

# GREAT STUFF ABOUT STATES

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## CALIFORNIA

So I put my hand up, everything is so tall  
Trees are bigger than a football field  
Everything seems so real  
Their state mammal is a grizzly bear  
Most populated state in the USA  
Hop off the plane at LAX  
To the third biggest state here  
Welcome to the land of entertainment success  
"Eureka!" the beach is right there.  
People are all around me,  
33 million's not a regular party.

By Myreanna, Venus, and Gracee

California is the third biggest state.  
Once California was part of Mexico.  
California is the 1<sup>st</sup> state in population.  
The redwood forest is in California.  
It has a great variety of climates.  
In Napa Valley they make wine.  
Hollywood is very famous and it is in California.  
In 1848 James W. discovered gold.  
It has a lot of vegetables and food.  
It has four of the nation's 20 largest cities—Los  
Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco.  
Disneyland is in California.  
If you want to know more,  
go and visit California.

By Marleni R.

33,871,648 people live in California.  
It's right above Mexico.  
It's a very big state.  
The capital is Sacramento.

By Antoni B.

Called the Golden State

I love California

State flag is the bear

State motto is Eureka

Pacific Ocean

Dogface butterfly

California valley

Purple needle grass

California poppy

Garibaldi fish

By Karah P.

Mexico is a border country.  
State bird is the California valley quail  
Sacramento is the state capital.  
San Francisco is a large city.  
California has big mountains.  
It was the 31<sup>st</sup> state in the USA.  
California is the most populous state.  
A California industry is technology.  
The abbreviation is CA  
State insect is the California dogface butterfly  
By Jonathan E. and his tutor

California is the third biggest state.  
They joined the United States late.  
"I Love You California" is their state song.  
The state is very long.  
33,871,648 is their population.  
To the south is the Mexican nation.  
Their state bird is the California valley quail.  
Their state mammal is the gray whale.  
Their state tree is the Red wood.  
In California they have Hollywood.  
By MaryAnn B.

## FLORIDA

### FLORIDA RAP

The state flower is the orange blossom  
That's right, Florida's awesome  
It's called the "Sunshine State,"  
And you know why,  
drinkin' orange juice on my date  
While I'm riding all the rides at Disney World  
in Orlando,  
This State is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico.

I love it! I love it! I love the way it's hot!  
I love it! I love it! I love the way it rocks!  
The state capital is Tallahassee!  
I love it! I love it! Florida rocks! By Keshawn

## HAWAII

### HAWAII I LOVE

Honolulu is the capital

Area 10,932

Where Obama was born

At the USA

It's the greatest

I love Hawaii By Awat and Ali

## HAWAII SONG

Hawaii is the best.  
Its highest point is Mauna Kea.  
The state song is Hawaii Ponoī.  
The state flower is Hibiscus.  
The state tree is Kukui.  
Barack Obama was born in Hawaii.  
The name of residents is Hawaiians.  
The largest city is Honolulu.  
The major lake is the Salt Lake.  
The state abbreviation is HI.

By Myeesha and Jasmine

Hawaii was the last state to become a state.  
Called Aloha State  
The population  
Is very close to as high as  
That of Chicago.

Barack Obama  
Was born in this very state  
Which has five counties.  
The humpback whale  
Is the State Marine Mammal  
They are very big.  
Red, white, red, white, red  
Eight stripes on the flag mean the  
Eight main islands there.  
The state mammal is  
The monk seal, and the state fish  
Is the super cool –  
Humuhumunukunukuapua'a.  
That name is long. By Jamileth and her tutor

All the islands are volcanoes  
Hawaii has lots of islands  
The state name is Aloha State  
The tallest mountain is Mauna Kea  
The state animal is the Monk Seal.  
The state tree is kukui. By Isaac

You're in Hawaii, so is Obama  
Cuz the way that you look  
at the humpback whales  
Everyone else in the volcano can see it  
Everyone else but you  
Hawaii, you light up the volcano  
Like nobody else,  
The way that you surfboard  
gets me overwhelmed  
Hawaii, you don't know-ow-ow  
You don't know you're beautiful

Humuhumunukunuku apua'a is the state fish.  
To me it sounds like a great dish.  
The state mammal the monk seal.  
I want to know if it can be killed.  
The state bird nene  
Makes me think of a payday.  
The island named Oahu  
Makes me wanna say Yahoo.  
The state marine mammal  
The humpback whale  
Makes me wanna yell.  
The state tree kukui  
Sounds like ooh-wee!  
The hibiscus flower  
Gives me power.  
The British flag inside the Hawaii flag  
Is Swag. By Robert J.

