

Explore the United States Facts Activity

Directions: Read each fact. Identify the state it is describing. Write the number of the fact statement in the correct state outline on the map. Some states are small. Write the number in the map's margin and draw a line to the state's location on the map.

Begin with the USA travel question.

1. The largest state by area, it was once called Swards Folly. _____

Name its Capital _____

What is its area? _____

How long will it take Ryan to reach the top of Mount McKinley?

2. The volcano called Mount St. Helens is located in _____

This state's Columbia River is famous for which fish? _____

Perhaps you will go to a potlatch. Consider the photos taken many years ago. What do you think a potlatch is?

3. In 1805 The Corps of Discovery spent the winter in Fort Clatsop, near present day Astoria.

Name the state - _____

The hazelnut is the official state nut because _____

Chief Joseph was from this state. Name his tribe. _____

What is the Capital of this state? _____

4. This state's Hells Canyon is the deepest river gorge in America. _____

How deep is Hells Canyon? _____

What tasty vegetable comes from this state? _____

Predict. What kind of eggs would you expect to see? _____

Take the stream walk. What kind are they? _____

5. This state has the highest population. It was the birthplace of President Nixon.

Write the state's population. _____

Name two famous cities and a famous bridge that are located in this state.

Visit the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere, in this state. It is called

6. You are headed to the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center which is located in ..

What will you be able to see there? _____

Name one other city in this state you would like to visit. _____

Explain your choice. _____

7. The capital of this state is called the Mile High City. _____

This state is home to Mesa Verde National Park. What is unique about this park?

You are going to visit this state in May. Underline what you will pack: an umbrella, a parka, a swimsuit.

8. This state has Shoshone National Forest the first national forest. _____

What animal is on the state flag? _____

Explain the state's motto. _____

Which state has more people in your age group - your state or this state? _____

Calculate the answer to this question about Old Faithful.

9. Arches National Park preserves over two thousand natural sandstone arches. To visit this park you would travel to...

Why is the California Seagull the state bird? _____

Which state has belonged to the United States longer your home state or this state?

10. Twenty one tribes of Native Americans, including the Hopi and Navajo, call this state home

Name a huge geologic feature found in this state. _____

What is the state flower? _____

Does it grow naturally in your state? _____

Answer the rafting trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon National Park questions.

11. The Pembina State Museum offers information about this state. _____

Write a fact about the People of the Upper Missouri. _____

Compare the average family size of this state with your state. Which one has larger families?

12. The Bosque Redondo Memorial is located in this state. Why is it called a Site of Conscious?

This state forms part of our border with which country? _____

What percentage of the people in this state are the same gender as you? _____

Compare this with your state. Which is less? _____

Name the capital and the largest city of this state. _____

13. The capital of this state has the same name as a former U.S. President. What is it?

_____ Name the state. _____

Compare the area of this state that is water with the area of water in your state. Which one has fewer square miles of water?

If you could visit the Wahoo Civic Center, what would you choose to do there?

Why is Arbor Day special to this state? _____

14. This state's flower is the bitterroot. What does bitterroot look like? _____

When does it bloom? _____

Name the state. _____

One famous event in the history of the state is the Little Big Horn. What happened there?

How many different groups of Native Peoples lived here before the settlers invaded?

Glacier National Park is located in this state. What is a glacier? _____

15. Your class is going to visit Mount Rushmore which is located in _____

Name the four Presidents on the mountain. _____

Collectively they served the nation from what year to what year?

There is another memorial carving of a mountain being created in the Black Hills of South Dakota. What does it honor?

Since you are close, you decide to explore the Fossil Exhibit Trail along the Badlands Loop Road. What animal fossils do you look forward to seeing?

16. This state's small mammal is the armadillo. What does an armadillo eat? _____

Name the state _____

Austin is the state's capital. The Congress Avenue Bridge there plays an important role in the local ecology and tourism. Explain.

Solve Tex's land use problem.

17. Two cities in this state, Minneapolis and St. Paul are known as the twin cities.

Name the state _____

This state forms part of the border of which two countries? _____

Known as Land of 10,000 Lakes, what is the name of the largest border lake in this state?

That lake is part of a group of lakes called the _____

How many counties does this state have? _____

How many counties does your state have? _____

What is the name of your county? _____

18. Abraham Lincoln lived in the city of Springfield when he was running for election.

Name the state _____

What are this state's major crops? _____

Which major crops does your state have in common with this one? _____

What is the largest city in this state? _____

At a museum in this state you could see Jane. What is Jane? _____

19. Some people call this the Wolverine State. _____

What is a wolverine? _____

This state's flower is _____

What are the state's top two cities by population? _____

Who were the first people of this state? _____

20. This state's flag has a torch in the center. There are stars in a circle around the torch with rays from the center to the stars.

