

Activity Guide

Discover America State by State

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FIND THE FACTS

After you have finished reading the alphabet book on the state you are studying, find the following facts about the state.

1. State capital _____

2. Year the state was admitted to the Union _____

3. State bird _____

4. Three important people from the state _____

5. A famous park _____

6. Three fruits or vegetables grown in the state

7. Three birds or animals found in the state _____

8. List 3 facts you found most interesting.



History Lives!

Each state you study is full of interesting historical people. You'll find explorers, pioneers, writers, heroes, and presidents. Choose one of these people and write 10 questions you would ask them if you had the opportunity to interview them.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

List 5 changes in the state you think would interest this person.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Where Are the Jobs?

Each state you study will have major industries that supply jobs. If you were studying Michigan you would find that one of the major industries is the automobile industry.

Make a list of the major industries in the state you are studying.

Choose a job in one of these industries that you think would be interesting and write a short paragraph explaining why you might like this job.



_____’s Journal

The people who settled each of our states came from many different backgrounds and had many different dreams. As you study a state put yourself in the place of a child who is leaving their home and traveling to this new place. Make sure that your adventure makes sense! If you were traveling from Missouri to Arizona you wouldn’t be on a ship. Write a journal entry describing one week of your journey.

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Saturday _____

Sunday _____



Where Am I?

As you study the United States you need to understand where you are and which states and countries border your state of study.

Draw a map of the state you are studying.

Draw and label the states and countries that border the state.

Draw a star and label the state's capital.

Draw and label any major rivers or lakes.

Add mountains or other important features.

DESIGN A MODERN STATE SEAL

As you study our states you will find that most state seals are based on the early history of the state. YOU have the chance to bring the state's seal into the twenty-first century! Using the information you've read about this state, design a state seal based on what makes the state special NOW!

Why did you make these choices?

Survey and Graph



Apples or pears, carrots or peas, which are your favorites? Find the three major fruits or vegetables from the state you are studying. Survey at least 10 people as to which fruit or vegetable is their favorite.

SURVEY

Use these figures to make a bar graph showing your results. Give your graph a title and make it colorful and easy to read.



Where Shall We Go?

It is your job to convince the Smith family to come and visit the state you are studying. Think of all the reasons they should visit.

Project - Design a travel brochure

1. Make a list of the places to go and things to do in your state. Make sure you include activities for children and adults.
2. Use this sheet to do a rough draft of your brochure.
3. Your brochure should include words and pictures.
4. Your final copy should be on construction paper.
5. Fold your paper hot dog style.
6. Your brochure will have a cover and an inside.
7. Remember to put the name of your state on the front.
8. Make your brochure bright and colorful.
9. Be creative!!