

HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT ALL 50 STATES

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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!

With 3 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 3 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!

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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STAR-SPANGLED STATE BOOK



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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.

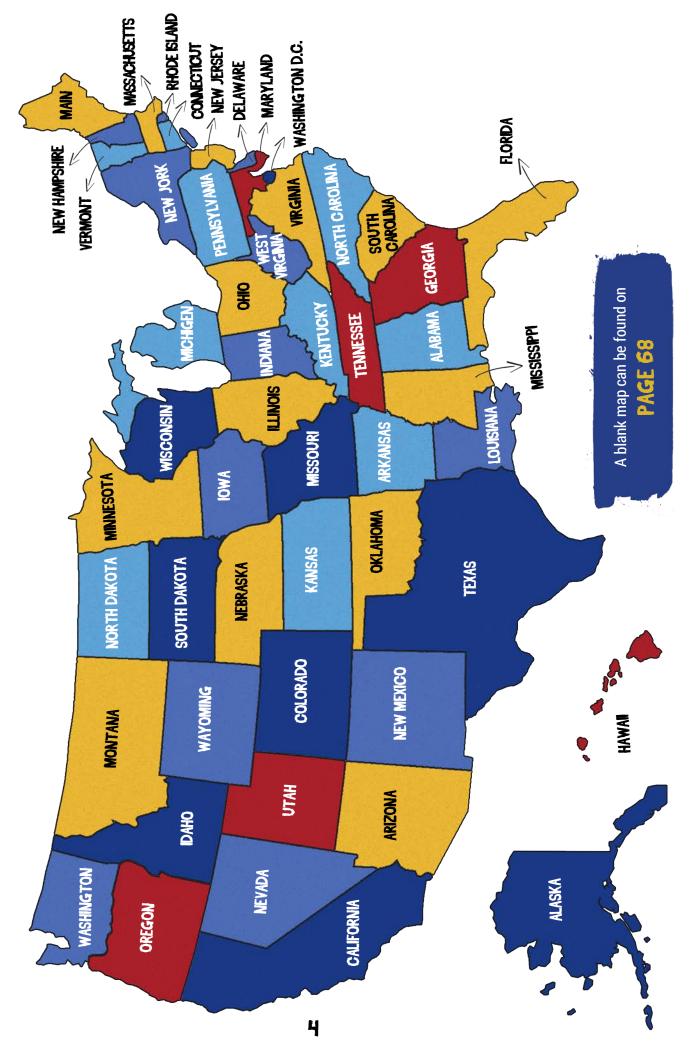
- 1. EACH STATE IS LISTED in alphabetical order.
- 2. AT CERTAIN PLACES within this book, INFO pages have been inserted to give you a more organized look at certain important facts. (An index of these INFO pages can be found on the next page.)

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.



THE 50 STATES *************



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 <<<<<<<



CAPITALS MY CAPITAL IS FRANKFORT PAGE: 26



ALASKA

CAPITAL: JUNEAU

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 3, 1959

POPULATION: 700,000

AREA: 570.374 SQUARF MILES

RANK: 47TH

RANK: IST

ANCHORAGE | JUNEAU | FAIRBANKS



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.





- 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.



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



CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS PHOENIX

PAGE: 8

BORDERS

I BORDER NORTH DAKOTA IOWA, AND WISCONSIN.

PACE: 33

TRIVIA

THE ONLY STATE THAT I BORDER IS NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PAGE: 28

ARIZONA

CAPITAL: PHOENIX

STATEHOOD: FEBRUARY 14, 1912

POPULATION: 5.230.000

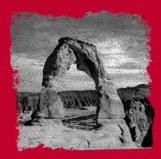
AREA: 113.642 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 20TH 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

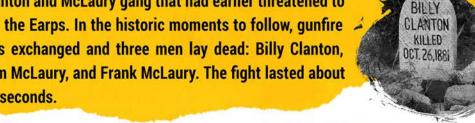
to visit the desert state, be careful of that first step!

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

TOMBSTONE. On October 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.



- 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.



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BORDERS I DON'T BORDER ANY STATES, BUT I DO TOUCH CANADA. PAGE: 7

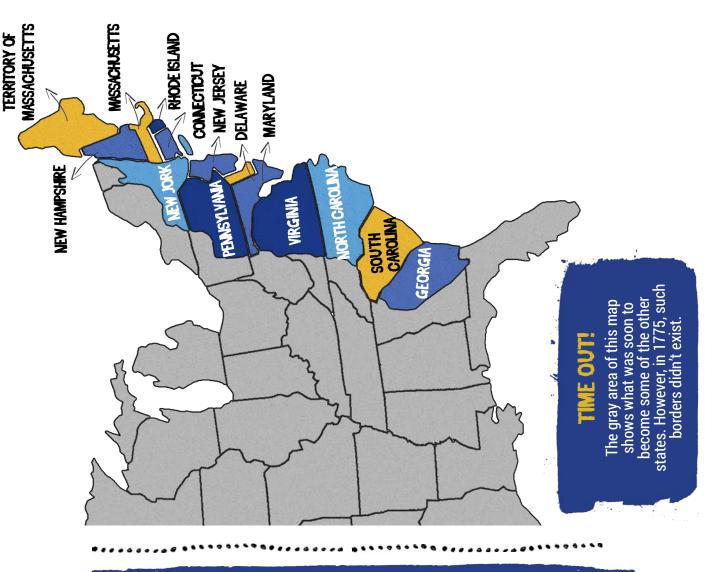
TRIVIA I AM CALLED THE LONE STAR STATE. PAGE: 57

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.