Name the state. _____

When was this state admitted to the Union? _____

When was your home state admitted to the Union? _____

Which one has been a state longer? _____

The U.S. Mint is making a quarter for each state. What is the significance of the things shown on the quarter for this state?

21. This state's capitol was named for 4th President of the United States, James Madison.

Name the state. _____

Where was James Madison born? _____

Where did he live? _____

What is your state's nickname? _____

Why is it called the Badger State? _____

Calculate the Udderly Amazing question.

22. The state flag honors more than 60 groups of Native Americans and their ancestors.

Name the state _____

What are the two symbols of peace that lay across the shield on the flag? _____

Name five groups of Native Americans that live in this state.

The state tree is the Redbud. What color are its flowers? _____

What is your state's official tree? _____

Which state has a greater population: your home state or this state? _____

23. This state is faced with many challenges. One is the restoration of the protective coastal marshes on the Gulf of Mexico. Name the state.

This state's reptile is the alligator.

What is your state's official reptile? _____

When was the last time you saw your state's official reptile, in the wild? _____

Name three large cities in this state. _____

24. Dodge City was home to the largest cattle market in the world. _____

List one of the states that border this state. _____

List all the states that border your state. _____

What is the highest point in this state? _____

This admission of this state to the Union was pivotal in U.S. history. Explain.

25. This state was the most recent to be admitted to the United States. _____

When was it admitted? _____

What is unique about the geography the 50th state? _____

What body of water surrounds this state? _____

What are the three largest groups of people by race? _____

An event that occurred in this state brought the United States into W.W.II.

Name the event. _____

When did it occur? _____

26. Seven United States Presidents were born in this state. _____

How many years has it been since the most recent date of birth of one of these seven men?

This state is called the Buckeye State. What is a buckeye? _____

Three famous fliers where also born in this state. Name them and why they are famous.

27. You decide to visit Crater of Diamonds State Park. In what state is it located?

If you stay for 5 hours. How many diamonds might be found during your visit? _____

The Capital of this state is _____

Describe the climate. _____

Compare your state's lowest temperature with the record for this one. Which has been the coldest?

28. This state is known as the Geode State. Name it. _____

What is a geode? _____

Two major rivers form this state's borders. Name them.

What is the most important aspect of the state's economy. _____

Who were the Sullivan Brothers? _____

Compare your state's highest temperature with the record for this one. Which has been the warmest?

29. This state ranks 28th in area. Its area is 53,821 square miles.

Name the state _____

What is the area of your home state? _____

The first successful sustained powered flights in a heavier-than-air machine were made here in December 17, 1903.

Who made the flight? _____

Where did this historic event occur? _____

How far did the machine fly? _____

30. This state's motto is "The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law."

Name the state. _____

What is your state's motto? _____

You are watching a TV show with your family. In the background, on the scene, there is a big

arch that soars into the sky. Your mom says she has always wanted to see it in person. Your dad thinks this would be a sensational trip. One problem. Neither one knows where it is located. Find the facts for them.

Located in which city _____

Find 2 facts about the arch. _____

What is the largest man made structure in your state? Where it is located?

31. This state's Capital city is Frankfurt.

Name the state _____

What is your state's Capital city? _____

The world's longest cave is located in this state.

What has it been named? _____

How long is it? _____

What roles did Daniel Boone play in the history of this state? _____

32. Your teacher announces the class trip will be to Natchez National Historic Park.

Name the state _____

What percentage of the people in this state live below the poverty level? _____

Compare this with your state. _____

What is the number one industry in this state? _____

What are the top 3 products? _____

33. This state was named after Cherokee Indian villages called "Tanasi"

Name the state _____

The Great Smokey Mountains National Park is located in this state.

Which season would be the optimal time for a gardener to visit there? _____

Why? _____

How long did it take to build this state's capitol? _____

Explain this state's nickname. _____

34. This state's marine mammal is the West Indian Manatee.

Name the state _____

What is your state's official marine mammal? _____

Who were the first settlers in this state? _____

What is the population of this state? _____

Which age group is the largest? _____

Compare this to your state's over 65 population. Which is smaller? _____

35. Acadia is a beautiful national park in this state. _____

You should catch a sunrise from the top of Cadillac Mountain. How is it unique?

When some people think of this state, they think of lobsters and blueberries. What do lobsters and blueberries have in common regarding this state?

Was this state one of the original 13 colonies? Explain. _____

36. Gifted singer, Ray Charles was born in Albany. _____

Ray Charles was famous for singing two songs. Name one of them.

