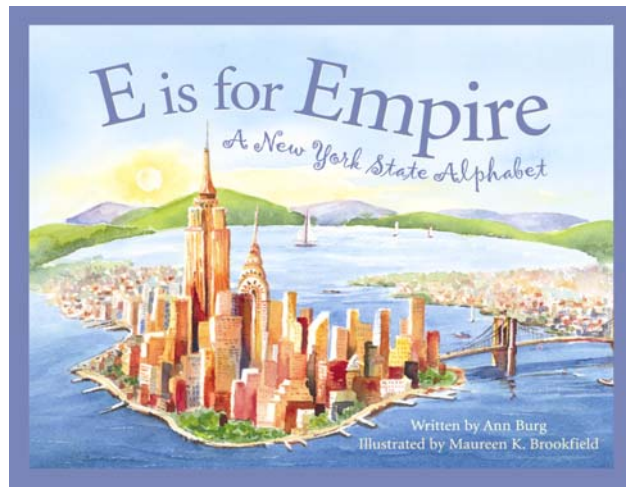


# A TEACHER'S GUIDE



## **E is for Empire A New York State Alphabet**

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# New York

**New York became the 11<sup>th</sup> state on July 26, 1788. Search and skim *E is for Empire* for New York's state facts. Write your answers or draw an illustration in the spaces below.**

Flag

Bird \_\_\_\_\_

Capital \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

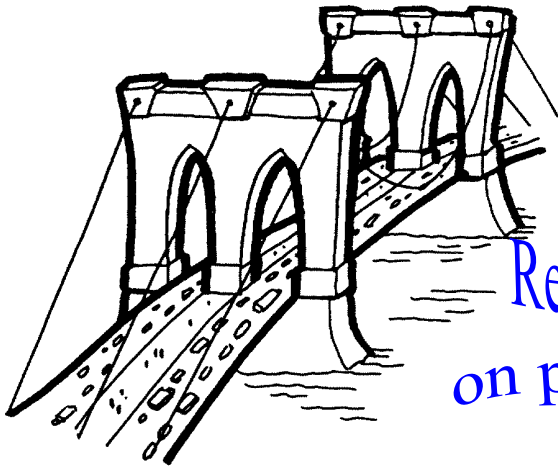
Motto \_\_\_\_\_

Muffin \_\_\_\_\_

Insect \_\_\_\_\_

Flower \_\_\_\_\_

Gem \_\_\_\_\_



Read about the Brooklyn Bridge  
on page B of *E is for Empire*

The Brooklyn Bridge opened in 1883. At the time people were still traveling by horse and buggy.

Read pages B, E, K, O, S, and Y of *E is for Empire*, then answer the following questions.

1. What was completed first, the Erie Canal or the Brooklyn Bridge?

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2. Could George Eastman have taken a picture with his Kodak camera the day the Brooklyn Bridge opened?

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3. The Montauk Lighthouse was completed before or after the Brooklyn Bridge?

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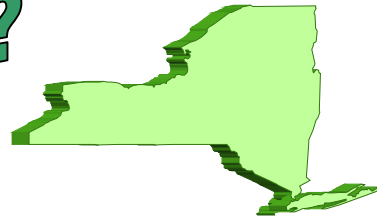
4. Did women have the right to vote when the Brooklyn Bridge opened?

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5. Could the Duke of York have traveled across the Brooklyn Bridge?

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# Where Am I?



Solve the locations of Where Am I? by reading *E is for Empire* and the following clues to discover interesting places in New York.

1. I am at a fort that was strategically located on Lake Champlain. Where am I?

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2. I am searching for Captain Kidd's treasure. Where am I?

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3. I am hiking the highest mountain in New York. Where am I?

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4. I am at the waterway that connects Lake Erie to the Hudson River. Where am I?

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5. I am walking on a glistening bed of red garnet. Where am I?

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6. I am at the school of the Apple Muffin Gang. Where am I?

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7. I am at the oldest State Park viewing a spectacular waterfall. Where am I?

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8. I am in the New York Harbor at the place that was the first stop for immigrants. Where am I?

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# We the people . . .

