULATION: 710,231

AREA: 570,374 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 47TH

RANK: 1ST

ANCHORAGE | JUNEAU | FAIRBANKS



FACTS



THE GREAT RACE. The Alaskan Iditarod is a dogsled race that covers over 1,150 miles. As participants make their way from Anchorage to Nome, they must cross frozen rivers, barren mountain ranges, dense forests, desolate tundra, and windy

coastlines. It's no wonder that, after facing sub-zero temperatures and blinding winds for days at a time, some consider it a victory to just reach the finish line.

- In 1867, the U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia. The price was just over 7 million dollars, or about 2 cents per acre. What a deal!
- Gold was discovered in Alaska by Joe Juneau in 1880. The state's capital is named in his honor.
- Alaska is called the Last Frontier State.
- By far, Alaska has more land than any other state.
- Alaska's Mount McKinley is the tallest mountain in the U.S.

WHAT TIME IS IT? Because of the natural wobble of the earth, the sun doesn't set in Barrow (America's northernmost city) between May 10th and August 2nd of each year! That's right, 24 hours of sunlight for more than 80 straight days. Then, come November, the sun doesn't rise above the horizon for 60 straight days on this city of nearly 5,000 people.



AK

>>>>>>>>>> GEOQUIZ <<<<<<<<<<<<<<

STATES



I AM NOT WYOMING

PAGE: 12

CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
PHOENIX

PAGE: 8

BORDERS

I BORDER NORTH DAKOTA,
IOWA, AND WISCONSIN.

PAGE: 33

TRIVIA

THE ONLY STATE
THAT I BORDER IS
NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PAGE: 28

ARIZONA

CAPITAL: **PHOENIX**

STATEHOOD: FEBRUARY 14, 1912



POPULATION: 6,392,017 **AREA:** 113,642 SQUARE MILES
RANK: 16TH **RANK:** 6TH

PHOENIX | TUCSON | MESA



ONE OF SEVEN: The Grand Canyon is considered one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Stretching for over 277 miles, Arizona's magnificent ditch has an average width of 10 miles and an average depth of one mile. So, if you plan to visit the desert state, be careful of that first step!

Note: In 1915, only 106,000 visitors saw the canyon. Today, more than four million people visit each year.

TOMBSTONE. On October 26, 1881, Sheriff Wyatt Earp and his brothers, Morgan and Virgil, met their friend, Doc Holliday, on their way to the OK Corral. Here they confronted the Clanton and McLaury gang that had earlier threatened to kill the Earps. In the historic moments to follow, gunfire was exchanged and three men lay dead: Billy Clanton, Tom McLaury, and Frank McLaury. The fight lasted about 30 seconds.



FACTS

- Arizona is known as the Grand Canyon State.
- It's hard to believe, but the original London Bridge is in Arizona! It was brought to the state from England and rebuilt, stone by stone.
- Arizona produces more copper than any other state.
- The tallest fountain in the world is believed to be located in Fountain Hills, Arizona.
- At least five flags have flown over the land that is now Arizona.

AZ

GEOQUIZ

STATES



PAGE 36

CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
LANSING

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BORDERS

I DON'T BORDER ANY
STATES, BUT I DO TOUCH
CANADA.

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TRIVIA

I AM CALLED THE
LONE STAR STATE.

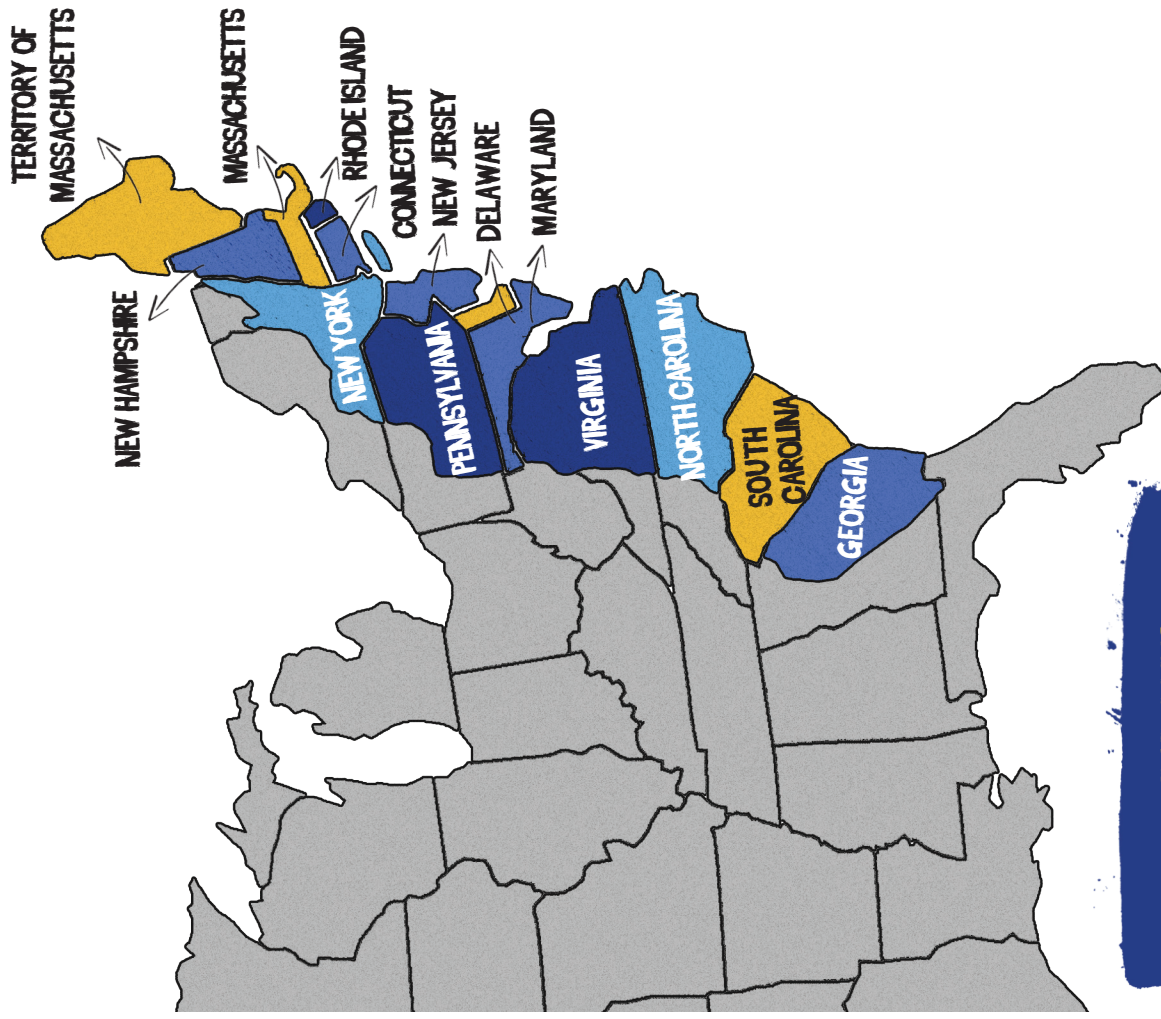
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THE 13 COLONIES

A NEW NATION. Prior to the thirteen colonies gaining their independence from England, the map of our fledgling nation looked similar to this one. Small, isn't it? Georgia was almost half its current size. North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York still had room for growth. And the lands that were to become Maine and Vermont were parts of other colonies. Yes, the land area was small, but so was the population. Let's look at how far this nation has come.

CENSUS YEAR	POPULATION
1790	3,900,000
1820	9,600,000
1850	23,000,000
1880	50,000,000
1910	92,000,000
1940	132,000,000
1970	203,000,000
2000	281,000,000
2010	309,000,000

The results are amazing. Less than 4,000,000 people were counted in the first census. Today, there are over seventy Americans for every one that existed a little over 200 years ago! And, since the beginning of World War II, the population of the U.S. has more than doubled.



TIME OUT!

The gray area of this map shows what was soon to become some of the other states. However, in 1775, such borders didn't exist.

ARKANSAS

CAPITAL: **LITTLE ROCK**

STATEHOOD: JUNE 15, 1836



POPULATION: 2,915,918

AREA: 52,075 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 32ND

RANK: 27TH

LITTLE ROCK | FORT SMITH | FAYETTEVILLE



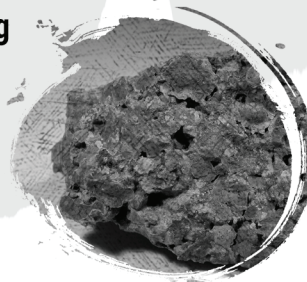
FACTS

- Arkansas is called the Natural State.
- In 1880, General Douglas MacArthur was born in Little Rock.
- Sam Walton founded the first Wal-Mart store in Bentonville, Arkansas.
- Arkansas is famous for the Ozark National Forest and its many hot springs.
- A person from Arkansas is called an Arkansan.



TWO TERMS: William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton, a native son of Arkansas, became the 42nd President of the United States in 1993. He served two terms and focused much of his domestic priorities on creating a universal healthcare system, improving education, restricting handgun sales, and strengthening America's environmental regulations. When he left office, his approval rating was a lofty 65%.

NATURAL RESOURCES. Arkansas ranks first in the world in its production of bromine, an element that's useful in making sanitizers, dyes, and flame-proofing agents. Also, over 80% of our nation's bauxite comes from Arkansas. So, what's bauxite? It's the ore from which our aluminum is made.



AR

GEOQUIZ

STATES



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
MONTPELIER

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BORDERS

I BORDER IDAHO,
WYOMING, AND
COLORADO.

PAGE 58

TRIVIA

THE GREAT SALT LAKE
IS IN THIS STATE.

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STATEHOOD: SEPTEMBER 9, 1850

POPULATION: 37,253,956

AREA: 155,973 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 1ST

RANK: 3RD

LOS ANGELES | SAN DIEGO | SAN JOSE



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GOLD RUSH: James Marshall discovered gold at Sutter's Mill on January 24, 1848. By the end of that year, news spread of this event and California's Gold Rush began. Soon thereafter, the region's population swelled and California was "rushed" into statehood.

Note: The people who came to California in search of gold were called '49ers. This was because the population of the state grew exponentially in 1849.

A STICKY TREASURE: When the Portola Expedition passed through what is now California, Father Crespi wrote that a few members of their group saw “large marshes of a certain substance like pitch.”

Little did he know that the Rancho La Brea Tar Pits held the richest source of fossils in the world. So far, at least 60 species have been discovered in the tar springs, including saber-toothed cats, wolves, camels, bison, and mastodons.



- **San Francisco Bay is considered to be the world's largest landlocked harbor.**
- **If California was its own country, it would have the world's 5th largest economy!**
- **Some of California's giant redwood trees are over 2,000 years old.**
- **Death Valley is considered the hottest and driest place in America.**
- **There are approximately 500,000 detectable seismic tremors in California each year!**

CA

GEOQUIZ

STATES



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
SANTA FE

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BORDERS

I FORM LOUISIANA'S EASTERN BORDER.

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TRIVIA

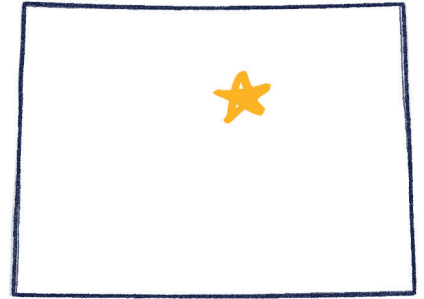
OFFICIALLY, THIS
STATE WAS THE FIRST
TO JOIN THE UNION.

PAGE 15

COLORADO

CAPITAL: **DENVER**

STATEHOOD: AUGUST 1, 1876



POPULATION: 5,029,196

AREA: 103,729 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 22ND

RANK: 8TH

DENVER | COLORADO SPRINGS | AURORA



FACTS

- Colorado is called the Centennial State because it was admitted to the Union on our nation's 100th birthday.
- More than 1/3 of Colorado's land is owned by the U.S. Federal Government.
- Colorado is home to the U.S. Air Force Academy.
- Colorado is split down the middle by the Rocky Mountains.
- Of all the states, Colorado has the highest average altitude.



CATTLEMEN: The National Western Stock Show is regarded as the "Super Bowl of Cattle Shows." When it began in 1904, only four types of cattle competed, and most of these came from Colorado and neighboring states. But now the yearly

event has grown. Not only do 19 breeds of cattle come from around the world to compete, there are also events for bison, goats, llamas, swine, sheep, and dogs.

PURPLE MOUNTAINS MAJESTY: In 1913, Katharine Lee Bates took a trip to Colorado Springs. While there, she visited Pike's Peak and said the following: "All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse." Later, she penned the words to "America the Beautiful" and credited her visit to Colorado for the "purple mountains majesty" phrase.



CO

GEOQUIZ

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
BOISE

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BORDERS

MARYLAND FORMS MY
WESTERN BORDER

PAGE 15

TRIVIA

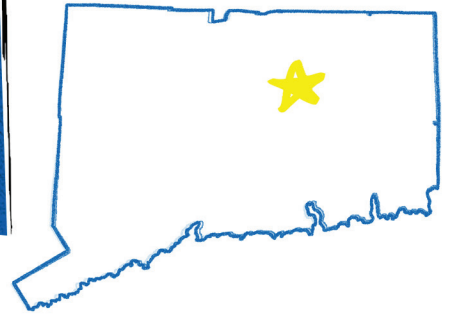
I AM KNOWN AS THE
BADGER STATE.

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CONNECTICUT

CAPITAL: **HARTFORD**

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 9, 1788



POPULATION: 3,574,097

AREA: 4,845 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 29TH

RANK: 48TH

BRIDGEPORT | HARTFORD | NEW HAVEN



THE CONSTITUTION STATE:

No, it wasn't the first state to ratify the Constitution; nor did it host the signing. So why is Connecticut called the Constitution State? Well, over 100 years before we gained our freedom

from England, little Connecticut had adopted the Fundamental Orders. These laws are so similar to the American Constitution that the state has now become known as the CONSTITUTION State. So, now you know.

FAMOUS FACES: Connecticut was home to many famous people: Ethan Allen (the Revolutionary War hero), John Brown (the abolitionist who sparked anti-slavery tensions), Elias Howe (a famous inventor), Charles Goodyear (another inventor), and Harriet Beecher Stowe (the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin). Each of these has helped to shape America.



- Connecticut's motto is: "He who transplanted still sustains."
- The oldest newspaper that's still being printed is *The Hartford Courant*. It had its debut in 1764.
- In 1954, the first nuclear powered submarine was built in Connecticut. It was named the USS Nautilus.
- Connecticut's Mary Kies was the first woman to receive a U.S. patent.
- Noah Webster, author of America's first dictionary, was from South Killingly.

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STATES



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
BISMARCK

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BORDERS

I BORDER NEW YORK
AND WEST VIRGINIA.

