

# **GREAT STUFF ABOUT STATES RAPS, SONGS, AND POEMS**

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## **CALIFORNIA**

### **“The Golden State”**

*By Edgar*

California is the greatest state,  
The third biggest one, you can't mistake.  
California is the home of  
the grizzly bear.

When everybody sees it,  
they stop and stare.

Death Valley is very low.  
It's bordering the Pacific Ocean,  
don't you know.

It's sometimes called  
the “Golden State.”

All 58 counties are very great.  
The redwood tree is very tall.  
It would sure be a shame, if it would fall.  
Richard Nixon was born here,  
And the gray whale is nothing to fear.  
As you can see, California is the best,  
Better than Hawaii, I must confess.

### **“The Golden State”**

*By Anahi*

California, the state capital is  
Sacramento  
The Bear Flag, the Bear Flag.  
State mammal, grizzly bear.  
Sacramento River, Colorado River, and  
San Joaquin.

Golden state, Golden State,  
State marine mammal, gray whale,  
Reptile, desert tortoise  
With flower California poppy.

Tree, redwood, tree, redwood  
The bordering states,  
Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona.  
California, the Golden State.

## **FLORIDA**

### **“The Sunshine State”**

*By Elizabeth*

The “Sunshine State” is really fun.  
Floridians live here, thanks to Ponce de  
Leon.

This Spanish explorer sailed the seas,  
And found Florida on April 2, 1513.  
The Florida panther roams this place  
And other animals in the Everglades.

State abbreviation F to the L  
It's a peninsula as you can tell.  
The “Swanee River” is their song,  
So drink your orange juice and sing  
along.

Tallahassee, the capital of the state.  
F-L-O-R-I-D-A is a grrrrreat! WORD!

### **Florida Fun!**

*By Kallieo and Judy*

Calling all my boys  
Telling them “I'll see ya later.”  
Going on a trip tryin' to catch an alligator.  
Causing a commotion  
From the Atlantic Ocean  
To the Gulf of Mexico.  
That is where I want to go,  
Down south to Florida.  
Its nickname is the “Sunshine State.”  
Population 15 million-3-78.  
Calm with the palm tree,  
Doing our laundry.  
Swimming with a manatee,  
Always watching glee,  
Getting channels for free,  
Go to Tallahassee.  
Orange juice is tasty,  
Fool don't be hasty . . . .oh  
The state insect is the butterfly,  
They get to watch them fly . super-high.  
Our state mammal is the panther.  
Catch it if you can, sir.  
Don't kill it for its soft fur,  
Just listen to it purr.

## **Interesting Facts about Florida**

*By Felix*

Did you know that Florida was the 27<sup>th</sup> state in the U.S.A.? Florida's official flag was adopted in 1900. The state beverage is orange juice. The state reptile is an alligator. Florida was first seen by the Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon on Palm Sunday on April 2, 1513. Tampa is south of Orlando. The state capital is Tallahassee. Florida was admitted to the union on March 3, 1845. The state marine mammal is a manatee. The state mammal is a panther.

## **HAWAII**

### **"The Aloha State"**

*By Judit*

Hoola dancers!

Agriculture is a major industry.

Wailuku River is on the island of Hawaii.

Aloha State is a nickname.

Islands galore!

Indulge in a pineapple.

### **"The Aloha State"**

*By Jonathan E.*

Hawaii is the home of Barack Obama.

With 5 counties in the state,

More than a million people live in Hawaii,

What a beachful state.

The state tree is a kukui,

While the state mammal is a monk seal.

The great "Aloha State."

The state bird is nene, the Hawaiian  
goose.

Mammal is a humpback whale.

Surrounded by water,

Has the beaches,

The best state.

## **ILLINOIS**

### **"Prairie State" Poem**

*By Sheila*

The 21<sup>st</sup> state is called "Prairie."

It became a state on December three.

Illinois is the great state, you see.

Chicago, our home, is the largest city.

Illinois is the fifth most populous state.

The state fish is the blue gill. Isn't that  
great?

Springfield is the state capital,

And the flower is a violet of purple.

The first state flag was designed by  
Lucy Derwent.

It features the 13 colonies, which stripes  
and stars represent.

Illinois is a very interesting state.

I hope you learned a lot about its traits.

*By Fernando B.*

Illinois is the 25<sup>th</sup> biggest state,

And that makes it great.

It's also the fifth most populous state,

Name for the residents is Illinoisans.

It borders Lake Michigan,

Illinois "Prairie State."

Its largest city is Chicago today.

The word Illinois came from Illini.

The highest point, Charles Mound.

Oh, Mine.

The state motto "State Sovereignty,  
National Union."

Someone who was born here was  
Ronald Reagan.

## **MICHIGAN**

*By Myreanna*

Michigan is the 11<sup>th</sup> biggest state in the  
U.S.A.

The state nickname "Wolverine State."

Population is 9,938,444,

Mt. Arvon, 1978 feet above sea level.

The state motto is "If you are seeking an  
amenable peninsula, look around you."

Michigan is great!