America is a “melting pot” of people from many different cultures and backgrounds. Review page I of *E is for Empire* and try the following activity to help students understand that each person is unique, yet alike in many ways and that we need to accept each other for our individual differences.

## Classroom Activity - Pick an Apple

### Materials

A basket filled with enough apples to provide one for each student.

### Directions

1. Pass the basket and allow each student to pick an apple.
2. After all students have an apple, direct students to return apples **back** to the basket.
3. When all apples are returned, gently mix up the apples.
4. Instruct students to return to the basket and pick out their original apple! (A few students *might* be able to determine which apple was their original apple - but the majority of students will be uncertain.)
5. Repeat the activity, but now instruct students to carefully examine their apples. This time after students return their apples, they will have a better chance at finding their original apple in the basket.
6. Allow each student to clean and eat the apples as they discuss the activity.

### Discussion Questions

1. Do we overlook or not notice the unique and special characteristics of people? Do we expect everyone to be the same, to look the same, and act the same?
2. In what ways are the apples alike and different? In what ways are people alike and different?
3. Discuss the different cultural habits of people and the importance of these cultural differences to be recognized, appreciated, and respected.
4. Discuss the Golden Rule - Do unto others as you want done unto you.

# New York K-W-L Chart

Complete the K-W "Know and Want" section of the chart below. Read *E is for Empire* and complete the L "Learned" section. Share facts that you have learned with a partner.

**K - What I Know about New York**

**W - What I Want to Learn about New York**

**L - What I Learned about New York**

# Wiggle and Jiggle with a Gelatin Treat!

Read page J of *E is for Empire*  
for squiggly, wiggly, and sweet facts!

## **Red, White, and Blue Gelatin Cups**

### Ingredients

1 pkg strawberry gelatin powder  
1 pkg blueberry gelatin powder  
2 cups cottage cheese  
2 cups boiling water  
2 cups ice cubes

1. Dissolve strawberry powder in 1 cup boiling water. Add one cup ice cubes until mixture is slightly thickened. Remove any ice that has not melted.
2. Pour into clear plastic glasses and chill until set.
3. Spoon layer of cottage cheese into glasses.
4. Repeat the first step with blueberry powder.
5. Pour blueberry mixture on top of the cottage cheese layer and chill until set.

# NEW YORK TIME LINE

Read *E is for Empire* and complete the missing dates from the time line below.

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
|             | <b>Colony of New Netherland renamed to New York</b>          |
| <b>1788</b> | <b>New York's admission to statehood</b>                     |
|             | <b>Capital moved from Kingston to Albany</b>                 |
|             | <b>Erie Canal opened</b>                                     |
|             | <b>Brooklyn Bridge opened</b>                                |
|             | <b>Fort Ticonderoga restored into a museum</b>               |
|             | <b>Apple muffin designated as New York's official muffin</b> |

1. When did New York achieve statehood?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. When did Albany become New York's capital?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many years after the Erie Canal was opened was the Brooklyn Bridge opened?  
\_\_\_\_\_

# New York's Insect



# The Ladybug

## Compound Words

The ladybug is the official state insect of New York. Ladybug is also a compound word. Try this activity to increase your students' knowledge of compound words.

Divide students into small groups. Provide each group with a drawing pad, pencil, and the following compound word cards. Taking turns, one student picks a card and draws two pictures to represent the compound word. Students guess the compound word. Continue until all word cards have been used. Challenge the students to think of additional compound words.

|                         |                           |                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARM CHAIR<br>ARMCHAIR   | BAG PIPE<br>BAGPIPE       | BIRD BATH<br>BIRDBATH   | PAN CAKE<br>PANCAKE       |
| HEAD LIGHT<br>HEADLIGHT | RAIN BOW<br>RAINBOW       | HOUSE BOAT<br>HOUSEBOAT | COW BOY<br>COWBOY         |
| BOOK WORM<br>BOOKWORM   | BUTTER FLY<br>BUTTERFLY   | BED TIME<br>BEDTIME     | TOOTH BRUSH<br>TOOTHBRUSH |
| SUN FLOWER<br>SUNFLOWER | WATCH DOG<br>WATCHDOG     | JELLY FISH<br>JELLYFISH | DOG HOUSE<br>DOGHOUSE     |
| STAR FISH<br>STARFISH   | TABLE SPOON<br>TABLESPOON | BIRD HOUSE<br>BIRDHOUSE | NOTE BOOK<br>NOTEBOOK     |

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## N is for Niagara State Park

Glaciers created the Niagara Falls about 12,000 years ago. This beautiful natural site is located on the border between New York and Canada. Millions of tourists visit Niagara Falls each year.