Hawaii is the 50<sup>th</sup> State. It is a chain of islands  
in the Pacific. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, Pear  
Harbor in Hawaii was attacked.

The eight stripes of white  
Are in the flag  
It's the Aloha State  
And I want to brag.  
Hibiscus, Hawaiians  
And the humpback whale  
Are in the capital Honolulu  
And people like to sail.  
Hawaii's Own  
Is their song  
That Barack Obama  
Will probably know.  
In the Pacific  
We found the state fish  
It has a long name  
Called the Reef Triggerfish. By Leslie and her tutor

## ILLINOIS

Population is 5<sup>th</sup> most populous.  
Springfield is the capital.  
Major industries – agriculture, cattle,  
manufacturing, mining.  
Rivers: Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, Wabash  
Highest point: 1,235 feet above sea level  
Borders Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Iowa,  
Wisconsin "Prairie State"  
State Motto: State Sovereignty, National Union  
"Illinois" is state song.  
Lake Michigan, Lake Rend. By Darryl and tutor

## ILLINOIS

The nickname is the Prairie State.  
The state insect is the monarch butterfly.  
The state bird is the cardinal. By Giselle

### THE GREAT OL' PRAIRIE STATE

We are the 21<sup>st</sup> State of America!  
We were founded in December 3<sup>rd</sup> of 1818  
Our State Capital is Springfield –  
in the middle of nowhere.  
We are the 5<sup>th</sup> most populous state  
We border the Mississippi – and Lake Michigan  
We are the “Prairie State”!  
Bam!

Our state song is the original “Illinois”  
We have President Reagan  
We have the white-tailed deer  
as our state mammal  
We *own* the bluestem grass!  
Pow!

*HAIKU* By Melissa D. and her tutor

The state butterfly  
The beautiful monarch flies  
To the purple violet

We grow corn and wheat  
Soybeans, barley, and rye too  
Illinois farming

Here in Illinois  
They call us Illinoisan  
The residents' name

Eagle, bluegill, deer  
The state bird is a cardinal  
Monarch butterfly

By Summone S.

## MICHIGAN

Michigan  
Is the eighth most populous state.  
Canada is a bordering country.  
Highest point is Mt. Arvon.  
It is the 26<sup>th</sup> state in the USA.  
Grand River is a major river.  
Admitted into the USA on January 25, 1837.  
Nickname of the state is “Wolverine State.”  
By Felix D. and his tutor

## MICHIGAN

It's famous for building cars. It's not too far.  
It's 4<sup>th</sup> in terms of size.  
Michigan has had its highs.  
It's also had its lows.  
Michigan's population is the 8<sup>th</sup> most.  
It's famous for being called  
The Wolverine State.  
Michigan gets its fair-share of hate.  
Michigan's animal is the white-tailed deer.  
There are two peninsulas,  
and that's very weird.  
Michigan is a fantastic state.  
Michigan's really that great.

By Fernando B. and his tutor

### MICHIGAN'S SANTA SONG

They call it MI, they call UP,  
The capital is Lansing,  
Lots of cars are made there.  
The state has many lakes from Lake Erie to St.  
Clair, It's very close to Canada,  
So be good for goodness sake. Ooo  
White pine trees and white-tailed deer,  
The painted turtle isn't very queer,  
Michiganites live there. Ta-da! By Brenda

### ALL ABOUT MICHIGAN

I think Michigan is the best state.  
I am going to the capital Lansing to find my mate.  
In Michigan there's a bird named robin.  
They make cars in Detroit made from tin.  
There is a song that's named “My Michigan.”  
While hunting for the state mammal, the deer,  
I got a sun tan.  
The state has a wildflower, the Dwarf Lake iris.  
Part of the state motto has a word *quaeris*.