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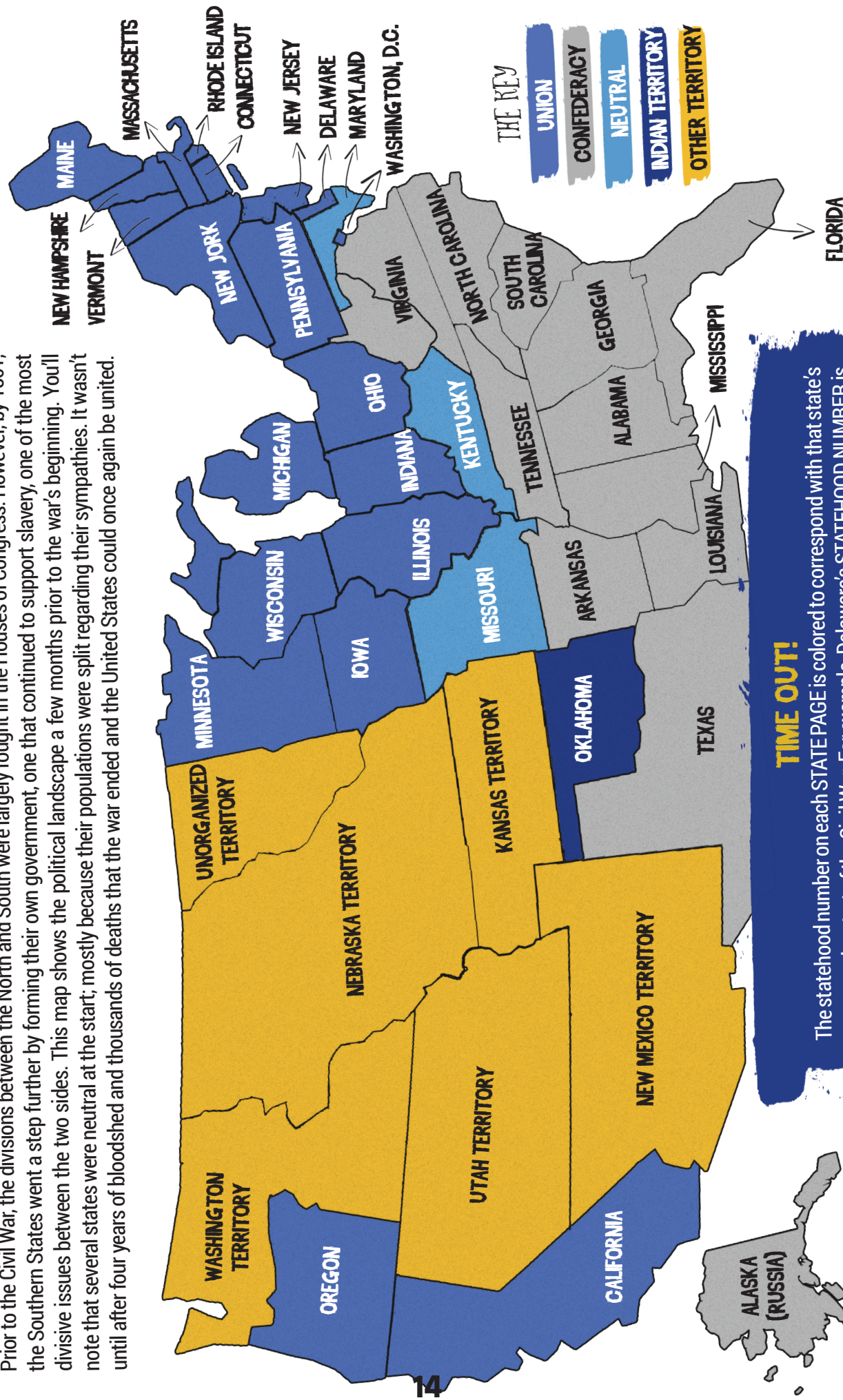
TRIVIA

I AM HOME TO THE
JOHN F. KENNEDY
SPACE CENTER

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THE CIVIL WAR

Prior to the Civil War, the divisions between the North and South were largely fought in the Houses of Congress. However, by 1861, the Southern States went a step further by forming their own government, one that continued to support slavery, one of the most divisive issues between the two sides. This map shows the political landscape a few months prior to the war's beginning. You'll note that several states were neutral at the start; mostly because their populations were split regarding their sympathies. It wasn't until after four years of bloodshed and thousands of deaths that the war ended and the United States could once again be united.



STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 7, 1787



AREA: 1,955 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 49TH

WILMINGTON | DOVER | NEWARK



FACTS



NUMBER 1: On December 7, 1787, the tiny state of Delaware had the distinction of leading our nation by becoming the first state to ratify the Constitution. That's right, the first state. Following its lead, the twelve

other states existing at the time signed the document and the United States of America became official.

- Delaware is named in honor of Lord De La Warr. He was Virginia's first governor.

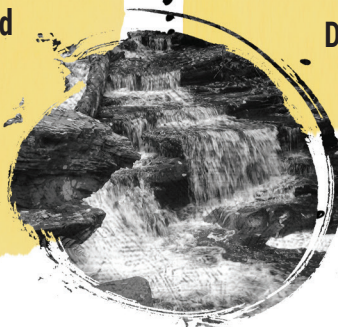
- Speaking of names, the city of Milton is named in honor of John Milton, the famous English poet.

- **Losing his entire fortune in the fight against slavery, Delaware's Thomas Garret helped more than 2,000 slaves escape to freedom.**

- Horseshoe crabs can be seen along the Delaware shores in May. These creatures can go nearly a year without any food!

NUMBER 2: Okay, so Delaware doesn't have the second MOST land; that honor goes to Texas. But little Delaware does have the second LEAST amount of land. With a mere 1,955 square miles of space, only Rhode Island is smaller. Still, despite its small area, Delaware's people have done much for this nation.

NOTE: Alaska, the largest state, could hold 291 states the size of Delaware.



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GEOQUIZ



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
SALT LAKE CITY

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BORDERS

I BORDER MISSISSIPPI, ARKANSAS, AND TEXAS.

PAGE 27

TRIVIA

I AM CALLED THE
GREEN MOUNTAIN
STATE.

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FLORIDA

CAPITAL: **TALLAHASSEE**

STATEHOOD: MARCH 3, 1845



POPULATION: 18,801,310

AREA: 53,997 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 4TH

RANK: 26TH

JACKSONVILLE | MIAMI | TAMPA



3-2-1-BLASTOFF!

Cape Canaveral is home to the John F. Kennedy Space Center. Since July 1, 1962, NASA has used this facility to launch heroic astronauts and various craft into space.

From Project Mercury to the space shuttles,

hundreds of missions have started in Florida.

NOTE: Before President Kennedy's death, NASA's Cape Canaveral location was simply called the Launch Operations Center.

THE ORANGE OASIS: Florida is the orange capital of the world. Nearly 75% of U.S. oranges come from this state, and Florida produces almost 40% of the WORLD's orange juice supply! Surprisingly, however, the orange isn't native to Florida. In 1493, Christopher Columbus brought orange seeds to the Caribbean. Then, in 1513, explorer Ponce De Leon brought them to Florida.



FACTS

- Florida is called the Sunshine State.
- Saint Augustine is the oldest European settlement in North America.
- Of all the cities in America, Clearwater, Florida has the most lightning strikes each year.
- If you want to find the highest average temperature in the U.S., go to Key West.
- Florida is home to Walt Disney World, a famous amusement park.

FL

>>>>>>>>>> GEOQUIZ <<<<<<<<<<<<<<

STATES



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
JUNEAU

PAGE: 7

BORDERS

I BORDER FLORIDA
AND MISSISSIPPI.

PAGE: 6

TRIVIA

BALTIMORE IS THE
LARGEST CITY IN
THIS STATE.

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GEORGIA

CAPITAL: ATLANTA

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 2, 1788



POPULATION: 9,687,653

AREA: 57,198 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 9TH

RANK: 21ST

ATLANTA | AUGUSTA | COLUMBUS



FACTS

- Georgia is named for England's King George II.
- Jimmy Carter is from Georgia. He was the 39th President of the United States.
- Georgia has more land than any other state east of the Mississippi River.
- The famous pirate Edward Teach made a home on an island that's now considered part of Georgia. Who was Teach? He's better known as "Blackbeard."
- Georgia is called the Peach State and the Cracker State.



THE PEACH STATE: Georgia is quite famous for the quality and quantity of peaches it grows, but did you know the peach isn't native to Georgia? The fruit was first cultivated in China thousands of years ago. Later, it made

its way along trading routes to Persia and Europe. Then, during the 16th and 17th centuries, Spanish ships carried the tasty fruit to the shores of America.

PEANUTS: Loved throughout the world, the peanut has become an important product for Georgia, where almost 40% of America's peanuts are grown. But, like the peach, it isn't native to North America. Evidence suggests that it originated in South America. So, how did it get to Georgia? Well, from South America, the Portuguese took the peanut to Africa where it grew in popularity. From there, it was brought back across the Atlantic Ocean to America.



GA

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
ALBANY

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BORDERS

I BORDER WASHINGTON
AND CALIFORNIA.

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TRIVIA

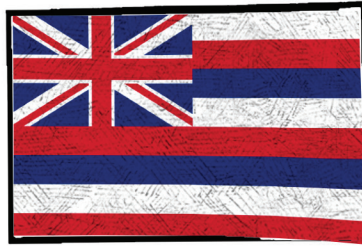
I AM CALLED THE
CONSTITUTION STATE.

PAGE: 13

HAWAII

CAPITAL: **HONOLULU**

STATEHOOD: AUGUST 21, 1959



POPULATION: 1,360,301

AREA: 6,423 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 40TH

RANK: 47TH

HONOLULU | HILO | KAILUA



DECEMBER 7TH. Hawaii is home to Pearl Harbor. During the morning hours of December 7, 1941, combat planes from the Japanese fleet attacked our fleet while it was stationed there. Within ten minutes, five battleships were sunk or sinking, many

American airplanes were destroyed, and over 2,400 Americans were dead. Sadly, what started as a peaceful Sunday morning turned into a call to arms and America's entry into the Second World War.



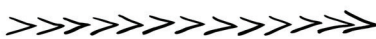
FACTS

- At one time, Hawaii was ruled by kings and queens. In fact, Hawaii's Iolani palace is the only royal palace in the U.S.
- Eight main islands help to form the state of Hawaii.
- Wow. Hawaii, not Florida, is the southernmost state.
- Unlike most states, the wind usually blows from east to west in Hawaii.
- Did you know that 1 / 3 of the world's pineapple supply comes from Hawaii?

THE LAST PIECE? In 1959, Hawaii became the last state to enter the Union. From thirteen to fifty, the United States has grown into one of the strongest nations in the world, and although there is currently no foreseeable 51st piece on the horizon, many are pushing to make Washington, D.C., a state. Another contender is Puerto Rico, an island territory off the coast of Florida. But, for now, the Aloha State maintains its status as the final piece to the American puzzle.



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GEOQUIZ



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CAPITALS

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE CAPITALS CHALLENGE.

BORDERS

I BORDER MARYLAND AND NORTH CAROLINA

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TRIVIA

THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS TOOK PLACE IN THIS STATE

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STATEHOOD

ORDER OF ADMISSION.

Find your state on the list below. Are you from Hawai'i? If so, your state was the 50th to join the Union. Which state was first? That's right, Delaware was our first state. Now find North Dakota and South Dakota. What numbers are they? They BOTH are 39th OR 40th! Do you know why? Well, when these two became states, not only were they admitted on the same date, they were admitted at the exact same time; so they share the two spots.

THE THIRTEEN COLONIES

1. DELAWARE
2. PENNSYLVANIA
3. NEW JERSEY
4. GEORGIA
5. CONNECTICUT
6. MASSACHUSETTS
7. MARYLAND
8. SOUTH CAROLINA
9. NEW HAMPSHIRE
10. VIRGINIA
11. NEW YORK
12. NORTH CAROLINA
13. RHODE ISLAND

14. VERMONT
15. KENTUCKY
16. TENNESSEE
17. OHIO
18. LOUISIANA
19. INDIANA
20. MISSISSIPPI
21. ILLINOIS
22. ALABAMA
23. MAINE
24. MISSOURI

25. ARKANSAS
26. MICHIGAN
27. FLORIDA
28. TEXAS
29. IOWA
30. WISCONSIN
31. CALIFORNIA
32. MINNESOTA
33. OREGON
34. KANSAS
35. WEST VIRGINIA
36. NEVADA
37. NEBRASKA
38. COLORADO
39. NORTH OR SOUTH DAKOTA
40. NORTH OR SOUTH DAKOTA
41. MONTANA
42. WASHINGTON
43. IDAHO
44. WYOMING
45. UTAH
46. OKLAHOMA
47. NEW MEXICO
48. ARIZONA
49. ALASKA
50. HAWAI'I

IDAHO

CAPITAL: **BOISE**

STATEHOOD: JULY 3, 1890



POPULATION: 1,567,582

AREA: 82,751 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 39TH

RANK: 11TH

BOISE | NAMPA | IDAHO FALLS



FACTS

- Idaho is known as the Gem State because of the many precious stones that can be found there.
- Like most western states, Idaho had its gold and silver rushes. Today, a number of "ghost" towns remain. They include: Silver City, Yankee Fork, and Gold Dredge.
- The world's largest man-made geyser can be found in Soda Springs.
- Beware! In Idaho, it's against the law for one citizen to give another a box of candy weighing more than 50 pounds!



SCENIC WONDERLAND:

Idaho is an outdoor adventure. Alpine lakes, mountain peaks, canyons, and waterfalls are just some of the splendor the state has to offer. Also, because of the variety of landscapes, you can visit rolling

hills, hot springs, and even high country deserts and sand dunes! And the wildlife? It's abundant. Without a doubt, Idaho offers plenty to those who enjoy the outdoors.

IDAHO AND THE POTATO. When many think of Idaho, they think of the potato, because over 30% of American potatoes come from the state. But few know the potato isn't native to Idaho. Many scientists believe the spud had its beginnings in South America and was brought to North America long before Columbus arrived; however, it wasn't until 1836 that it found a home in Idaho!



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
HONOLULU

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BORDERS

I AM COMPLETELY
SURROUNDED BY THE
PACIFIC OCEAN.

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TRIVIA

I BORDER EIGHT STATES,
BUT I'M NOT TENNESSEE.

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STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 3, 1818

**POPULATION:** 12,830,632

AREA: 55,593 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 5THRANK: 24TH

CHICAGO | AURORA | ROCKFORD



THE GIPPER. Illinois is the birthplace of Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th President of the United States. Born in Tampico, Reagan moved to California, where he became an actor. Later, he stepped onto the political stage and was elected

California's governor. President Reagan served two terms in the White House and is credited with winning the Cold War.

A BUSY, BUSY PLACE. Chicago's O'Hare International Airport is the busiest airport in the world. Even when you consider its large number of connections to multiple locations throughout the world, it's still hard to imagine that over 190,000 travelers pass through its terminals on an average day.