The Niagara Falls are also one of the greatest sources of hydroelectric power. This renewable resource provides the energy source necessary to turn the driveshaft of a generator and produce electricity.

### Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources

Renewable resources can be replaced within a relatively short time.

Nonrenewable resources **cannot** be replaced after they have been used.

Circle the renewable resources listed below.

Sunlight

Coal

Oil

Water

Gasoline

Trees

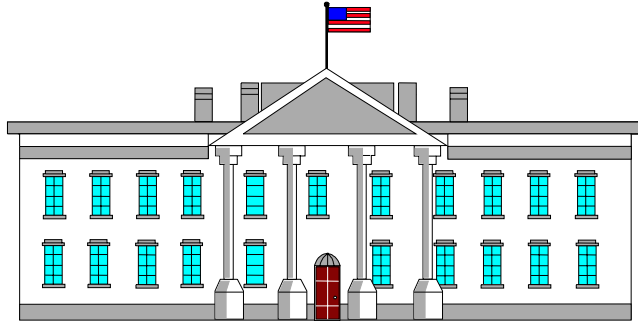
Wind

Bauxite\*

(\*Bauxite is mined and processed into aluminum.)

Do you believe that people should conserve the earth's resources?  
Why or Why not?

# New York Presidents



Can you name the four presidents from New York? Need help? Read pages R and V of *E is for Empire*.

Practice your handwriting skills by copying the oath made at the presidential inauguration ceremony.

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I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.

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1. Which president was vice president under Zachary Taylor?

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2. The teddy bear toy was nicknamed after what president?

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3. What was President's Van Buren's nickname?

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4. How many years did President Franklin Delano Roosevelt serve in office?

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# FAMOUS PEOPLE

Read *E is for Empire* to learn about some of New York's famous and important people. Draw a line to match the name with the correct description.

Elizabeth Stanton

Uncle Sam

Millard Fillmore

Patented the Kodak camera

Sam Wilson

13<sup>th</sup> president of the United States

George Eastman

Women's Rights advocate

Hiawatha and  
Deganawida

32<sup>nd</sup> president of the United States

Franklin Roosevelt

8<sup>th</sup> president of the United States

Theodore Roosevelt

Founded the Iroquois  
Confederacy

Martin Van Buren

Author - famous character  
Rip van Winkle

Washington Irving

26<sup>th</sup> president of the United States

# Search and Find

Play a game of search and find while reading *E is for Empire*. Have a partner choose a word from the list below. Search for the picture in the book. After you find the picture, read aloud the passage of that page to your partner. It's now your turn to choose a word and have your partner search and find!

## Word List

Brooklyn Bridge  
Chef  
Campfire  
Duke of York  
Loom  
Snowman  
Apple muffin  
Waterfall  
Cattle  
Saxophone  
Cannons  
White House  
Bluebird  
Statue of Liberty  
Canoe  
Wooden barrels

# Unscramble New York

Read the following clues, and then unscramble the New York words!

Capital of New York

**YNALBA**

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First suspension bridge with steel cables

**00BRKYLN EGBRID**

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Nickname of New York

**PIREEM TATES**

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State Flower of New York

**OSRE**

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Monument in New York Harbor

**STATEU FO LBIERYT**

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Women's Rights Advocate

**EILZATHBE TSANTNO**

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# Questioning the Teacher!

## Classroom Activity

Place students into five groups. Assign each group a section of *E is for Empire*. Instruct students to review their assigned section and write questions for the **teacher** to answer. Inform students to write an answer guide for their questions.

