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If one of your goals for your child's education is for him to learn all about the 50 States, then you'll definitely want to [turn the pages of] this book! The author, Joel King, a homeschool dad has created something that will get both children and parents excited about learning the 50 states!

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You won't find a more well-organized, thorough, or colorful resource anywhere. Geography and history, facts and games, all work together to make this the best US geography curriculum on the market!"

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I really, really like this book! I think you've got a great product! Thanks for working to make such great resources, designed especially to capture the interest of my children!"

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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 next 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. a picture 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.



## 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. CAPTTALS. BORDERS. TRVVIA.

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


# ALASKA CAPITAL: JUNEAU STATEHOOD: JANUARY 3. 1959 



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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.

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.

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# ARIZONA capital: PHOENIX STATEHODD: FEBRUARY 1Y, 1912 



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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 26th, 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.


## TRIVIA

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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
 Vermont were parts of other colonies. Yes, the land area
 far this nation has come.

 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.

## ARKANSAS capiral:LITTLE ROCK STATEHOOD: JUNE 15, 1836



## POPULATION: 2750,000 AREA: 52,075 SQuare MlLEs RANK: 33 ${ }^{\circ}$ <br> RANK: 27 ${ }^{1 /}$

## LITTLE ROCK । FORT SMITH | FAyETTEVILLE



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


## FACTS

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



# CALIFORNIA caprtal SACRAMENTO STATEHOOD: SEPTEMBER 9, 1850 



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GOLD RUSH: James Marshall discovered gold at Sutter's Mill on January 24th, 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 Califormia 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 Califormia, 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.

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## COLORADO capital DENVER STATEHODD: AUGUST 1, 1876



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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 MOUNTANS 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

## 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.


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# CONNECTICUT capral HARTFORD STATEHOOD: JANUARY 9, 1788 



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## 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.


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# DELAWARE cAPTTAL DOVER STATEHOD: DECEMBER 7, 1787 



## FACTS

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

NUMBER 2: OK, 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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