POPULATION	3,900,000	000'009'6	23,000,000	20,000,000	92,000,000	132,000,000	203,000,000	281,000,000
CENSUS YEAR	1790	1820	1850	1880	1910	1940	1970	2000

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.



ARKANSAS

CAPITAL: LITTLE ROCK

STATEHOOD: JUNE 15, 1836

POPULATION: 2,750,000

AREA: 52.075 Square MILES

RANK: 33ND

RANK: 27TH





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



- 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.

AR

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



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.
PAGE 58

CALIFORNIA

CAPITAL: SACRAMENTO

STATEHOOD: SEPTEMBER 9, 1850

POPULATION: 34441,000

AREA: 155973 SQUARE MILES

RANK: 1ST

RANK: 300

LOS ANGELES | SAN DIEGO | SAN JOSE



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 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!

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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS SANTA FE

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BORDERS

CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

I FORM LOUISIANA'S EASTERN BORDER

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TRIVIA

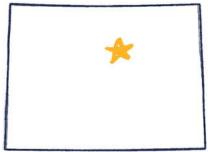
OFFICIALLY, THIS STATE WAS THE FIRST TO JOIN THE UNION.

PAGF: 15

COLORADO

CAPITAL: **DENVER**STATEHOOD: AUGUST 1, 1876





POPULATION: 4,468,000

AREA: 103,729 Square Miles RANK: 8th

RANK: 24TH

DENVER | COLORADO SPRINGS | AURORA



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.



- 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.

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 <<<<<<<



CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS BOISE

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BORDERS

MARYLAND FORMS MY WESTERN BORDER

PACE: 15

TRIVIA

I AM KNOWN AS THE BADGER STATE.

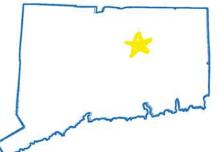
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CONNECTICUT

CAPITAL: HARTFORD

STATEHOOD: JANUARY 9, 1788





POPULATION: 3,317,000

RANK: 29TH

AREA: 4,845 Square Miles

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.



- "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.

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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CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS BISMARCK

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BORDERS

I BORDER NORTH YORK AND WEST VIRGINIA.

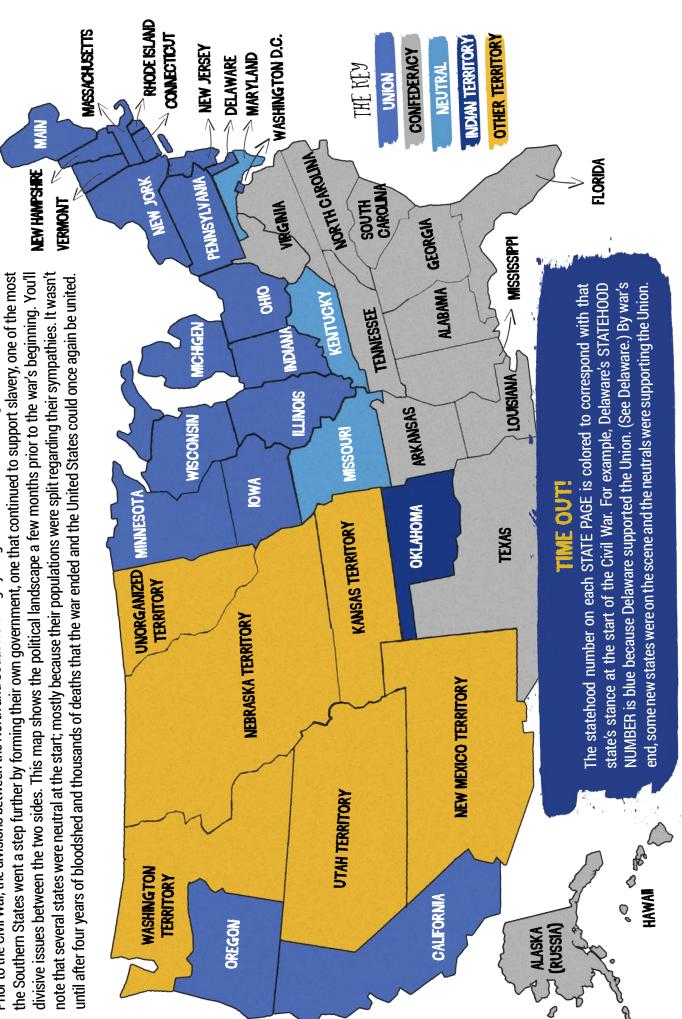
PACE: 51

TRIVIA

I AM HOME TO THE
JOHN F. KENNEDY
SPACE CENTER.
PAGE: 16

THE CIVIL WAR

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



DELAWARE

CAPITAL: DOVER STATEHOOD: DECEMBER 7, 1787

POPULATION: 800,000

AREA: 1955 Square Miles



WILMINGTON | DOVER | NEWARK



NUMBER 1: On December,

7th, 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.

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.



- 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!





CAPITALS

MY CAPITAL IS SALT LAKE CITY

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BORDERS

I BORDER MISSISSIPPI, ARKANSAS, AND TEXAS.

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I AM CALLED THE GREEN MOUNTAIN STATE.

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