21 FACTS

- In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire killed about 200 people, destroyed 17,500 buildings, and left nearly 90,000 people homeless.
- Illinois was the first state to ratify the 13th Amendment to the Constitution. This law abolished slavery.
- The world's first skyscraper was built in Chicago, not New York.
- If you're looking for a good book, come to Chicago. Its public library has over two million books, making it one of the world's largest.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
DENVER

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BORDERS

I FORM GEORGIA'S
SOUTHERN BORDER.

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TRIVIA

THIS STATE HAS
THE MOST LAND AREA,
BY FAR.

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INDIANA

CAPITAL: **INDIANAPOLIS**
STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 11, 1816



POPULATION: 6,483,802

AREA: 35,870 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 15TH

RANK: 38TH

INDIANAPOLIS | FORT WAYNE | EVANSVILLE



FACTS

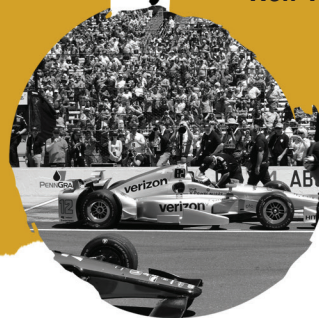
- Indiana is called the Hoosier State.
- In addition to being the site of Indiana's only Civil War battle, Corydon also served as the state's first capital.
- The first Europeans to settle in what is now Indiana were not the English. They were French.
- Southern Indiana holds some of the richest deposits of limestone in the world! New York's Empire State Building, the U.S. Treasury, and fourteen state capitol buildings are built from Indiana's treasure.



ONE BATTLE. Corydon was the site of Indiana's only Civil War battle. In 1863, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan led 2,400 of his soldiers on a daring raid through the Northern state. Shortly after entering Indiana, the Rebels met Harrison

County's small force of 450 men. After a few volleys, Morgan accepted their surrender. He met no further resistance until after he entered Ohio.

THE INDIANAPOLIS 500. In 1911, the first long-distance auto race was held in the city of Indianapolis. Since then, this yearly event has attracted more fans, faster cars, and more money for the winner. The winner of the first race averaged 75 miles per hour and received a \$14,000 prize. Today, speeds average around 167 miles per hour and the winner receives more than \$1.2 million.



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MY CAPITAL IS
ATLANTA

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BORDERS

I BORDER TEXAS
AND KANSAS.

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TRIVIA

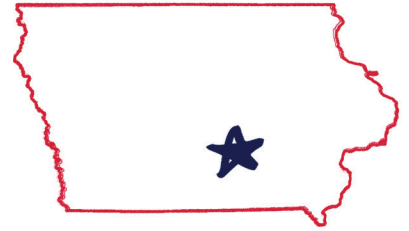
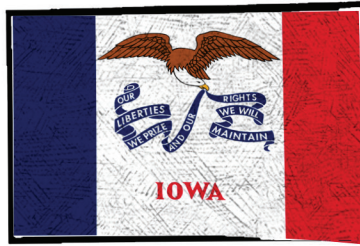
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
CIVIL WAR THIS STATE
WAS PART OF VIRGINIA.

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IOWA

CAPITAL: **DES MOINES**

STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 28, 1846



POPULATION: 3,046,355

AREA: 55,875 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 30TH

RANK: 23RD

DES MOINES | CEDAR RAPIDS | DAVENPORT



CORN. There are believed to be over 3,500 uses for corn. From aspirin to diapers, from food to automobile fuel, it seems new ways of using this important crop are being discovered every day.

NOTE: Of the nearly 10 billion bushels of corn grown yearly in the U.S., roughly 57% is fed to livestock, 19% is exported to other countries, and 12% is used in ethanol fuel. America's five biggest customers for corn are: Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, South Korea, and Egypt.

THE BIG BREADBASKET. It has been estimated that each farmer in Iowa produces enough food to feed 279 people. Now that's what I call productive! Corn, soybeans, and hogs are just some of the sources of nutrition that come from the Hawkeye State. So, the next time you visit the grocery store, remember that a small part of Iowa may be in your buggy.



FACTS

- Herbert Hoover, the 31st President of the United States, was from Iowa. He was the first president to be born west of the Mississippi River.
- John Wayne, the famous actor, was born in Winterset. Many remember him as "The Duke."
- Glenn Miller, orchestra leader and trombonist, was born in Clarinda.
- The Mississippi River forms Iowa's eastern border and the Missouri River forms its western border.

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MY CAPITAL IS
NASHVILLE

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BORDERS

I BORDER MISSOURI
AND WEST VIRGINIA.

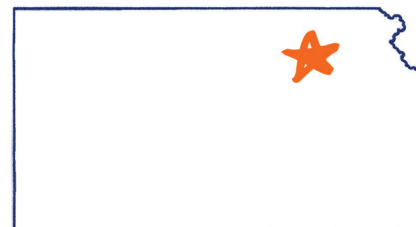
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TRIVIA

I SHARE MY NAME WITH
THE LONGEST RIVER IN
THE UNITED STATES.

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STATEHOOD: JANUARY 29, 1861

**POPULATION:** 2,853,118

AREA: 81,823 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 33RD**RANK: 13TH**

WICHITA | OVERLAND PARK | KANSAS CITY



WATCH OUT! Tornadoes are storms with rapidly rotating winds that form funnel clouds. Unfortunately, many of these touch the ground, causing much damage with their winds of nearly 300 miles per hour. As you may recall in the movie "The Wizard of Oz," a Kansas girl by

the name of Dorothy was even whisked away by one. But is Kansas the most active tornado state? No, it isn't! On average, three other states receive more. And in relation to land size, Kansas ranks a distant fifth.

AMELIA EARHART. The most famous woman in aviation history is from Kansas. In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman (and only the second person) to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Then, in 1935, she became the first person to fly solo from Hawai'i to California. However, her career was cut short in 1937 when she perished in the Pacific Ocean after failing to find a small island that was to serve as her landing site.



- Dodge City is proclaimed to be the windiest city in America.
- The geographic center of the 48 contiguous states is in Kansas.
- The first woman mayor in the U.S. was from Kansas. In 1887, Susan Salter was elected to office in Argonia.
- Kansas is important to U.S. land surveyors. When they're outside checking the positions of properties, they're really checking their positions in relation to Kansas' Meades Ranch, our nation's benchmark.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
BOSTON

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BORDERS

I BORDER CANADA
AND UTAH.

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TRIVIA

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS
SUCCESSFULLY FLEW THEIR
FIRST AIRPLANE IN THIS STATE

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ABBREVIATIONS

AL ALABAMA	MT MONTANA
AK ALASKA	NE NEBRASKA
AZ ARIZONA	NV NEVADA
AR ARKANSAS	NH NEW HAMPSHIRE
CA CALIFORNIA	NJ NEW JERSEY
CO COLORADO	NM NEW MEXICO
CT CONNECTICUT	NY NEW YORK
DE DELAWARE	NC NORTH CAROLINA
FL FLORIDA	ND NORTH DAKOTA
GA GEORGIA	OH OHIO
HI HAWAI'I	OK OKLAHOMA
ID IDAHO	OR OREGON
IL ILLINOIS	PA PENNSYLVANIA
IN INDIANA	RI RHODE ISLAND
IA IOWA	SC SOUTH CAROLINA
KS KANSAS	SD SOUTH DAKOTA
KY KENTUCKY	TN TENNESSEE
LA LOUISIANA	TX TEXAS
ME MAINE	UT UTAH
MD MARYLAND	VT VERMONT
MA MASSACHUSETTS	VA VIRGINIA
MI MICHIGAN	WA WASHINGTON
MN MINNESOTA	WV WEST VIRGINIA
MS MISSISSIPPI	WI WISCONSIN
MO MISSOURI	WY WYOMING

ABBREVIATIONS. Have you ever addressed an envelope? If so, you may have used some of the abbreviations listed above. They are true time savers that the U.S. Postal Service developed.

NOTE: The abbreviation for Washington, D.C., is simply DC.

KENTUCKY

CAPITAL: **FRANKFORT**

STATEHOOD: JUNE 1, 1792



POPULATION: 4,339,367

AREA: 39,732 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 26TH

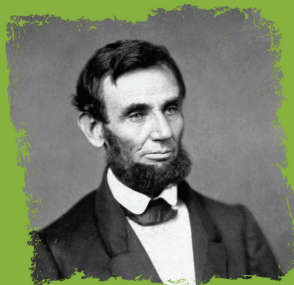
RANK: 36TH

LOUISVILLE | LEXINGTON | OWENSBORO



FACTS

- Jefferson Davis was from Kentucky. He served as the Confederate president during the Civil War.
- During the War of 1812, over half of all the Americans killed were from Kentucky, the Bluegrass State.
- Kentucky is home to Fort Knox. Much of the nation's gold is held here.
- More than 100 Kentuckians have been governors of OTHER states!
- The Kentucky Derby is the oldest annual horse race in the country.



FAMOUS KENTUCKIAN.

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky in 1809. After moving with his family to Illinois, the young man took it upon himself to grow in knowledge. Working on farms, splitting rails, and tending to a store were only some of the duties Lincoln performed. However,

his passion soon turned to politics, where he was able to represent the Republican Party, win the 1860 Presidential Election, and lead America through the most trying period of its history, the Civil War.

NATURAL WONDER. Mammoth Cave is true to its name. It's a whopper! Even with over 365 miles of charted passageways, it's still believed that there are hundreds of miles left to be discovered.

Nearly two million people visit the huge cavern each year to see "rooms" large enough to hold office buildings, underground rivers, and creatures that can seldom be seen anywhere else in the world.



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CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE COMPLETED
THE STATES CHALLENGE.

CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
AUSTIN

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BORDERS

NEW HAMPSHIRE FORMS
MY EASTERN BORDER

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TRIVIA

I AM HOME TO
DETROIT, GRAND RAPIDS,
AND WARREN.

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STATEHOOD: APRIL 30, 1812

**RANK: 33RD**

NEW ORLEANS | BATON ROUGE | SHREVEPORT




large number of Cajuns live in Louisiana, but do you know what makes these people special? Why, they're the descendants of the Acadians who were driven out of Canada during the 1700s. OK, and who were the Acadians? The Acadians

were the first FRENCH settlers in what are now the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. They were forced from Canada when they refused to pledge allegiance to the King of England.

FAT TUESDAY. What would you do the day before forty days of fasting was to begin? Well, they throw a party in New Orleans! Mardi Gras (meaning “Fat Tuesday” in French) is a festival that has become a yearly event in Louisiana. Coming the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of the Christian observance of Lent, the celebration is still growing in popularity, even after 300 years.



18 FACTS

- Louisiana was named in honor of France's King Louis XIV.
 - During the Civil War, twenty major battles took place in Louisiana during a two-year span.
 - The Mississippi River meets the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana.
 - The word "bayou" is French. It means "a slow-moving river."
 - Jazz, a form of music, had its birth in Louisiana. In the 1920s and 1930s, it reached its height of popularity.
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MY CAPITAL IS
SACRAMENTO

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I BORDER COLORADO AND IOWA.

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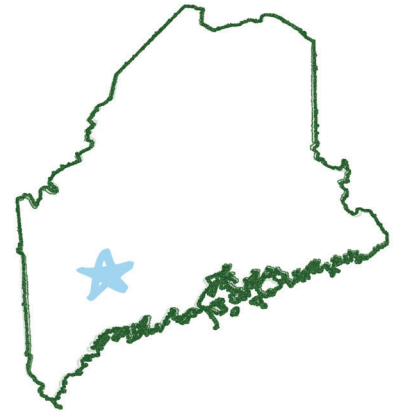
I AM CALLED THE
CENTENNIAL STATE.

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MAINE

CAPITAL: AUGUSTA

STATEHOOD: MARCH 15, 1820



POPULATION: 1,328,361

AREA: 30,865 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 41ST

RANK: 39TH

PORTLAND | LEWISTON | BANGOR



IT MAY BE KNOWN AS THE PINETREE STATE, BUT...

Did you know that Maine lobsters are famous? That's right! All around the world, people are paying big bucks to taste the state's delicious seafood. And speaking of the sea, Maine

also has numerous lighthouses that dot the coast. But with enough deep harbors to handle all the navies of the world, they are necessary.

BEAUTIFUL LAND. Nearly 90% of America's toothpicks come from Maine's timber, and the state's production of blueberries is second to none. In fact, about 99% of all our blueberries come from Maine! That's right, 99%! And then there's the snow. With its alpine mountains, the state is a great place for those who love the outdoors.



- Eastport is America's easternmost city. It is said to be the first place in the U.S. to see the morning sun.
- Maine's Acadia National Park is the second most-visited national park in America
- Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was from Maine.
- In 1623, America's first sawmill was built near York, Maine.
- After the War of 1812, Eastport remained in British hands. Their rule didn't end until 1818.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
TOPEKA

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BORDERS

I BORDER ALABAMA
AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

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TRIVIA

MOUNT RUSHMORE
IS IN THIS STATE.

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MARYLAND

CAPITAL: **ANNAPOLIS**

STATEHOOD: APRIL 28, 1788



POPULATION: 5,773,552

AREA: 9,755 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 19TH

RANK: 42ND

BALTIMORE | GAITHERSBURG | ROCKVILLE



OH SAY, CAN YOU SEE?

During the War of 1812, the British captured Washington, D.C., and then the city of Baltimore was next. Through the Maryland harbor, British warships made their approach, but Fort McHenry stood in their way. From the deck of a ship,

Francis Scott Key, a patriot, watched the fort being bombarded. Through the night, he stood, and when he saw America's flag still waving in the morning, he penned the words to our national anthem.

ANNAPOLIS. Once called the Athens of America, the city of Annapolis is a national treasure: the Maryland city once served as our nation's capital; since 1845 it has served as the home of the U.S. Naval Academy; four signers of the Declaration of Independence lived there; it boasts more surviving colonial buildings than any other city; and it was where the Treaty of Paris was ratified in 1784 to end the Revolutionary War.



FACTS

- Did you know that Maryland gave up some of its land to help form Washington, D.C.? Virginia was the only other state to lend a hand.
- Clara Barton was the founder of the American Red Cross. At one time, her home in Glen Echo served as the organization's headquarters.
- Other famous Marylanders include: Vice President Spiro Agnew, author Upton Sinclair, baseball great Babe Ruth, and abolitionists Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglas.

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MY CAPITAL IS
TRENTON

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I BORDER MONTANA
AND COLORADO.

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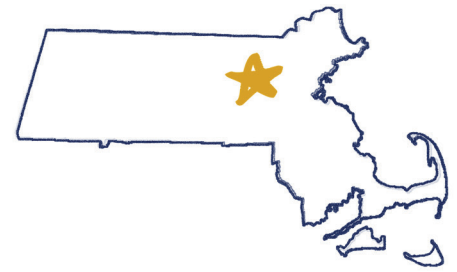
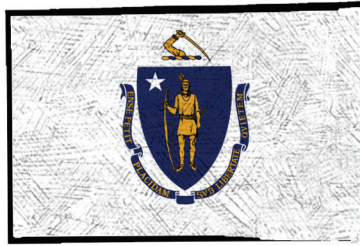
I AM CALLED THE
CORNHUSKER STATE.