By Brayant and his tutor

## MINNESOTA

*MINNIE*  
Monarch butterfly is the state insect.  
It was the thirty-second state in the USA.  
Nickname: Gopher State  
Norway pine is the state tree.  
Eagle Mountain is the highest point.  
State song is “Hail Minnesota.”  
Over 4,000,000 people live in Minnesota.  
The state has 9 letters in its name.  
A is the last letter in Minnesota.

### MY SWEET MINNESOTA

Sweet, sweet Minnesota with your pretty  
State flower, the pink and white lady's slipper.  
Wild rice is Minnesota's state grain.  
Farming, paper pulp, and mining are the three  
major industries in my sweet Minnesota.

By Jonathan O. and his tutor

Bordering country is Canada,  
and St. Paul the capital.  
State song, "Hail Minnesota,"  
and official flag was adopted in 1893.  
State nickname is "Gopher State,"  
"North Star State."

Bordering states are Iowa, Michigan, North  
Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.  
State gemstone is a Lake Superior Agate.  
State insect is a monarch butterfly.  
State flower is a pink and white lady's slipper.  
State muffin is blueberry. By Lily B.

Farm, make paper, mines. 87 counties.  
Found fossil of duck-billed dinosaur,  
It's called the "Gopher State."  
The state insect is a monarch butterfly.  
Blueberry muffin is the state muffin.  
By Venus and her tutor

It has a river called Red River.  
Border state, Iowa. Border country, Canada.  
It has 87 counties.  
State song, "Hail Minnesota."  
Timber Wolves play for Minnesota.  
St. Paul is the capital.  
State nickname, Gopher State.  
State flower, the pink and white lady slipper.  
State muffin, the blueberry.

### THE MINNESOTA RAP

Did you know that Minnesota was the  
32<sup>nd</sup> state, 32<sup>nd</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, in the United States?  
Their biggest mountain is about 2,301 feet  
(701 m) above sea level.  
Isn't that big, don't you think!  
One of their insects in that state  
is the monarch butterfly, isn't that great?  
Oh! Let's not forget there's 4,919,479 citizens  
in that state, as of 2000, Wow, isn't that great?  
Oh, and something else, I just found out that  
Minnesota is the 21<sup>st</sup> most populous state  
in the United States! Isn't that great! ~Alfonso

### NEW YORK

NEW YORK, ZOO YORK RAP  
Second most populous state in America,  
All the new exciting things with the cinema.  
New York, Zoo York.

Got all the things in the world,  
Got bird the flu and the herds,  
Yes, Sir, Yes,  
Albany, Analgany, switch it up you got Albany,  
With all the new things  
You can see with yo' eyes  
There's no telling what surprise,  
Green master, potion master,  
Rhyme master, pasta, pasta,  
New York, Zoo York. By Andre T.

### NEW YORK HAIKU

City never sleeps  
18 million people there.  
We love New York City.

Third most populous  
Eastern blue bird and beaver  
Sixty-two counties.

### EMPIRE STATE

Its population is third,  
People travel in herds.  
Its size is twenty-seventh,  
Tourists call it heaventh  
Bordering states include New Jersey,  
And their sports teams don't show any mercy.  
Canada is right above,  
And you can fit in like a glove.  
Its name is from the Duke of York,  
There is nothing like New York.  
It's called the Empire State,  
But they always get some hate.  
New York is fun,  
Don't be such a bum.

### NEW THING

New York City  
Is very pretty.  
If I didn't go there  
It would be a pity.  
I have a friend named Ricky  
In New York City.  
We went to see the state tree  
And oboy oboy it was sticky (*the sugar maple*).  
By Fernando D. and his tutor

## *APPLE RAPPLE*

Welcome to the Empire State  
The biggest city's NYC  
The population's boomin' at  
19 million, you see  
At 55 thousand miles square  
It could take a long time for you to get there  
If you move out to this state  
A New Yorker you'll be  
You may want to plant a sugar maple  
It's the State Tree.  
FDR and Teddy were cousins, were kin  
From New York to the White House,  
Ready to win.  
The State Fruit's the apple, red as a rose,  
The State Flower,  
Empire Tower.  
Enjoy a spring shower in New York State!  
By Kallieo A. and his tutor

New Yorkers	State mammal, beaver
Albany	State shell, bay scallop
New Nick	State fish, brook trout
Finance	State insect, lady bug
Communications	By Shkreara and
International trade	her tutor

New York is great  
Because it borders two Great Lakes.  
State nickname is the Empire State,  
And the state mammal is the beaver.