After an appropriate amount of work time, instruct each group to choose one question to ask the teacher. If time allows, continue to let students ask questions for the teacher to answer.

| <b>Selection Suggestion</b> | <b><u>Group</u></b> | <b><u>Letters</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                             | 1                   | A, B, C, D, E         |
|                             | 2                   | F, G, H, I, J         |
|                             | 3                   | K, L, M, N, O         |
|                             | 4                   | P, Q, R, S, T         |
|                             | 5                   | U, V, W, X, Y         |
|                             | ALL GROUPS          | Z                     |

## Extension Activities

- Have each group trade their list of questions for the other group to answer. Trade answer guides to check answers.
- Reassign groups to a different section of the book and repeat the activity.

Share with students the "hidden math" behind the activity. 26 letters divided by 5 groups of students, each group responsible for the remainder.  $26 \div 5 = 5$  remainder 1. Challenge students to determine ways to distribute the 26 letters if the class were to be divided into groups of 2, 3, 4, or 6. Were you able to divide the groups evenly within your class? Discuss other possible ways to distribute the letters among the groups. For example, each group could be responsible for all the vowels and 2 consonants of their choice.

# NEW YORK WORD SEARCH

ADIRONDACKS  
DEGANAWIDA  
IMMIGRANTS  
VAN BUREN  
HIAWATHA

ALBANY  
LADYBUG  
GARNET  
BLUEBIRD  
ROSE

EXCELSIOR  
ROOSEVELT  
FILLMORE  
ERIE CANAL  
ELLIS ISLAND

W D E G A N R O V A N B U L A D Y B A  
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S F D B B O E R O V N P N R O V A L B  
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N R L E X C E L A D I R O N D A C K S  
E R I F I L L M O R E V A N B L A D Y



## **Answer Page**

### New York

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Capital  | <u>Albany</u>       |
| Nickname | <u>Empire State</u> |
| Motto    | <u>Excelsior</u>    |
| Muffin   | <u>Apple Muffin</u> |
| Flower   | <u>Rose</u>         |
| Bird     | <u>Bluebird</u>     |
| Insect   | <u>Ladybug</u>      |
| Gem      | <u>Garnet</u>       |

### Brooklyn Bridge

1. The Erie Canal was completed first. The Erie Canal was completed in 1825 before the Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883.
2. No. George Eastman patented the Kodak camera in 1888.
3. The Montauk Lighthouse was completed in 1796, before the Brooklyn Bridge.
4. No. The 19th Amendment was passed in 1920.
5. No. The Duke the York died in 1701.

### Where Am I?

1. Fort Ticonderoga
2. Oyster Bay
3. Mount Marcy
4. Erie Canal
5. Gore Mountain
6. Bear Road Elementary, North Syracuse
7. Niagara State Park
8. Ellis Island

### New York Time Line

1664 - Colony of New Netherland renamed to New York  
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1. 1788
2. 1797
3. 58 years
- 4.

N is for Niagara State Park - Renewable Resources

Sunlight, Wind, Water, Trees

New York's Presidents

1. Millard Fillmore
2. Theodore Roosevelt
3. Old Kinderhook
4. 12 years

Famous People

Elizabeth Stanton - Women's Rights advocate  
Millard Fillmore - 13<sup>th</sup> president of the United States  
Sam Wilson - Uncle Sam  
George Eastman - Patented the Kodak camera  
Hiawatha and Deganawida - Founded the Iroquois Confederacy  
Franklin Roosevelt - 32<sup>nd</sup> president of the United States  
Theodore Roosevelt - 26<sup>th</sup> president of the United States  
Martin Van Buren - 8<sup>th</sup> president of the United States  
Washington Irving - Author - famous character Rip van Winkle

Unscramble New York

Albany  
Brooklyn Bridge  
Empire State  
Rose  
Statue of Liberty  
Elizabeth Stanton

New York Crossword

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Niagara Falls | 2. Empire State |
| 3. Shawansunk    | 4. Ladybug      |
| 5. Rose          | 6. Roosevelt    |
| 7. Kingston      |                 |

New York Word Search

W D **E** G A N R O V A N B U L **A** D Y B A  
X A **L A D Y B U G** L X D H **D** V Y E A **E**  
E B **L** W E R L F E X C E **I** M A F I X **R**  
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