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MASSACHUSETTS

CAPITAL: **BOSTON**

STATEHOOD: FEBRUARY 6, 1788



POPULATION: 6,547,629

AREA: 7,838 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 14TH

RANK: 45TH

BOSTON | WORCESTER | SPRINGFIELD



FACTS

- The first subway system in the U.S. was built in Boston in 1897.
- The USS Constitution (or Old Ironsides) is berthed at Charleston Navy Yard. This famous ship served our nation during the Revolutionary War.
- The Boston Tea Party took place in Massachusetts shortly before the Revolutionary War began.
- In 1692, the infamous Salem Witch Trials led to the deaths of twenty citizens.



THE PILGRIMS. On December 21, 1620, a group of English Puritans came to America aboard the Mayflower. Their intent was to escape religious persecution, create a new settlement, and practice religion the way they

felt was right. The famous place where they landed is known as Plymouth Rock.

HEROES OF THE REVOLUTION.

Minutemen played a vital role in the American Revolution especially in Massachusetts. Armed, mobile, and always ready for action, these brave men were usually the first to arrive for battle.



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
SALEM

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BORDERS

I BORDER IOWA
AND ARKANSAS.

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TRIVIA

I AM CALLED THE
BEAVER STATE.

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.....THE PRESIDENTS.....

HERE ARE THE PRESIDENTS IN ORDER

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. George Washington , Virginia 1789 - 1797 | 24. Grover Cleveland , New Jersey 1893 - 1897 |
| 2. John Adams , Massachusetts 1797 - 1801 | 25. William McKinley , Ohio 1897 - 1901 |
| 3. Thomas Jefferson , Virginia 1801 - 1809 | 26. Theodore Roosevelt , New York 1901 - 1909 |
| 4. James Madison , Virginia 1809 - 1817 | 27. William H. Taft , Ohio 1909 - 1913 |
| 5. James Monroe , Virginia 1817 - 1825 | 28. Woodrow Wilson , Virginia 1913 - 1921 |
| 6. John Quincy Adams , Massachusetts... 1825 - 1829 | 29. Warren Harding , Ohio 1921 - 1923 |
| 7. Andrew Jackson , South Carolina 1829 - 1837 | 30. Calvin Coolidge , Vermont 1923 - 1929 |
| 8. Martin Van Buren , New York 1837 - 1841 | 31. Herbert Hoover , Iowa 1929 - 1933 |
| 9. William Henry Harrison , Virginia 1841 | 32. Franklin D. Roosevelt , New York 1933 - 1945 |
| 10. John Tyler , Virginia 1841 - 1845 | 33. Harry S. Truman , Missouri 1945 - 1953 |
| 11. James Polk , North Carolina 1845 - 1849 | 34. Dwight D. Eisenhower , Texas 1953 - 1961 |
| 12. Zachary Taylor , Virginia 1849 - 1850 | 35. John F. Kennedy , Massachusetts 1961 - 1963 |
| 13. Millard Fillmore , New York 1850 - 1853 | 36. Lyndon B. Johnson , Texas 1963 - 1969 |
| 14. Franklin Pierce , New Hampshire 1853 - 1857 | 37. Richard Nixon , California 1969 - 1974 |
| 15. James Buchanan , Pennsylvania 1857 - 1861 | 38. Gerald R. Ford , Nebraska 1974 - 1977 |
| 16. Abraham Lincoln , Kentucky 1861 - 1865 | 39. Jimmy Carter , Georgia 1977 - 1981 |
| 17. Andrew Johnson , North Carolina 1865 - 1869 | 40. Ronald Reagan , Illinois 1981 - 1989 |
| 18. Ulysses S. Grant , Ohio 1869 - 1877 | 41. George Bush , Massachusetts 1989 - 1993 |
| 19. Rutherford B. Hayes , Ohio 1877 - 1881 | 42. William Jefferson Clinton , Arkansas ... 1993 - 2001 |
| 20. James A. Garfield , Ohio 1881 | 43. George W. Bush , Connecticut 2001 - 2009 |
| 21. Chester A. Arthur , Vermont 1881 - 1885 | 44. Barack Obama , Hawai'i 2009 - 2017 |
| 22. Grover Cleveland , New Jersey 1885 - 1889 | 45. Donald Trump , New York 2017 - |
| 23. Benjamin Harrison , Ohio 1889 - 1893 | |

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

1. Which state can boast having the most presidents born there?
2. Which president served the most time in office?
3. How many different men have held the office of president?

ANSWERS: 1) Virginia, 2) Franklin Roosevelt, 3) 44 men (Grover Cleveland is listed twice.)

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 26, 1837



POPULATION: 9,883,640

AREA: 56,809 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 8TH

RANK: 22ND

DETROIT | GRAND RAPIDS | WARREN



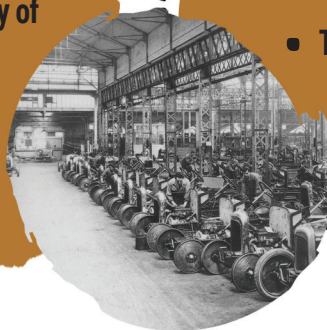
THE WOLVERINE STATE

Michigan is the Wolverine State, but what exactly is a wolverine? Well, the wolverine is a member of Mustelidae family (animals such as skunks, otters, and weasels). Though small in size, the powerfully built animal is suited

for winter survival and is fearless. As a matter of fact, a wolverine won't hesitate to attack sheep, deer, or even small bears! Sadly, the wolverine is on the endangered species list and can no longer be found in Michigan.

CAR CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. Yes, the city of

Detroit and the surrounding area have helped turn Michigan into the largest manufacturer of cars. The Ford Motor Company, General Motors, and DaimlerChrysler all call Michigan their home. Together, these three have placed millions of vehicles on the road.



26 FACTS

- The University of Michigan was the first university to be established in any state.
- Gerald R. Ford, the 38th President of the United States, was raised in Grand Rapids.
- The Detroit Zoo was the first zoo to offer cageless exhibits.
- Boats, boats, and more boats. Michigan has more boats registered in it than any other state.
- The Detroit-Windsor tunnel was the first tunnel to connect two countries.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
HARTFORD

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I BORDER MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, AND KENTUCKY.

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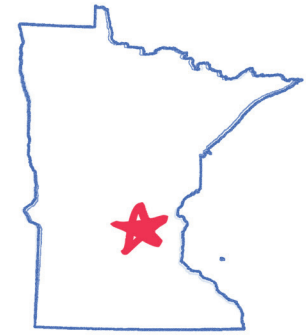
JIMMY CARTER WAS BORN
IN THIS SOUTHERN STATE.

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MINNESOTA

CAPITAL: **SAINT PAUL**

STATEHOOD: MAY 11, 1858



POPULATION: 5,303,925

AREA: 79,617 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 21ST

RANK: 14TH

BALTIMORE | GAITHERSBURG | ROCKVILLE



FISHING, ANYONE? With more than 90,000 miles of shoreline, Minnesota has more beachfront than California, Florida, and Hawai'i combined. Couple that with the excellent fishing, and it's no wonder the state boasts about having one recreational boat for every six of its citizens.

But beware of meeting someone at Mud Lake, Rice Lake, or Long Lake. With over 10,000 bodies of water, these common names have been used over 100 times each!

DID THE VIKINGS REACH AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS?

An archeological site in Minnesota suggests that they might have. In 1898, the Kensington Runestone was discovered near Alexandria, Minnesota. Its carvings tell the journey of a band of Vikings that reached North America in 1362, over 100 years before Columbus. Also, evidence in eastern Canada suggests that Leif Erikson entered the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.



32 FACTS

- Minnesota is known as the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but that is a low estimate.
- Minnesota is home to the Mayo Clinic. This teaching facility is known throughout the world for its expertise in the medical field.
- America's first bone marrow transplant took place in Minnesota.
- Have you ever eaten a Snickers, 3 Musketeers, or Milky Way bar? Frank C. Mars, the inventor of these tasty treats, was from Minnesota.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
TALLAHASSEE

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BORDERS

I BORDER IDAHO AND
NORTH DAKOTA

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TRIVIA

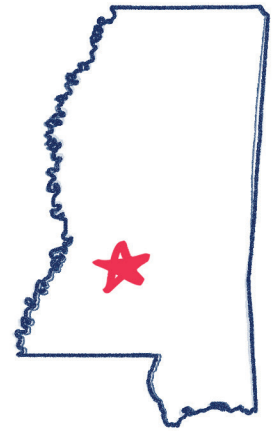
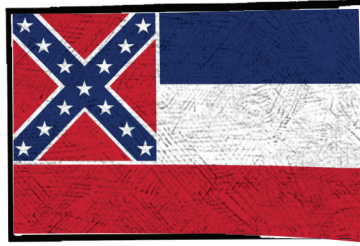
I AM CALLED THE
VOLUNTEER STATE

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MISSISSIPPI

CAPITAL: **JACKSON**

STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 10, 1817



POPULATION: 2,967,297

AREA: 46,614 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 31ST

RANK: 31ST

JACKSON | GULFPORT | BILOXI



THE KING. Elvis Presley, also known as the King of Rock and Roll, was born in Tupelo, Mississippi on January 8, 1935. For more than two decades, the singer set and broke many records for both record sales and concert attendance. Some of his music

includes: "Love Me Tender," "Jailhouse Rock," and "Kentucky Rain." Elvis passed away in 1977, but millions of fans from around the world continue to buy his music.

OLD MAN RIVER. Mississippi shares its name with America's longest river, the Mississippi River. Forming much of the state's western border, the mighty river has played an important role in the development of the country. In the 1800s, riverboats transported people and goods along the river, turning many towns into lively cities with strong economies. Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn captures this spirit.



- In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a captured bear while he was visiting Mississippi. His kind act led to the creation of the cuddly "Teddy" bear, a bedroom favorite.
- 59,000 of the 78,000 Mississippians who fought in the Civil War were either wounded or killed in action.
- Captain Isaac Ross was from Mississippi. Who is he? In 1834, Captain Ross freed his slaves and made arrangements to send them to Africa. There, they founded the country of Liberia.

MS

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
HARRISBURG

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BORDERS

I BORDER MICHIGAN
AND MINNESOTA.

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TRIVIA

I AM CALLED THE
PALMETTO STATE.

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MISSOURI

CAPITAL: **JEFFERSON CITY**

STATEHOOD: AUGUST 10, 1821



POPULATION: 5,988,927

AREA: 68,898 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 18TH

RANK: 18TH

KANSAS CITY | SAINT LOUIS | SPRINGFIELD



PENNSYLVANIA OF THE WEST?

Missouri is called the "Show Me State," but some still refer to it as the "Pennsylvania of the West." Why? Well, while Missouri's economy developed with its rise in population, many noticed the

similarities between its growth and that of Pennsylvania. Mining was of great importance and, likewise, manufacturing within the state was on the rise.

THE GROUND SHOOK. The most powerful earthquake to shake America didn't occur in California; it was in New Madrid, Missouri. At two o'clock in the morning on December 16, 1811, the quake started. Huge cracks split the ground; the waters of the Mississippi River rose and fell so forcefully that giant waves swept upstream to Louisville, Kentucky; and church bells were made to ring in Boston, Massachusetts, which was over 1,000 miles away!



24 FACTS

- Missouri, like Tennessee, borders eight states. No other states border as many.
- President Harry S. Truman was born in Lamar. He was president at the close of the Second World War.
- Saint Louis is home to the famous Gateway Arch. During the 1960s, this monument was built to honor the spirit of the early pioneers.
- In 1912, John Berry made the first successful parachute jump from a moving airplane above Saint Louis.

MO

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
ANNAPOLIS

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BORDERS

I BORDER UTAH
AND KANSAS.

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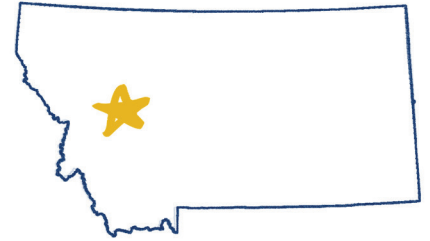
I AM HOME TO
PHILADELPHIA AND
PITTSBURGH.

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MONTANA

CAPITAL: **HELENA**

STATEHOOD: NOVEMBER 8, 1889



POPULATION: 989,415

AREA: 145,556 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 44TH

RANK: 4TH

BILLINGS | MISSOULA | GREAT FALLS



THE TREASURE STATE.

Montana is home to some of America's richest deposits of rare minerals. When gold was discovered in 1862, many settlers came to the area, hoping to strike it rich. In time, they discovered copper, silver, sapphires,

opals, and platinum. Today, many of the areas where mining occurred have become ghost towns, but Montana's resources still touch all our lives.

YELLOW HAIR.

Montana is home to the Little Bighorn Battlefield. Here, in 1876, Lt. Colonel George Custer and the Seventh Cavalry fell in battle to a group of Sioux and Cheyenne Indians that left their reservations, outraged by the continued intrusions of gold seekers into their sacred lands in the Black Hills. In the end, the Union Cavalry lost over 260 men and the Indian alliance lost nearly 200.



FACTS

- Montana has more species of mammals than any other state.
- If you're looking for deer, elk, or antelope, you've come to the right place. The state is teeming with them.
- Yellowstone National Park was our country's first national park. The park covers areas of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho.
- Lots of land and few people. With only six people per square mile, Montana offers plenty of elbowroom.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL
IS CONCORD

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BORDERS

CONNECTICUT FORMS MY
WESTERN BORDER

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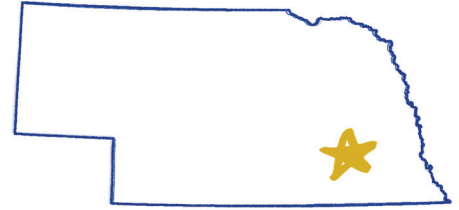
I AM CALLED
THE OCEAN STATE.

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NEBRASKA

CAPITAL: **LINCOLN**

STATEHOOD: MARCH 1, 1867



POPULATION: 1,826,341

AREA: 75,898 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 38TH

RANK: 15TH

OMAHA | LINCOLN | BELLEVUE



MOO. Although Nebraska ranks 38th in population, its cattle industry is one of the top in the nation. Here are a few facts: Nebraska ranks 1st in its number of live animal and beef exports; 2nd in the amount of revenues it receives from the sales of cattle and calves; and 3rd in its total number of cattle. With an estimated 6.35 MILLION head, Nebraska holds almost 7% of our nation's herd!

THE CORNHUSKER STATE. As its nickname implies, Nebraska is a large producer of corn, but this wasn't always the case. At one time, Nebraska was called the "Great American Desert." Thankfully, those days are gone and the state has been transformed into a farmer's paradise through the use of progressive farming techniques and irrigation. In fact, with over 80,000 wells to draw water from, Nebraska has become the 3rd largest corn-producing state.