## **OHIO**

Ohio, Ohio, Ohio!  
Has a capital of Columbus.  
Ohio, Ohio, Ohio!  
State with lots of steel.  
State bug is lady bug  
State drink is tomato juice.  
Ohio, Ohio, Ohio!  
Super great state.

The state capital is Columbus.  
It was a state on March 1, 1803.  
There is a pretty bird called a cardinal.  
The mammal is a cute white-tailed deer.  
The insect is a lady bug. How cool!  
The beverage is tomato juice.  
State tree is a buckeye.  
The state flower is a scarlet carnation.  
The state flag looks like a beak.  
The name for the residents is Ohioans.

## *RED OHIO*

Roses are red, like the state bird, the cardinal.  
Tomato juice, the state beverage is red, too.  
The state insect, the lady bug, shares the  
color.  
Red is also the color of the college team,  
The Ohio State Buckeyes, sharing a name with  
the state, and it's fire.  
The state flower is scarlet, a shade of red.  
Ohio's flag has red stripes and is a pentagon  
instead of rectangle.  
And the Ohio state reptile  
is the black racer snake.  
By Diego and his tutor.

## *THE FAMOUS OHIO*

There was once a state called Ohio.  
It was so amazing you couldn't resist it. Oh!  
Just like Ohio State,  
the people were called Ohioans.  
Some industries were so important like  
Manufacturing, farming, and mining.  
Soon the industries kept going,  
and the 20<sup>th</sup> president came,  
who was called James Abraham Garfield.  
Just like the Garfield Show.  
Then the 29<sup>th</sup> president came along,  
and he became the president for two years.  
Ohioans had to visit lakes,  
like Lake Erie and Grand Lake.  
Their flag was born in 1902  
by a person called John Eisemann.  
Now so people show their culture  
with the help of this person.  
But wait, there's more.  
This state is so important because the flag  
shows that this flag was the only state flag  
that wasn't a rectangle.  
But what I knew it had more than two angles.  
There even were bugs.  
An important bug was named lady bug.  
All kids of people moved to Ohio  
or grew up in this state.  
People gathered together and became the  
population,  
which was as long as 11,353,140 people.  
But more people are coming,  
and the population keeps on growing.  
By Joana S.

**O** is for Ohioans  
who frequently drink tomato juice.  
**H** is for Honorable, for the  
six presidents who came from Ohio.  
**I** is for the state insect,  
a lady bug.  
**O** is for Ohio. By Guadalupe and her tutor

A lot of presidents were born here.  
The state mammal is the white-tailed deer.  
The state flag is called Ohio burgee.  
Buckeye is the state tree.  
The state flower is the scarlet carnation.  
Ohio is part of a great nation.  
By Jaely and her tutor

## **RHODE ISLAND**

Sakonnet River  
The state bird is a chicken  
State shell is Quahog

State flower violets  
Capital is Providence  
State motto is "Hope."  
By Jovanny and his tutor

*RHODE ISLAND (RUDOLPH)*  
You know Vermont, New Hampshire,  
Massachusetts, New Jersey,  
Delaware, Maryland, Maine, and Virginia.  
But do you recall  
The smallest state of them all? ---  
Rhode Island, the Ocean State,  
Also called Little Rhode,  
Providence, Rhode Island, is their capital city,  
The state flower is a violet.  
The state animal is a chicken  
The state motto is Hope,  
And this lovely state,  
Is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean.  
By Fabiola G. and her tutor

Rhode Island's official flag was adopted in  
1897. The flag is white fringed with yellow on  
three sides.  
Rhode Island is the smallest state in size in the  
United States. It covers an area of 1214 square  
miles.  
Rhode Island shares a state water border with  
New York

By Yulissa L.

## **TEXAS**

**T** is for Texas, named after the Tejas tribe,  
and means those who are friends.  
**E** is for enormous population of the 28<sup>th</sup> state  
of the USA and the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest population.  
**X** is for X marks this spot where Austin is the  
state capital.  
**A** is for armadillo, the small state mammal.  
**S** is for second biggest area.  
By Jennifer S.