Write two questions regarding facts about this state. Be sure to provide the answers.

a. _____

b. _____

This state was named in honor of King George II. Cipher this math problem about his grandson, King George III.

37. Near Travelers Rest you could check out Poinsett Bridge.

Name the state. _____

For whom was this bridge named? _____

He is still significant today because _____

What is the state's amphibian? _____

What is your state's official amphibian? _____

What is unique about amphibians? _____

John C. Calhoun was born in this state. To the nearest whole percent, what percentage of the states in the United States joined the Confederacy at the start the Civil War?

38. West Point Military Academy is a famous school in this state. _____

What is the population density (people per square mile) of this state?

How does this compare with your state? _____

Your mom is telling you about your ancestors. She explains that her grandparents entered the United States through Ellis Island. Write three facts about Ellis Island.

39. The Capital of this state is Montgomery _____

National Voting Rights Museum is located in Selma. What role did this state play in the struggle for the right to vote?

Name the state bird. _____

What is your state's official bird. _____

Have you ever spotted one in your town? _____

40. Some of its largest cities are: Huntington, Parkersburg, Wheeling, and Morgantown.

Name the state. _____

What percentage of the people age 25 or older have high school diplomas? _____

Compare this with your county. _____

The topography of the state explains its nickname. Explain.

41. Arlington National Cemetery is located in this state.

Name the state. _____

Before it was declared the national cemetery what was this land? _____

Few houses in America have witnessed as many important events and hosted as many famous people as Chatham Manor in Fredericksburg. Several famous women visited and labored here. Explain.

What percentage of the people, in this state, speak a language other than English at home?

How does this compare with California? _____

How does this compare with your state? _____

42. The Liberty Bell is housed in a museum in this state. _____

This state has many important rivers. Name three. _____

Name two rivers that flow through your state. _____

Calculate: The 13 colonies that became states comprise what percent of the states in the United States today?

44. This state's motto is "Liberty and Prosperity " _____

What is your state's motto? _____

Is the population of this state growing, stable, or declining? _____

What about your state's population - Is it growing, stable or declining? _____

Why would a growing population be good? _____

How would a growing population be a problem? _____

43. The Mount Washington Observatory in this state claims the worst weather on earth.

Name the state _____

Contrast today's weather there with the weather in your community.

Simon Goodell Griffin was from this state. What are two remarkable things about him?

Name a remarkable person from your state. _____

Why is it called the Granite State? _____

44. This state's motto is "Liberty and Prosperity " _____

"E pluribus unum" is the motto of the United States of America. What does that mean?

Is the population of this state growing, stable, or declining? _____

What about your state's population? Is it growing, stable or declining? _____

Why would a growing population be good? _____

Why would a growing population be a problem? _____

45. The highest point in this state is Mt. Mansfield which is 4,393 feet above sea level.

Name the state _____

Inventor, Alice Graves "Tis was born in Halifax. What did he invent? _____

Name another famous person from this state and why they are remembered.

Name the highest point in your state. _____

What is its elevation? _____

What is the elevation of your community? _____

The elevation of a community or place has many implications on the way people live there. Name one.

45. The Wampanoag Homesite is located in this state. A visit to it would provide you with insights into traditional Wampanoag culture and history.

Name the state _____

Name one group of Native Americans that live or have lived in your state.

Name another historical place you would visit in this state. What would you want to see there?

Your British friend, Harry is going to visit you this summer. Name a famous place in your state that you would like to show him.

48. This state was the first colony to prohibit the importation of slaves.

Name the state. _____

The first Black regiment to fight for America came from this state and fought in the Revolutionary War!

When did your state prohibit slavery? (Be sure to check the facts!) _____

How many delegates from this state participated in the Constitutional Convention that wrote our Constitution?

How many delegates came from your state? _____

49. This state's official insect is the European mantis which not even native to the state.

Name the state. _____

What is your state's official insect? _____

Is it native to your state? _____

Yankee Doodle is the state song. Who wrote Yankee Doodle and why?

Nathan Hale is this state's hero. Who was he? _____

50. Edith Houghton Hooker was born in this state in 1879.

Name the state. _____

On what date were women given the right to vote in your state? _____

America's national anthem was written by Francis Scott Key in this state. Explain the events surrounding that event.

Write the first stanza of the national anthem.

51. In addition to the 50 states, the United States has six territories. Name them.

How are the citizens of these places and the District of Columbia represented in the federal government?

Is this equal to the representation that the citizens of the fifty states have in the federal government?

For how many years have the residents of the District of Columbia been allowed to vote for president and vice president?

What impact does the Decennial Census have on the U. S. government?

Name the elected officials that represent you in the federal government.