FACTS

- Nebraska's state motto shows its sentiments regarding slavery: "Equality Before The Law."
- Most states have two houses of legislature: a house and a senate. However, Nebraska only has one.
- Weeping Water is home to the nation's largest limestone deposit.
- During World War II, over 40% of our nation's ammunition was made in Hastings, Nebraska.
- President Gerald R. Ford was born in Nebraska.

NE

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
PROVIDENCE

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BORDERS

I BORDER OREGON,
NEVADA, AND ARIZONA.

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TRIVIA

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU
HAVE COMPLETED THE
TRIVIA CHALLENGE.

POPULATION RANKINGS

LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS.

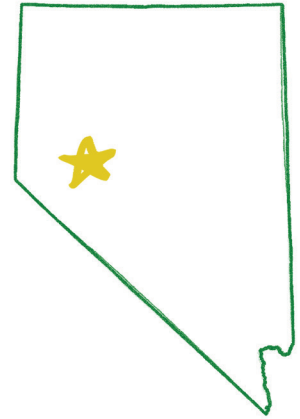
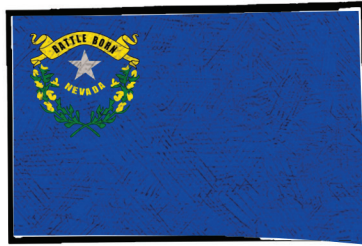
Look at the chart below. Can you find your state? All 50 states have been listed in order with the most populous states coming first. California leads the way with the most people; Texas is second; and New York is holding on to the third slot. On the other end of the chart, you'll find the states with the fewest people. Wyoming (ranked 50th) has the least number of people living in it; Vermont is 49th; and North Dakota is 48th.

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. CALIFORNIA | 25. LOUISIANA |
| 2. TEXAS | 26. KENTUCKY |
| 3. NEW YORK | 27. OREGON |
| 4. FLORIDA | 28. OKLAHOMA |
| 5. ILLINOIS | 29. CONNECTICUT |
| 6. PENNSYLVANIA | 30. IOWA |
| 7. OHIO | 31. MISSISSIPPI |
| 8. MICHIGAN | 32. ARKANSAS |
| 9. GEORGIA | 33. KANSAS |
| 10. NORTH CAROLINA | 34. UTAH |
| 11. NEW JERSEY | 35. NEVADA |
| 12. VIRGINIA | 36. NEW MEXICO |
| 13. WASHINGTON | 37. WEST VIRGINIA |
| 14. MASSACHUSETTS | 38. NEBRASKA |
| 15. INDIANA | 39. IDAHO |
| 16. ARIZONA | 40. HAWAI'I |
| 17. TENNESSEE | 41. MAINE |
| 18. MISSOURI | 42. NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| 19. MARYLAND | 43. RHODE ISLAND |
| 20. WISCONSIN | 44. MONTANA |
| 21. MINNESOTA | 45. DELAWARE |
| 22. COLORADO | 46. SOUTH DAKOTA |
| 23. ALABAMA | 47. ALASKA |
| 24. SOUTH CAROLINA | 48. NORTH DAKOTA |

NEVADA

CAPITAL: **CARSON CITY**

STATEHOOD: OCTOBER 31, 1864



POPULATION: 2,700,551

AREA: 109,806 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 35TH

RANK: 7TH

LAS VEGAS | HENDERSON | RENO



FACTS



CHANGE OF CAREER. Shortly after the Civil War began, a riverboat pilot by the name of Samuel Clemens realized that it wouldn't be profitable to work along the Mississippi River anymore. So, he packed his bags, moved to Nevada, and became a silver miner. However, he failed in

the mines and settled for becoming a writer for a local newspaper, the Daily Territorial Enterprise. As time would prove, his career change uncovered a literary motherlode. Here, he practiced his writing skills and first adopted the name Mark Twain, a pen name that would soon be known throughout the world.

- Hoover Dam is located in Nevada. It's one of the highest dams in the world.
- Nevada may be ranked 7th in land area, but 85% of it is owned by the Federal Government.
- Nevada is mostly desert, but did you know that the Sierra Nevada mountain range has areas that are covered in snow for six months of the year? It's true.
- Nevada got its name from a Spanish word that means "snow-clad."

THE SILVER STATE. Nevada is rich in silver, but the mining of gold is going strong too. So strong, in fact, that if Nevada was its own country, it would rank 2nd in the world; only South Africa produces more gold.

Note: From 1870 to 1893, gold and silver coins were minted in Carson City, Nevada. Only eight American cities have ever minted coins.



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
SPRINGFIELD

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BORDERS

I BORDER KENTUCKY
AND WISCONSIN.

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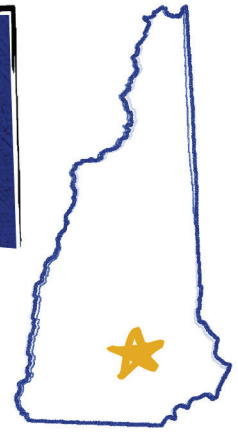
I AM CALLED THE LAND
OF 10,000 LAKES.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

CAPITAL CONCORD

STATEHOOD: JUNE 21, 1788



POPULATION: 1316,470

AREA: 8,969 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 42ND

RANK: 44TH

MANCHESTER | NASHUA | CONCORD



A LAND OF ALL SEASONS.

New Hampshire is known for its changeable climate. With its proximity to mountains, lakes, rivers, and the ocean, the state experiences the splendor of all four seasons.

The winters are cold and long, ideal for skiing;

the summers are short and cool; and autumns are picture-perfect here with their glorious displays of foliage. Each year, many come to New Hampshire to enjoy the beauty of nature.

LIVE FREE OR DIE. Of the thirteen colonies, New Hampshire

was the first to declare its independence from England. Later, when the representatives of the thirteen colonies assembled to vote for the Declaration of Independence, the delegates from New Hampshire were given the honor of casting their votes first. That date was July 2, 1776.



9 FACTS

- **"Live Free or Die," the state motto of New Hampshire, expresses its Revolutionary War sentiments.**
- **Captain John Smith gave New Hampshire its name. He named it in honor of Hampshire, his hometown in England.**
- **Mount Washington is considered to be America's windiest place. On April 12, 1934, a wind gust of 234 miles per hour was measured here.**
- **The first American in space, Alan Shepard, Jr., was born in New Hampshire.**

NH

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
OKLAHOMA CITY

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BORDERS

I BORDER ONLY TWO STATES: GEORGIA AND

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TRIVIA

I AM CALLED THE
GRAND CANYON STATE.

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NEW JERSEY

CAPITAL: **TRENTON**

STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 18, 1787



POPULATION: 8,791,894

AREA: 7,418 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 11TH

RANK: 46TH

NEWARK | JERSEY CITY | PATERSON



ELBOW ROOM? If you're looking for space, then New Jersey isn't the place. With over 1,100 people living per square mile, this East Coast state is easily the most densely populated. And because of this, it isn't too surprising to learn that 90% of New Jersians

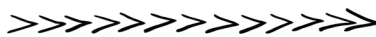
live in urban areas and that every New Jersey county is classified as a metropolitan area. What keeps the state going? Well, New Jersey is a leading industrial and chemical-producing state.

THE CROSSROADS. New Jersey played a pivotal role during the Revolutionary War. Geographically, the state was practically in the center of the nation; therefore, it was common to see both British and American troops crisscrossing the state between New York and Pennsylvania. In fact, because of its strategic location, New Jersey was the setting for more battles than any other state.



- 3 FACTS**
- New Jersey is called the Garden State.
 - President Grover Cleveland was from New Jersey. The only man to serve two nonconsecutive terms in the White House, he was the 22nd and 24th President.
 - Some other famous New Jersians include: political leader Aaron Burr, explorer Zebulon Pike, entertainer Jerry Lewis, and General Norman Schwarzkopf.
 - Wow, the Statue of Liberty is NOT in New York. It's in New Jersey.

NJ



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
SAINT PAUL

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BORDERS

I BORDER OHIO AND
WISCONSIN.

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TRIVIA

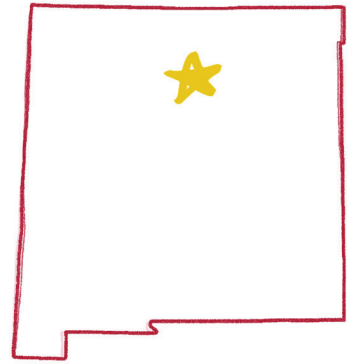
HELEN KELLER WAS
FROM THIS STATE.

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NEW MEXICO

CAPITAL: **SANTA FE**

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 6, 1912



POPULATION: 2,059,179

AREA: 121,355 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 36TH

RANK: 5TH

ALBUQUERQUE | LAS CRUCES | SANTA FE



BEWARE, THE NIGHT.

Carlsbad Cavern is an attraction like no other. With nearly one million bats calling the sanctuary their home, the moonlit sky often becomes darkened when these creatures take to flight. One chamber in

the cavern is especially huge. It's over ten football fields long and more than twenty stories high!

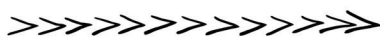
NOT MUCH WATER. New Mexico is a very dry state, with less than 1 % of its surface area being lakes and rivers. Nonetheless, the desert state has some beautiful scenery. White Sands National Monument is considered a desert, but it's not one made of sand. White gypsum crystals produce gleaming effects that attract many visitors to the wonders of New Mexico.



FACTS

- Did you think Denver was high? Well, at 7,000 feet above sea level, New Mexico's Santa Fe is the highest capital in America.
- BOOM! The world's first atomic bomb was detonated at the White Sands Testing Area in 1945. The development of this weapon helped to shorten the Second World War.
- Did you know that New Mexico's constitution states that it's a bilingual state? Nearly 1 in 3 citizens of New Mexico speaks Spanish at home.

NM



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
RALEIGH

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BORDERS

I FORM UTAH'S
WESTERN BORDER

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TRIVIA

I AM HOME TO
LITTLE BIGHORN.

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NEW YORK

CAPITAL: **ALBANY**

STATEHOOD: APRIL 28, 1788



POPULATION: 19,378,102

AREA: 47,223 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 3RD

RANK: 30TH

NEW YORK CITY | BUFFALO | ROCHESTER



ELEVATORS AND SUBWAYS.

New York City is by far the largest city in the United States. With 9 million people, it more than doubles the next largest city, Los Angeles. Now, because of its huge buildings and dense population,

elevators and subways have become common forms of transportation. In fact, New York City has over 700 miles of subway track to take people from one part of the city to another.

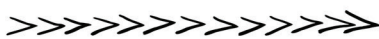
A SAD DAY. Almost 100 years before the World Trade Center tragedies, New York City dealt with a disaster aboard the excursion ferry *The General Slocum*. On June 15, 1904, the ferry caught fire with 1,358 people on board; most of them were women and children going to a church picnic. Before lifeboats could be lowered, the wooden boat was ablaze and passengers were trapped beneath the decks. In all, 1,021 people died.



FACTS

- New York was named in honor of the Duke of York.
- The first railroad in the United States was built in New York. It connected Schenectady to Albany.
- Did you know that New York City once served as our nation's capital?
- The headquarters for the United Nations are in New York.
- Presidents Martin Van Buren, Millard Fillmore, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt were from New York.

NY



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I AM NOT COLORADO.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
AUGUSTA

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BORDERS

I BORDER MAINE AND
MASSACHUSETTS.

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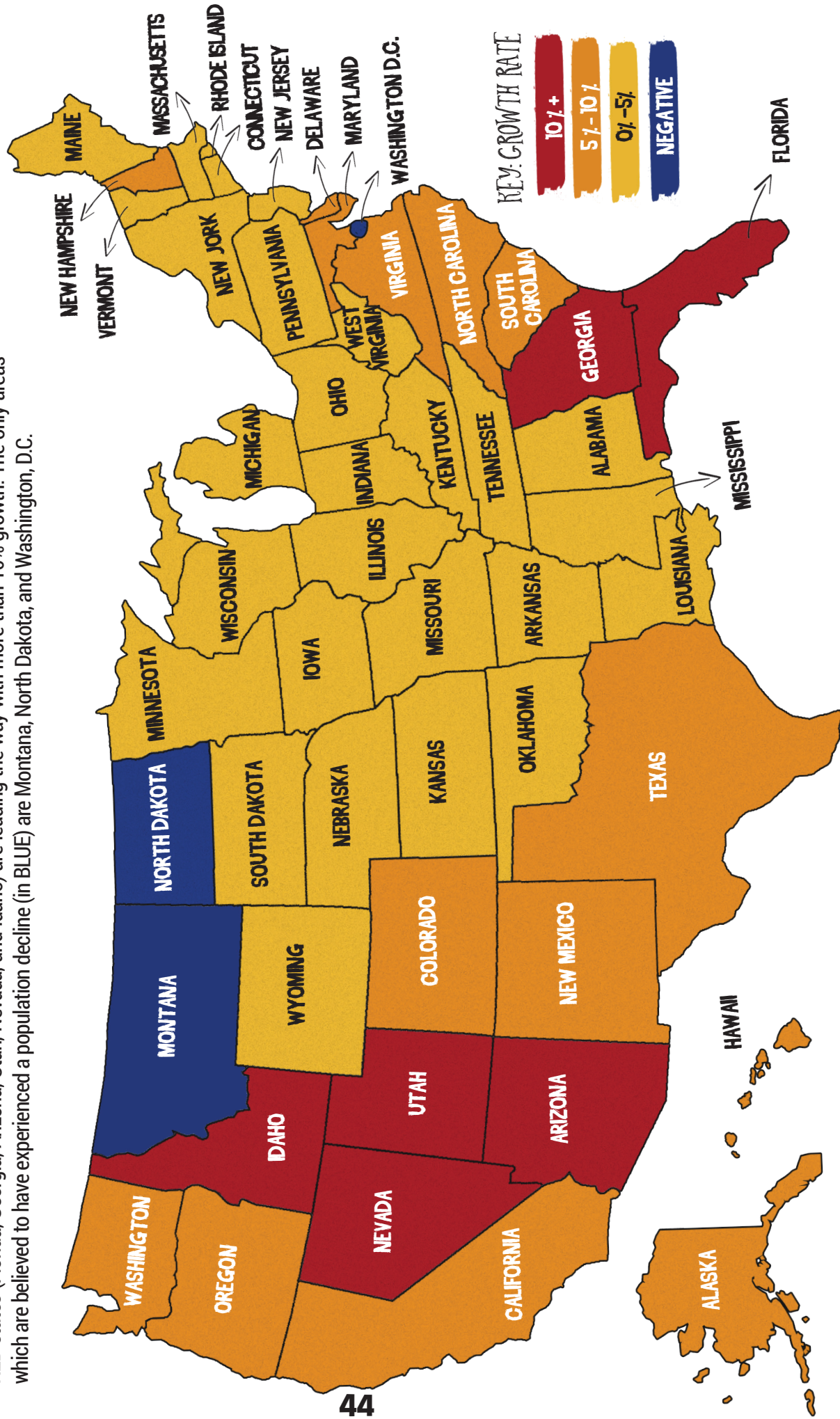
TRIVIA

I WAS THE FIRST
STATE TO ALLOW
WOMEN TO VOTE.