### *TEXAS SONG*

Austin is the capital.  
They call the people Texans.  
The largest city is Houston.  
It's the name of the Cowboys.  
Texas is the second biggest state.  
Plus, the area is 268,601 sq. miles.  
Also the state shell is the lightning whelk.  
The smallest state animal is the armadillo.  
The state flag is called the Long Star flag.  
The abbreviation is TX.  
It's the second most populous state in America.  
By Moshea and his tutor

### *TEXAS, THE LONE STAR STATE*

Let me tell you about our second biggest state.  
It borders Mexico, which I think is really great.  
Its state flag has only one star,  
I'd like to go there, but it is really far.  
Two of our Presidents come from there  
And so does much of our beef,  
handled with care.  
By Judit, Leoncio, Sheila, and their tutors

### *THE LONE STAR STATE*

Texas is the second most populated state  
in the U.S., with almost 21 million people  
Friendship is the state motto.  
Texas was the 28<sup>th</sup> state in the U.S.  
One of Texas' major industries is tourism.  
The state shell is the lightning whelk,  
and the state mammal is the armadillo.  
Two presidents were born in Texas,  
Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson.  
Mexico and Texas went to war in the 1830's,  
when the white star on their flag was first used.  
It is the second biggest state in the U.S.,  
with 254 counties. By Kevin A.

## ALL ABOUT TEXAS

There was once found a state called Texas.  
It had the weirdest nickname,  
which was the Lone Star State.  
It was the second biggest state!  
Also, it had the second biggest population.  
There lived 29,351,320 people in Texas.  
Can you believe it?  
There's 254 counties in Texas.  
People who live in Texas are called Texans.  
Texans had to farm and grow cotton  
almost every day of their lives!  
Texas has brilliant presidents  
but not as brilliant as the ones in Illinois.  
Their presidents were named Dwight David  
Eisenhower and Lyndon Baines Johnson.  
Finding dinosaur fossils was a big thing  
in Texas.  
The Texas flag was represented with many  
colors, and full of bravery, purity, and loyalty, of  
course.  
Texas, Texas, everywhere!  
By Joanna S.

The bird is the mockingbird  
And friendship is the word.  
The number of counties is 254,  
You'll never ask for more.  
Tejas means those who are friends,  
And friendship will never end.  
Here is the Red River,  
Which is bigger than a sliver.  
Lightning whelk is the state shell,  
Different from others you can tell.  
By Jennifer R. and her tutor

Capital is Austin  
State song is "Texas, Our Texas."  
Red River is the main river.  
254 counties.  
19 fossils found,  
Mocking bird  
State plant, prickly pear cactus.  
By Efrain and his tutor

## WISCONSIN

Wisconsin is interesting, so give it a try.  
Its state bird is robin,  
And animal is badger.  
It has four borders  
and state grain is corn.  
So go to Wisconsin. By Everardo L.

## WISCONSIN

A sailor with a rope And a miner on the flag.  
Manufacturing, agriculture, mining and  
shipping  
Represent our state Wisconsin.  
In the center of the shield is a blue ring.  
"Out of many, one," refers to the states of the  
United States.  
Major rivers: Mississippi River, St. Croix River,  
Chippewa River,  
Represent the beauty.  
State motto "Forward."  
The state animals  
Robin, badger, white-tailed deer and dairy cow.  
The famous state dog, American water spaniel.  
State tree, Sugar maple.  
Capital of Wisconsin  
Madison!! By Anahi M.

There are 72 counties in Wisconsin.  
Mississippi is one of the main rivers.  
It's the 23<sup>rd</sup> biggest state.  
"Forward" is their motto.  
18<sup>th</sup> most populous state in the US  
Badger State is the nickname.  
Area is 65,503 square miles.  
They have major dairy products.  
Corn is the state grain.  
The sugar maple is the state tree.  
Wisconsin.

State animal are the badgers.  
Green Bay has the Packers.  
U.S.A.'s 30<sup>th</sup> state.  
It's your 23<sup>rd</sup> biggest state.  
The capital is Ma-Ma-Ma-Madison.  
The Superior Lakes, Winnebago, Michigan.  
Badger State, Badger State,  
you are at the Badger State.  
Keep movin' forward,  
Keep, keep movin' forward.  
72 counties, counties  
Say Cheese! Cheese!