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GROWTH RATE

The U.S. is still growing. From 2010 to 2015, our nation has grown by 5.3%, but are any states growing faster than others? Yes! As this map illustrates, western states and southern states along the Atlantic Ocean are experiencing the largest growth rates. The RED states (Florida, Georgia, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Idaho) are leading the way with more than 10% growth. The only areas which are believed to have experienced a population decline (in BLUE) are Montana, North Dakota, and Washington, D.C.



NORTH CAROLINA

CAPITAL: **RALEIGH**

STATEHOOD: NOVEMBER 21, 1789



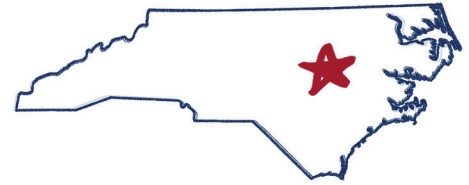
POPULATION: 9,535,483

AREA: 48,718 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 10TH

RANK: 29TH

CHARLOTTE | RALEIGH | GREENSBORO



FACTS

- North Carolina is commonly known as the Tar Heel State.
- Presidents Andrew Johnson and James K. Polk were from North Carolina.
- Other famous North Carolinians include: First Lady Dolley Madison, Revolutionary War soldier Braxton Bragg, auto racer Richard Petty, and evangelist Billy Graham.
- On March 7, 1914, Babe Ruth hit his first professional homerun. He was playing in Fayetteville, North Carolina at the time.



IT'S A BIRD... In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made history by being the first men to successfully make a powered flight with an airplane. About four miles outside Kitty Hawk, the brothers took to the air on a sand mountain near the ocean. And although Kitty Hawk is often

credited with being the location of this event, the actual location was at Kill Devil's Hill. Kitty Hawk was merely the place where Orville sent a telegraph containing news of their flight.

LEADING THE NATION. North Carolina is first in the nation in its production of sweet potatoes, tobacco, brick, furniture, and textiles. The state also has the distinction of being the site of England's first colony in America. Sadly, however, the colony didn't survive. In fact, all the colonists of Roanoke Island mysteriously disappeared around 1590. The only clue as to their whereabouts was the word "Croatoan." It was found etched on a log.



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
MONTGOMERY

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BORDERS

I BORDER TEXAS
AND ARIZONA.

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TRIVIA

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND
JEFFERSON DAVIS WERE
BORN IN THIS STATE.

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The seal of the State of North Dakota is centered on a dark blue background. It features an eagle with wings spread, perched on a shield with vertical stripes. Above the eagle is a sunburst with thirteen rays, and a banner above that reads "1889". Below the eagle is a banner with the words "NORTH DAKOTA".

POPULATION: 672,591

AREA: 68,994 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 48TH**RANK: 17TH**

SACAGAWEA. America can appreciate the efforts of this Shoshone Indian girl. In 1804, when Lewis and Clark traveled through the area that's now North Dakota, they were able to procure her services as an interpreter and guide. But Sacagawea went above and beyond her

duties. Not only did she point out the safest foods to eat, she rescued books, papers, instruments, and medicines when a boat capsized during a storm. Lewis and Clark frequently praised her for her service.

- North Dakota is home to North America's geographic center.
- North Dakota leads the nation in its production of sunflowers.
- Did you know that North Dakota has many dinosaur fossils hidden under its soil? It's an archeological gold mine.
- North Dakota is called the Flickertail State, but what does that mean? Flickertail is another name for the

Richardson ground squirrel. While running, the furry native of North Dakota sometimes flicks its tail.

WHICH STATE IS IT?

Was North Dakota the 39th or 40th state to be admitted to the Union? No one really knows. On November 2, 1889, it and South Dakota entered the Union at exactly the same time. Therefore, when you read about either of the Dakota states, you'll find statements like "39th or 40th" attached to them.



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
MADISON

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BORDERS

NEW HAMPSHIRE AND
VERMONT FORM MY
NORTHERN BORDER.

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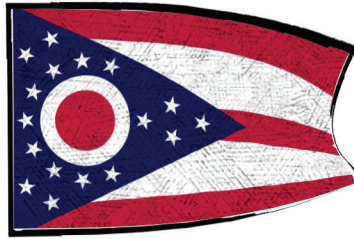
THIS STATE IS HOME TO
O'HARE, THE BUSIEST
AIRPORT IN THE WORLD.

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OHIO

CAPITAL: **COLUMBUS**

STATEHOOD: MARCH 1, 1803



POPULATION: 11,536,504

AREA: 40,953 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 7TH

RANK: 35TH

COLUMBUS | CLEVELAND | CINCINNATI



ORGANIZED SPORTS.

Ohioans can take pride in the fact that they helped start the growth of professional sports. In 1869, the Cincinnati Red Stockings took the field as America's first pro baseball team.

That team won its first 130 games before

falling to the Brooklyn Atlantics, 8-7. Also, in 1920, the first professional football league was formed in Canton, Ohio. During that year, the Akron Pros finished the season with six wins, no losses, and three ties.

IT ALL OR NOTHING.

It's hard to believe, but seven presidents have come from the state of Ohio. They are: Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William H. Taft, and Warren G. Harding. However, despite these lofty numbers, Ohio never produced any of the forty-five vice presidents who served our nation.



17 FACTS

- Cleveland, Ohio was the first city in the world to be lit with electricity.
- In 1924, Ohio's DeHart Hubbard became the first African-American to win an Olympic gold medal.
- Cleveland's Jesse Owens also won Olympic gold. In 1936, he brought home four gold medals!
- Do you live within 500 miles of Columbus, Ohio? Nearly half the people in our nation do.
- Ohio is called the Buckeye State.

OH

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
COLUMBIA

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BORDERS

OREGON FORMS MY
SOUTHERN BORDER

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TRIVIA

I AM CALLED THE
GEM STATE.

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OKLAHOMA

CAPITAL: **OKLAHOMA CITY**

STATEHOOD: NOVEMBER 16, 1907

POPULATION: 3,751,351

AREA: 68,679 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 28TH

RANK: 19TH

OKLAHOMA CITY | TULSA | NORMAN



46 FACTS



A REAL CHAMPION. Born in a one-room cabin in 1887, Jim Thorpe grew up to become a track, baseball, and football star. When he competed in the 1912 Olympics, he won four gold medals and the praises of Belgium's King Gustav V. "Sir," the king said, "you are the greatest

athlete in the world!" To this day, there are few who would disagree.

NOTE: Jim Thorpe had a twin brother, Charlie, who died of pneumonia at the age of 8.

- Choctaw was established in 1893. It's Oklahoma's oldest town.
- Did you know that Boise City was the only U.S. city to be bombed during World War II? That's right. On July 5, 1943, the U.S. military dropped some "practice" bombs on the city.
- Oklahoma City is home to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.
- In 1935, the nation's first parking meter was installed in Oklahoma City.

THE SOONER STATE? April 22, 1889, was the date that the U.S. Government opened much of Oklahoma for settlement, and 50,000 people gathered to await the start of the "race" for land. However, prior to the sounding of the noonday gun, some started "sooner" than the others. Hence, the state got its nickname.



OK

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
BATON ROUGE

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BORDERS

I BORDER NEBRASKA
AND NORTH DAKOTA

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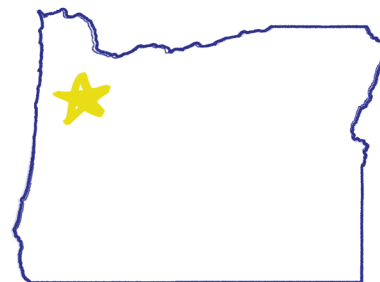
TRIVIA

I AM CALLED THE
FLICKERTAIL STATE.

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CAPITAL: SALEM

STATEHOOD: FEBRUARY 14, 1859

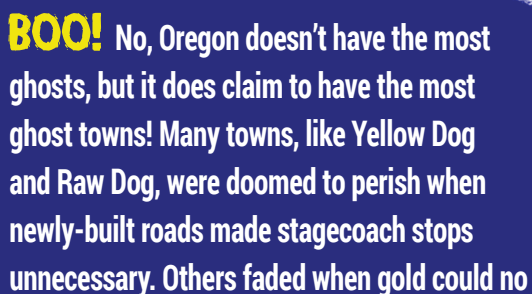


POPULATION: 3,831,074

AREA: 96,003 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 27TH**RANK: 10TH**

PORTLAND | SALEM | EUGENE



longer be found, and then there's the story of Antelope. First hit by a fire, the rebuilt town faded into history when a railroad station was built in a nearby town.

OREGON. During the late 1700s and early 1800s, hunters and trappers pushed westward to Oregon. Here, they found the land teeming with beaver. Companies established themselves, and pioneers soon followed to tame the fertile soil. Afterwards, gold was discovered and even more settlers moved to the area. However, many of them turned to the logging and fishing industries when their search for gold didn't "pan out."



- The deepest lake in America is Oregon's Crater Lake. It's the caldera of an ancient volcano.
- Oregon is also home to America's deepest canyon. It's over 8,000 feet deep!
- Oregon has a nickname. It's called the Beaver State.
- The word Oregon means ... ? Well, no one really knows the answer to that question. It's unknown.
- Wow! Oregon doesn't have any SELF-service gas stations.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
CARSON CITY

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BORDERS

I BORDER DELAWARE AND VIRGINIA.

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TRIVIA

I AM THE BIRTHPLACE TO
SEVEN U.S. PRESIDENTS.

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AREA RANKINGS

WHICH STATES ARE THE BIGGEST? Which are the smallest? Each state has been listed in order of size on the chart below. As most of you are aware, Alaska is the largest, so it comes first on the list. Now, can you find which state is last on this list? It's Rhode Island. Rhode Island has the least area of all 50 states. But what's that strange number after its name? Well, that's how many times Rhode Island would fit INTO Alaska! That's right, it would take more than 429 Rhode Islands to fit into one Alaska.

1.	ALASKA	1.00	26.	IOWA	11.79
2.	TEXAS	2.47	27.	NEW YORK	12.16
3.	CALIFORNIA	4.05	28.	NORTH CAROLINA	12.32
4.	MONTANA	4.51	29.	ARKANSAS	12.47
5.	NEW MEXICO	5.45	30.	ALABAMA	12.65
6.	ARIZONA	5.81	31.	LOUISIANA	12.79
7.	NEVADA	6.00	32.	MISSISSIPPI	13.69
8.	COLORADO	6.37	33.	PENNSYLVANIA	14.40
9.	OREGON	6.74	34.	OHIO	14.80
10.	WYOMING	6.78	35.	VIRGINIA	15.50
11.	MICHIGAN	6.85	36.	TENNESSEE	15.74
12.	MINNESOTA	7.63	37.	KENTUCKY	16.41
13.	UTAH	7.81	38.	INDIANA	18.21
14.	IDAHO	7.94	39.	MAINE	18.74
15.	KANSAS	8.06	40.	SOUTH CAROLINA	20.71
16.	NEBRASKA	8.57	41.	WEST VIRGINIA	27.37
17.	SOUTH DAKOTA	8.60	42.	MARYLAND	53.46
18.	WASHINGTON	9.30	43.	HAWAII	60.68
19.	NORTH DAKOTA	9.38	44.	MASSACHUSETTS	62.85
20.	OKLAHOMA	9.49	45.	VERMONT	69.99
21.	MISSOURI	9.52	46.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	70.94
22.	FLORIDA	10.09	47.	NEW JERSEY	76.05
23.	WISCONSIN	10.13	48.	CONNECTICUT	119.66
24.	GEORGIA	11.16	49.	DELAWARE	266.48
25.	ILLINOIS	11.45	50.	RHODE ISLAND	429.30

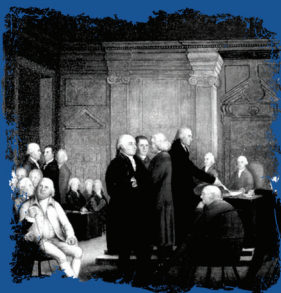
STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 12, 1787

**POPULATION:** 12,702,379

AREA: 44,820 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 6TH**RANK:** 32ND

PHILADELPHIA | PITTSBURGH | ALLENTOWN



A LEADER. The city of Philadelphia has been instrumental to the growth of our country. In 1776, representatives from the colonies met there, debated, and eventually signed the Declaration of Independence. In 1784, it became the home of our nation's first newspaper. For a

time, it served as our nation's capital, and it has the distinction of becoming the first American city to have a zoo. Today, Philadelphia has many historical landmarks that can be visited by those who love history.

WORDS TO REMEMBER. “When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.”

- The WORDS TO REMEMBER come from the Declaration of Independence.
- The nation's first public zoo was founded by Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia.
- Pennsylvania is named after its founder, William Penn. Many of the democratic principles that he set forth served as an inspiration for the U.S. Constitution.
- Famous Pennsylvanians include: President James Buchanan, explorer Daniel Boone, and Civil War General George McClellan.

8, JULY 4, 1776

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thirteen united States of America

for one people, to declare the political bonds which have connected them with another State's flag, settle them, a descent upon the opinions of mankind, to breathe this self-declared, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain rights, that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever a form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as shall seem most likely to promote their safety and Happiness. To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever a form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as shall seem most likely to promote their safety and Happiness.

He has proclaimed

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GEOQUIZ

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
CHEYENNE

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BORDERS

I BORDER MISSOURI
AND LOUISIANA.

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TRIVIA

I AM THE BIRTHPLACE OF
PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON.

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STATEHOOD: MAY 29, 1790

RANK: 50TH

PROVIDENCE | WARWICK | CRANSTON



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MEASURING UP. You bet, when it comes to land size, Rhode Island is the smallest state in the nation. With only 1,045 square miles of land, it would still have to double in size to move up to the 49th spot. But, as history has shown, Rhode Island has been instrumental in

American history. In fact, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams acknowledged that Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island, was the originator of America's freedom of religion, speech, and public assembly.

A PRELUDE TO WAR.

On June 10, 1772, four years prior to the Revolutionary War, Rhode Islanders were the first to take military action against the English. What did they do? They sank one of the King's merchant ships, *The Gaspee*. A few weeks later, a London newspaper described the incident as the doings of a bunch of smugglers who burned the boat and "carried their commerce in triumph to their own habitations."



- **Did you know that Rhode Island is called the Ocean State?**
- **The first British soldiers to fight in the American Revolution landed in Newport.**
- **America's first African-American regiment fought against the British in Rhode Island.**
- **America's oldest schoolhouse was built in Portsmouth in 1716.**
- **Samuel Slater's Rhode Island cotton mill is credited with starting our nation's Industrial Revolution.**

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
INDIANAPOLIS

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BORDERS

I BORDER VERMONT
AND PENNSYLVANIA

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TRIVIA

LAS VEGAS, HENDERSON,
AND RENO ARE MY
LARGEST CITIES.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

CAPITAL: **COLUMBINA**

STATEHOOD: MAY 23, 1788



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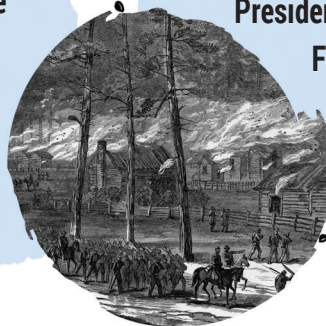
- South Carolina is called the Palmetto State. When the British tried to capture a fort made of Palmetto logs, their cannonballs simply bounced off the spongy wood.
- Does South Carolina have its own Loch Ness monster? Some think that a creature resembling a snake and something prehistoric lives in Lake Murray.
- Famous South Carolinians include: President Andrew Jackson, General Francis Marion, and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.



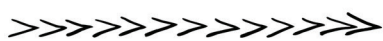
CELEBRATIONS. Many don't know it, but Georgia isn't the leading producer of peaches; South Carolina is. Every July, the city of Gaffney hosts a ten-day festival to celebrate the tasty fruit. But the state also has festivals for other delicacies. Ware Shoals

has a Catfish Festival; Beaufort hosts a Shrimp Festival; and Little River has a Blue Crab Festival. Then there's the celebration hosted by Myrtle Beach. Every year, it has the Sun Fun Festival.

THE CIVIL WAR. On April 10, 1861, General Beauregard of the provisional Confederate forces at Charleston demanded the surrender of the Union garrison at Fort Sumter, which was in Charleston Harbor. Union Major Robert Anderson refused to comply and the Confederate batteries opened fire. The Civil War had begun. And although no one died in this first exchange, future battles wouldn't be so bloodless. Over 600,000 would die in the years to come.



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
LINCOLN

PAGE 37

BORDERS

I BORDER MICHIGAN
AND OHIO.

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TRIVIA

THIS STATE WAS NAMED
IN HONOR OF ONE OF
THE PRESIDENTS.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

CAPITAL: PIERRE

STATEHOOD: NOVEMBER 2, 1889

POPULATION: 814,180

AREA: 75,884 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 46TH**RANK: 16TH**

SIOUX FALLS | RAPID CITY | ABERDEEN

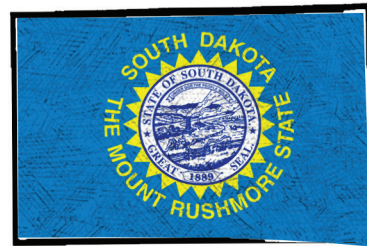


FAMOUS FACES. Although less than one million people live there, a variety of recognizable names have come from South Dakota: Vice President Hubert Humphrey, TV newscaster Tom Brokaw, baseball manager Sparky Anderson, and actress Cheryl Ladd, to name a few.

A BEAUTIFUL CARVING. South Dakota is home to one of America's greatest monuments, Mount Rushmore. The sculpture of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln draws many tourists each year. The project in honor of these four presidents began in 1927, cost one million dollars, and took sculptor Gutzon Borglum nearly fourteen years to complete.



- South Dakota is home to the world's largest petrified wood park. This area also contains many dinosaur fossils.
- South Dakota is called the Coyote State.
- If you thought Mount Rushmore was big, then just wait until the Crazy Horse mountain project is finished. This sculpture will be 563 feet tall!
- Wind Cave is huge. With nearly 82 miles of passageways, it's quite a tourist attraction.



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
COLUMBUS

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BORDERS

PENNSYLVANIA
FORMS MOST OF MY
WESTERN BORDER.

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TRIVIA

NEW ORLEANS IS
IN THIS STATE.

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..... WHERE DID I SEE THAT?

SEE IF YOU CAN REMEMBER WHERE YOU SAW THESE PICTURES BEFORE?
ANSWERS ON PAGE 63



TENNESSEE

CAPITAL: **NASHVILLE**

STATEHOOD: JUNE 1, 1796



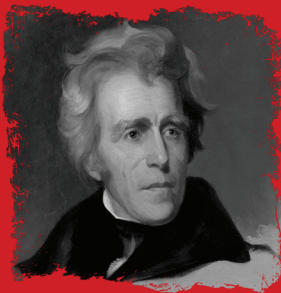
POPULATION: 6,346,105

AREA: 41,220 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 17TH

RANK: 34TH

MEMPHIS | NASHVILLE | KNOXVILLE



THE VOLUNTEER STATE.

During the War of 1812, many Tennesseans volunteered to fight against the British. One battle where they served with extreme valor was the Battle of New Orleans. Tennessean Andrew Jackson, who would later become President of

the United States, successfully set up defensive positions against the British at this battle. His victory was one key reason for his election and the state's right to be proudly called the Volunteer State.

COUNTRY MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

Nashville, Tennessee is home to The Grand Ole Opry, a centerpiece for country music singers. Since 1925, the musical theater has been broadcasting on the radio every Friday and Saturday night (a record for the airwaves). Some of the names that have made the Opry famous are: Uncle Dave Macon, Minnie Pearl, Eddy Arnold, and Pee Wee King.



16 FACTS

- Following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Tennessean Andrew Johnson (not Jackson) became president.
- The first female U.S. senator was from Tennessee. Her name was Hattie Caraway.
- Jackson was the home of Casey Jones, the famous railroad engineer who died when his train crashed in 1900.
- The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park in America.

TN

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STATES



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
DOVER

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BORDERS

I FORM NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
EASTERN BORDER

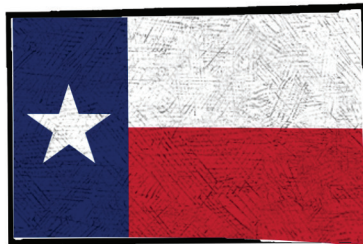
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TRIVIA

I AM CALLED
THE HOOSIER STATE.

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STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 29, 1845

**POPULATION:** 25,145,561

AREA: 261,914 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 2ND**RANK: 2ND**

HOUSTON | SAN ANTONIO | DALLAS



28 FACTS



THE LONE STAR. In the early 1800s, Texas was part of Mexico and many Americans had settled there. Fearing that the influx of foreigners would lead to rebellion, Mexico forbade further immigration of Americans into Texas. This policy infuriated American-born Texans, led to a few skirmishes, and sent the

land into war by 1835. With the help of Sam Bowie, Davy Crockett, Sam Houston, William Travis, and Stephen Austin, Texas won its independence and became its own country. That's right, its own country! But this didn't last long. In 1845, Texas joined the United States by becoming the 28th state.

BLACK GOLD! Texas has oil and lots of it. In 2004, the state produced over one million barrels a day, making it the number one oil-producing state. As a whole, the nation pumped out 5.4 million barrels a day. Therefore, with Texas bringing in nearly 20% of the nation's crude, we can be thankful that it's no longer its own country!



- Texas is called the Lone Star State.
- Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Dwight D. Eisenhower were born in Texas.
- President George Bush and his son, President George W. Bush, are residents of Texas.
- Texas' King Ranch is big, big, big! In fact, it's bigger than the whole state of Rhode Island!
- In 1900, over 8,000 died when a hurricane struck Galveston. It was our nation's worst natural disaster.

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GEOQUIZ



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MY CAPITAL IS
LITTLE ROCK

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BORDERS

I BORDER CALIFORNIA AND NEW MEXICO.

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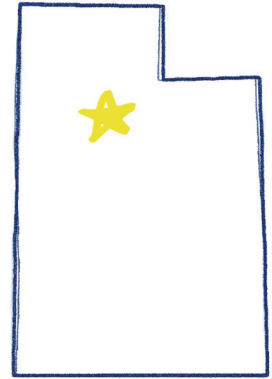
I AM CALLED
THE GARDEN STATE.

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UTAH

CAPITAL: **SALT LAKE CITY**

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 4, 1896



POPULATION: 2,763,885

AREA: 82,168 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 34TH

RANK: 12TH

SALT LAKE CITY | WEST VALLEY CITY | PROVO



THE MEETING POINT. Prior to the invention of the car and the making of highways, the necessity of creating a railroad to bridge the gap between America's east and west coasts was a priority. On May 10, 1869, this project was completed in what is now

Utah. Silver and gold spikes were driven into the last rail to honor this great event in the city of Promontory.

A UNIQUE PLACE. Utah's Great Salt Lake is very special.

Although it covers more than 2,100 square miles, the huge lake only has an average depth of 13 feet! But, if anything sets this lake apart from others, it's the saltiness of the water. With a salinity of nearly 12%, the Great Salt Lake is MUCH saltier than the ocean. In fact, it's so salty that people can easily stay afloat.



45 FACTS

- Brigham Young led the first group of non-native Americans to the land that is now Utah.
- Utah is called the Beehive State, but not because of its insect population. No, the symbol merely represents the diligence and thrift of Utah's citizens.
- A+. Utah has the highest literacy rate in America.
- In 2002, the XIX Winter Olympic Games were held in Utah, where yearly snowfall can surpass 500 inches in the mountains.

UT

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
CHARLESTON

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BORDERS

I BORDER GEORGIA AND
KENTUCKY.

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TRIVIA

CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH NAMED
THIS STATE IN HONOR OF
HIS ENGLISH HOMETOWN.

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STATEHOOD: MARCH 4, 1791

RANK: 43RD

BURLINGTON | RUTLAND | SOUTH BURLINGTON



FACTS



But tourism isn't Vermont's only means of surviving: the state is the nation's leading producer of maple syrup; it supplies half the milk that New Englanders consume; and it produces large amounts of apples, potatoes, honey, and lumber.

- Vermont's state motto is "Freedom and Unity."
- Famous Vermonters include: President Chester Arthur, President Calvin Coolidge, Admiral George Dewey, and religious leader Brigham Young.
- With fewer than 10,000 people, Montpelier is America's least populated state capital.
- Before becoming a state, Vermont was claimed by both New York and New Hampshire.

INDEPENDENT. When speaking of Vermont, the Georgia state legislature once said “the whole state should be made into an island and towed out to sea.” Although the words were meant as an insult, the nation can take pride in many of the ideals that this state holds. For instance, Vermont demonstrated the true meaning of freedom by being the first state to outlaw slavery.



VT

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
OLYMPIA

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BORDERS

I BORDER VIRGINIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.

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TRIVIA

JOHN WAYNE AND
PRESIDENT HOOVER WERE
BORN IN THIS STATE.

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..... WHERE DID I READ THAT?

HERE ARE SOME CLUES. SEE IF YOU CAN NAME THE STATES.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 63

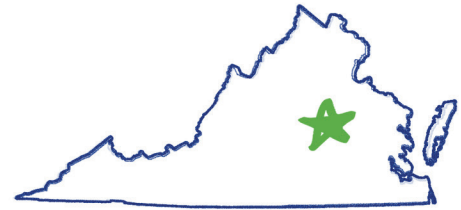
21. I am home to Mammoth Cave National Park.
22. Breaking away from Virginia, I became a state in 1863.
23. When it comes to land size, I am the largest state, by far!
24. I was the 50th state to be admitted to the Union.
25. When it comes to people, I have the most.
26. The first public zoo was opened in this state.
27. Corydon used to be my state capital.
28. I am called the Lone Star State.
29. This state normally produces the most CHEESE each year.
30. The site where George Custer had his last stand is in this state.
31. This state usually produces the most PEACHES each year.
32. I am called the Land of 10,000 Lakes.
33. I am home to the Grand Ole Opry.
34. O'Hare International Airport is in this state.
35. You can find the John F. Kennedy Space Center in this state.
36. Albuquerque and Las Cruces are my two largest cities.
37. I was the birthplace to EIGHT U.S. Presidents, including Thomas Jefferson.
38. The Declaration of Independence was signed in this state.
39. Detroit and Grand Rapids can be found in this state.
40. I am called the Peach State.
41. The Great Salt Lake can be found here.
42. The Wright Brothers made the first heavier-than-air flight in this state.
43. I am called the Cornhusker State.
44. I am home to Mount Saint Helens, a volcano.
45. I am called the Gem State, but my potatoes are probably better known.
46. SEVEN U.S. Presidents were born in this state, including Ulysses S. Grant.
47. I am called the Flickertail State. I'm either the 39th or 40th state.
48. My Pike's Peak inspired Katharine Bates' "purple mountains majesty" phrase.
49. This state is home to the most populated city in America.
50. Jackson, Gulfport, and Biloxi are the three largest cities in this state.

TIME OUT! If you're wondering, the first twenty clues are on page 55.

VIRGINIA

CAPITAL: **RICHMOND**

STATEHOOD: JUNE 25, 1788



POPULATION: 8,001,024

AREA: 39,598 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 12TH

RANK: 37TH

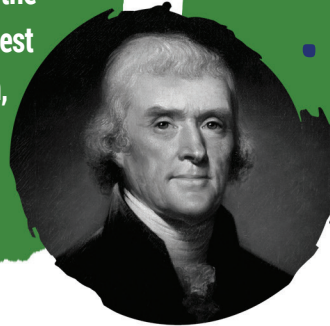
VIRGINIA BEACH | NORFOLK | CHESAPEAKE



BATTLE-TESTED. Virginia has been the field of many battles. In 1781, during the Revolutionary War, Yorktown was the site of Lord Cornwallis' defeat to George Washington. Then, years later, the Union army defeated Confederate General Robert E. Lee during the

Civil War. With each of these surrenders, our nation was able to witness the end of two major wars.

EIGHT IS ENOUGH? Virginia is often referred to as the Mother of Presidents because eight Virginians have held the highest post in the land. They are: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, and Woodrow Wilson. The only other state that's close to Virginia's record is Ohio with seven presidents.



FACTS

- Virginia was named in honor of England's Queen Elizabeth I.
- Famous Virginians include: Henry Clay, Robert E. Lee, Sam Houston, Booker T. Washington, Patrick Henry, and Nat Turner.
- In addition to being called the Old Dominion State, Virginia is called the Mother of States. Why? Well, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and parts of Minnesota were all once part of Virginia.
- Tobacco is Virginia's major cash crop.

VA

GEOQUIZ

STATES



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
PIERRE

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BORDERS

I BORDER MISSOURI
AND MINNESOTA.

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TRIVIA

THE MINER 49ERS CAME
HERE TO SEARCH FOR GOLD.

PAGE 11

WASHINGTON

CAPITAL: **OLYMPIA**

STATEHOOD: NOVEMBER 11, 1889



POPULATION: 6,724,540

AREA: 66,582 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 13TH

RANK: 20TH

SEATTLE | SPOKANE | TACOMA



OUTDOOR FUN. If you like outdoor adventure, Washington is the place to be. Whitewater rafting is a year-round sport, with spring runoff of mountain snow and steady amounts of rain continually feeding the state's many rivers. But, if that isn't your idea of fun, you

could always try one of the state's other popular activities: hiking, camping, mountain biking, fishing, skiing, snowboarding, horseback riding, or kayaking. No doubt, Washington has it all!

A SLEEPING GIANT. Lewis and Clark described Mount Saint Helens as "perhaps the greatest pinnacle in America," but many local Native Americans avoided the sleeping volcano, calling it by a name meaning "fire mountain." On May 18, 1980, the "fire mountain" came to life. After the mountain's north side gave way, a 500-degree cloud of smoke and ash killed everything within 10 miles of the north side.



FACTS

- As its state flag suggests, Washington was named in honor of our nation's first president.
- Washington's highest point is Mount Rainier. It was named after Peter Rainier, a British soldier.
- Medina is the home of Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos, the two wealthiest men in the world.
- Washington's King County was originally named after Vice President William King. However, in 1986, it was renamed in honor of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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GEOQUIZ

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
JEFFERSON CITY

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BORDERS

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU
HAVE COMPLETED THE
BORDERS CHALLENGE.

TRIVIA

ALBUQUERQUE IS
THE LARGEST CITY
IN THIS STATE.

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..... QUIZ ANSWERS

WHERE DID I SEE THAT?

(Test on page 55)

1. MAINE
2. NEBRASKA
3. NEW MEXICO
4. ALABAMA
5. INDIANA
6. CONNECTICUT
7. LOUISIANA
8. MARYLAND
9. NEW HAMPSHIRE
10. KANSAS
11. CALIFORNIA
12. MICHIGAN
13. FLORIDA
14. NORTH DAKOTA
15. MONTANA
16. NEW YORK
17. MISSISSIPPI
18. NORTH CAROLINA
19. IDAHO
20. TEXAS

WHERE DID I READ THAT?

(Test on page 60)

21. KENTUCKY
22. WEST VIRGINIA
23. ALASKA
24. HAWAI'I
25. CALIFORNIA
26. PENNSYLVANIA
27. INDIANA
28. TEXAS
29. WISCONSIN
30. MONTANA
31. SOUTH CAROLINA
32. MINNESOTA
33. TENNESSEE
34. ILLINOIS
35. FLORIDA
36. NEW MEXICO
37. VIRGINIA
38. PENNSYLVANIA
39. MICHIGAN
40. GEORGIA
41. UTAH
42. NORTH CAROLINA
43. NEBRASKA
44. WASHINGTON
45. IDAHO
46. OHIO
47. NORTH DAKOTA
48. COLORADO
49. NEW YORK
50. MISSISSIPPI

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Are you ready for a **GEOQUIZ**? Jump over to page 5 and give it a try!

WEST VIRGINIA



CAPITAL: **CHARLESTON**

STATEHOOD: JUNE 20, 1863

POPULATION: 1,852,994

AREA: 24,087 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 37TH

RANK: 41ST

CHARLESTON | HUNTINGTON | PARKERSBURG



COAL. The economy of West Virginia and the nation depends heavily upon the ability to mine coal that hides beneath the soil. With that in mind, West Virginia is a leader in this endeavor, accounting for nearly 15% of the nation's coal and 50% of U.S. coal exports.

NOTE: More than half our nation's electricity is generated from coal.

THE GREAT SPLIT. West Virginia became a state during the Civil War after it broke away from the Confederate state of Virginia. By proclamation, President Lincoln paved the way for the citizens of Virginia's western area (who mostly sympathized with the North) to gain their sovereignty and become part of the Union. Because of this, West Virginia is sometimes called the northernmost southern state and the southernmost northern state.



FACTS

- In 1870, the first brick street in the world was laid in Charleston.
- West Virginian Chester Merriman was the youngest American to serve during World War I. He was only fourteen years old when he enlisted.
- The Golden Delicious Apple had its beginning in Clay County, West Virginia.
- On July 1, 1921, West Virginia became the first state to institute a sales tax.

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
JACKSON

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BORDERS

SOUTH DAKOTA FORMS
MY SOUTHERN BORDER

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TRIVIA

I AM HOME TO THE
LARGEST CITY IN U.S.

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WISCONSIN

CAPITAL: **MADISON**

STATEHOOD: MAY 29, 1848



POPULATION: 5,686,986

AREA: 54,314 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 20TH

RANK: 25TH

MILWAUKEE | MADISON | GREEN BAY



FACTS

- Wisconsin's motto is simple, yet meaningful: "Forward."
- Did you know that if you lined up all Wisconsin's streams and rivers, they would stretch around the world?
- In 1854, the Republican Party was founded in Ripon, Wisconsin.
- Famous Wisconsinites include: magician Harry Houdini, circus greats Charles and John Ringling, actor Spencer Tracy, and Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist.

WHAT WAS THAT? Over the years, Wisconsin has come to be regarded as the UFO capital of the Midwest. Sightings of saucers flying through the air and even balls of light bobbing in nearby lakes have been reported. But, although there's no proof

of extraterrestrial life forms existing, who could blame them for visiting Wisconsin if they did? It's a great place to visit if you're in the Milky Way.

THE FACTS. With over 44% of Wisconsin's land being owned by farmers, the state has become a huge food producer. In recent years, the Badger State has produced over 2.5 billion pounds of cheese annually. No, not 2.5 million pounds, but 2.5 BILLION. Still, dairy products aren't Wisconsin's only claim to fame. The farming state is also a strong leader in its production of cranberries, ginseng, and beans.



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MY CAPITAL IS
DES MOINES

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OKLAHOMA FORMS MY
ENTIRE SOUTHERN BORDER

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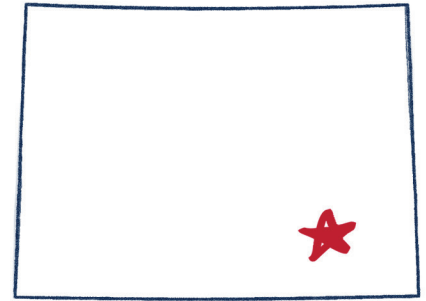
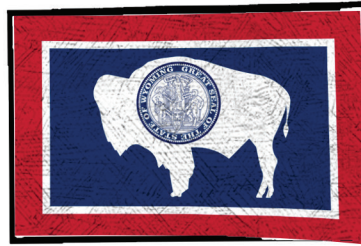
AMELIA EARHART WAS
FROM THIS STATE.

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WYOMING

CAPITAL: **CHEYENNE**

STATEHOOD: JULY 10, 1890



POPULATION: 563,626

AREA: 97,105 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 50TH

RANK: 9TH

CHEYENNE | CASPER | LARAMIE



44 FACTS

- With fewer than 600,000 people, Wyoming is the least-populated state in the nation.
- Someone from Wyoming is called a Wyomingite.
- Before the Europeans arrived, the land, which was to become Wyoming was teeming with bison.
- In 1906, Wyoming's Devils Tower became our nation's first national monument.
- The coal industry is very important to Wyoming's economy.



OLD FAITHFUL. Yellowstone National Park (America's first national park) is mostly in the state of Wyoming. When people visit, one of their favorite stops is Old Faithful Geyser, just one of a number of hot springs that dot the park. Erupting from 18 to 21 times a day, the

mammoth geyser discharges nearly 7,000 gallons of water each time. The blasts last less than a minute and end with a few puffs of steam.

THE EQUALITY STATE. You have to hand it to Wyoming; it was the first state to grant women the right to vote in elections. Even as far back as 1869, when Wyoming was a mere territory, women had the right to cast ballots.

NOTE: The 19th Amendment to the Constitution was passed in 1920. This guaranteed that women had the same rights as men regarding the right to vote.



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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS
HELENA

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I BORDER INDIANA AND
PENNSYLVANIA.

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I AM CALLED THE
SOONER STATE.

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..... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS?

SOME OF THESE STATEMENTS ARE WRONG.
DO YOU KNOW WHICH?

1. Charleston is West Virginia's capital.
2. Texas is called the Lone Star State.
3. Billings is the largest city in Nebraska.
4. The Statue of Liberty is in New York.
5. Hawai'i was the 50th state to join the Union.
6. Connecticut is called the Centennial State.
7. Elvis Presley was born in Mississippi.
8. Mount Rushmore is in South Dakota.
9. Virginia is sometimes called the "Mother of States."
10. Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote.
11. Alaska could hold over 1,000 states the size of Rhode Island.
12. During the Civil War, Iowa, Missouri, and Arkansas fought for the Confederacy.
13. Phoenix is Arizona's capital.
14. Vermont was one of the original 13 Colonies.
15. Pearl Harbor is in Hawai'i.
16. President Ronald Reagan was born in California.
17. MI is the abbreviation for Mississippi.
18. Kansas usually has more tornadoes than any other state.
19. The Pilgrims landed in what is now Massachusetts.
20. The Wright Brothers first flew an airplane in South Carolina.

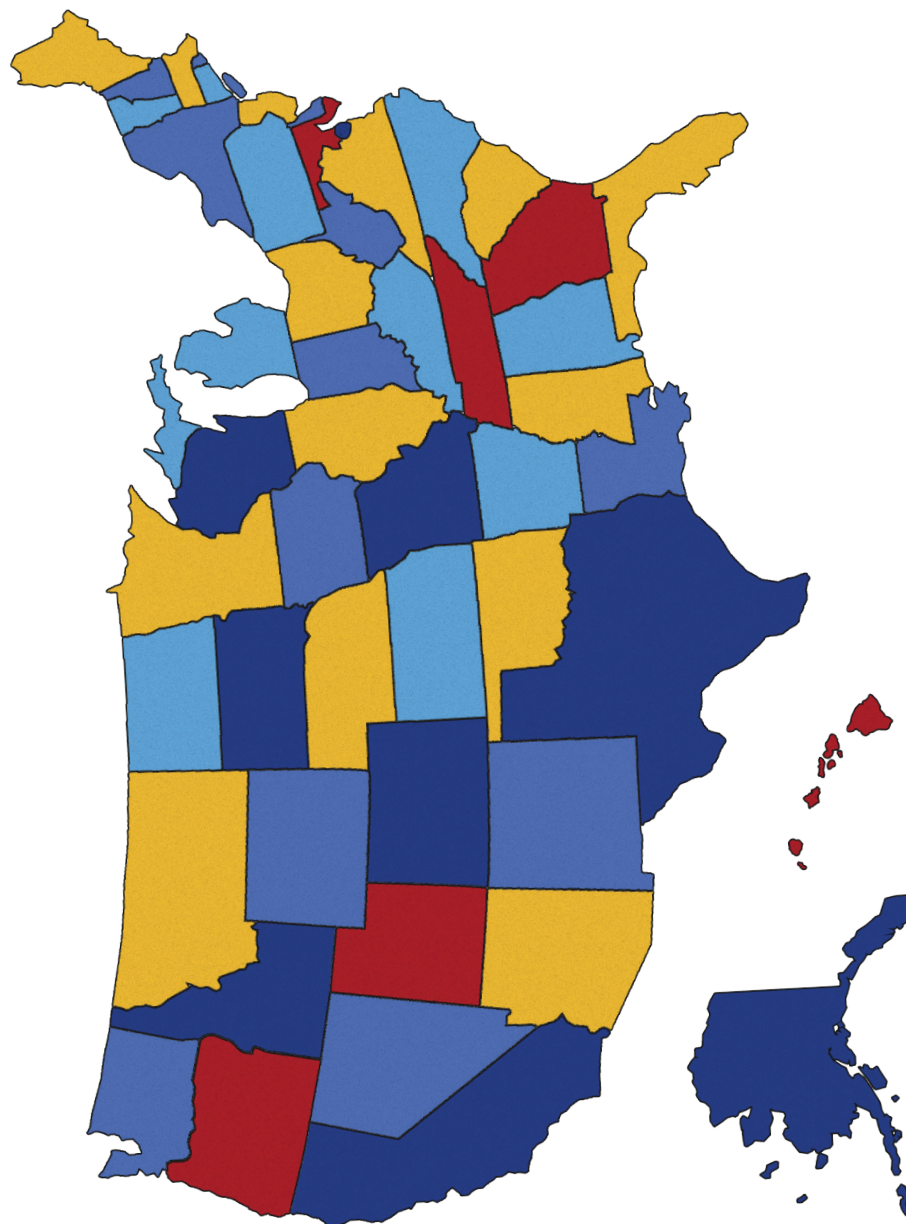
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ANSWERS: These statements are INCORRECT: 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20.

THE 50 STATES

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

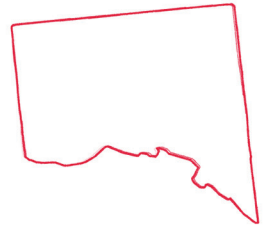
See if you can locate all 50 states on this map. Flip to page 4 to see if you're right.



1. ALABAMA
2. ALASKA
3. ARIZONA
4. ARKANSAS
5. CALIFORNIA
6. COLORADO
7. CONNECTICUT
8. DELAWARE
9. FLORIDA
10. GEORGIA
11. HAWAII
12. IDAHO
13. ILLINOIS
14. INDIANA
15. IOWA
16. KANSAS
17. KENTUCKY
18. LOUISIANA
19. MAINE
20. MARYLAND
21. MASSACHUSETTS
22. MICHIGAN
23. MINNESOTA
24. MISSISSIPPI
25. MISSOURI
26. MONTANA
27. NEBRASKA
28. NEVADA
29. NEW HAMPSHIRE
30. NEW JERSEY
31. NEW MEXICO
32. NEW YORK
33. NORTH CAROLINA
34. NORTH DAKOTA
35. OHIO
36. OKLAHOMA
37. OREGON
38. PENNSYLVANIA
39. RHODE ISLAND
40. SOUTH CAROLINA
41. SOUTH DAKOTA
42. TENNESSEE
43. TEXAS
44. UTAH
45. VERMONT
46. VIRGINIA
47. WASHINGTON
48. WEST VIRGINIA
49. WISCONSIN
50. WYOMING

WASHINGTON, D.C.

OUR NATION'S CAPITAL SINCE JUNE 11, 1800



POPULATION: 529,000

AREA: 68 SQUARE MILES



TO BE. President George Washington didn't live in what is now Washington, D.C. He lived in Philadelphia. However, in 1791, he did choose the site that became our new capital. Believe it or not, it was a marshy

swamp! By 1800, his plans for a new capital city were complete, and our second president, John Adams, moved in.

FIRE. Our president lives in the White House. But did you know that the first Washington, D.C., home of our Commander-in-Chief, was burned to the ground? That's right! During the War of 1812, the British invaded our nation's new capital city and torched the president's home. Fortunately, President James Madison got away.



GOBBLE, GOBBLE?. Upset with the choice of the bald eagle as our national symbol, Benjamin Franklin said: "The bald eagle is a bird of bad moral character; like those among men who live by robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy. The

turkey is a much more respectable bird and withal a true original native of America." In the end, the eagle's fierce desire to be independent best symbolized the spirit of America.



FACTS

- Check out the strange flag! Like individual states, the 68 square miles of land where our nation's capital rests has its own banner. The red, white, and blue flag that you're used to seeing is the symbol of our entire nation.
- Before Washington, D.C. became our nation's capital, New York City held the honor.
- The D.C. in Washington, D.C. stands for the District of Columbia, with Columbia referring to Christopher Columbus. Washington represents George Washington.

LAWS. Washington, D.C. is also the home of the Capitol. This magnificent building is where our senators and representatives meet to propose new laws. Like the home of the president, it too was burned during the War of 1812. In 1815, the task of rebuilding it started and the project wasn't completed until 1830.

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