## **"The Infamous Michigan"**

*By Karah and Carrie*

Oh Michigan, my sweet Michigan,  
You are so great.  
You're named after the Algonquin tribe.  
You are called the "Great Lake State."  
9,938,444 is your population,  
Detroit is your biggest city,  
Your state's highest point is Mt. Arvom,  
Your state looks like a big ole mitty.  
Ms. Carrie was also born in Michigan.  
The state reptile is the painted turtle.  
The state flower is the apple blossom,  
And make sure you don't twist your  
girdle.

*By Summone*

In the state of Michigan,  
There is a sobbin' robin that is picking  
apple blossoms,  
And the Wolverine State name is  
awesome,  
And the state tree is the white pine tree.  
Then there was a bee falling out of the  
tree, Then the three got fleas.  
The state fish is a brook trout,  
Then they started a scout Canada.  
Then the painted turtle started to weave  
a bandana.

## **MINNESOTA**

*By Leoncio*

The great state of Minnesota was the  
32<sup>nd</sup> state.  
It was born on May 11, 1858.  
Its major industries are corn, wheat, and  
dairy farming.  
It also has a lot of iron ore mining.  
Its major rivers are Minnesota,  
Mississippi, Rainy, Red, and St. Croix,  
And its bordering states are Wisconsin,  
Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota,  
and Iowa.

## **Welcome to Minnesota**

*By Randy*

Welcome to the land of 10,000 lakes,  
The 32<sup>nd</sup> to be part of all states,  
The place where we hail 87 counties,  
Minnesota be the 12<sup>th</sup> biggest state in  
the country.  
Stand up if you're from Minneapolis.  
That's the largest city, treat it like a  
palace.  
So many lakes call our friends the land  
of.  
Hello neighbor. Did you know it was  
Canada?  
Step into St. Paul. It's the capital.  
Home of the Minnesota, Mississippi,  
Rainy, Red, and St. Croix Rivers.  
Don't forget your milk and blueberry  
muffin as your state dinner,  
When you arrive in Minnesota  
nicknamed the "North Star State,"  
The 12<sup>th</sup> biggest state, with the common  
loon bird state.  
Always remember the land of 10,000  
lakes.

## **Minnesota, Yea!** *By Hashon*

The state muffin is blueberry,  
The state beverage is milk,  
The state insect is a monarch butterfly,  
And don't forget the soil,  
It's Minnesota Lester.  
It's got a football team,  
The Minnesota Vikings.  
There are 87 counties in the "Gopher State,"  
Which is the nickname for Minnesota.  
The state grain is wild rice,  
The state mushroom is morel,  
The state bird is the common loon,  
The state flower is the pink and white  
lady slipper,  
The state fish is the walleye,  
And finally, the state tree is the Norway pine.  
Minnesota, Yea!

## **MINNESOTA**

*By Josephine*

In 1858, Minnesota became a state.  
In 1893, they adopted their official flag.  
Minnesota is the 12<sup>th</sup> biggest state and  
the 32<sup>nd</sup> state in the USA. The state  
insects are monarch butterflies and their  
state beverage is milk. Minnesota's  
capital, St. Paul, lies towards the bottom  
of the state. The top of the state  
borders Canada. Their state song is  
"Hail Minnesota." Minnesota's highest  
point is Eagle Mountain. It is 2,301 feet  
above sea level.

The 12<sup>th</sup> biggest state,  
Minnesota is great.  
Lake of the Woods  
Comes from Indian words.  
Eagle Mountain at 2,301 feet,  
Minnesota is the 21<sup>st</sup> most populous  
state,  
Population is 4,919,479,  
Borders Iowa and the Red River  
shines,  
"Gopher State,"  
Hail, Minnesota

## **NEW YORK**

**"Here in the Big City"**

*By Robert*

Here in the big city, the Empire State,  
I met a girl, we're on our first date.  
I'm here on the interstate,  
We're finally near. I've moved in reach.  
Let's hear the cheer!  
We're in New York, we're in New York.  
The New Netherlands, the home of the  
Eastern bird, and the ladybug.  
New York, New York.

## **The State of New York** *By Jaritzi*

New York is the Empire State,  
and there are many New Yorkers,  
who live there today.  
The sugar maple is the state tree,  
and the capital is Albany.  
The state's insect is the nine-spotted  
lady bug. Bay scallop is a state shell.  
The state fruit is an apple,  
and the rose is the state flower.  
State song, "I Love New York," and  
Eastern bluebird is our bird.

## **OHIO**

**Beautiful Ohio** *By Valeria*

Ohio is the seventh most populous state.  
The number of counties is 88.  
It's where the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>  
presidents were born.  
The state food is tomato juice, but not  
corn.  
"With God all things are possible," is  
Ohio's motto.  
Lake Erie is in Ohio.  
Ohio means "good river" still  
The highest point is Campbell Hill.

**Beautiful Ohio** *By Rosalinda*

Let's take a bus, to Ohio's capital  
Columbus.  
Seven presidents were born here,  
we are getting near.  
Lake Erie is by Ohio, there we will go.  
Did you know? The Buckeye State is a  
name for Ohio.  
People are singing the state song,  
"Beautiful Ohio."

*By Ariana*

Ohio has four letters in its name.  
It is a swinging state.  
Columbus is the capital,  
Cleveland Browns football team.  
Buckeyes are a nut.

## **RHODE ISLAND**

*By Fernando D.*

Rhode Islanders

Hope is the motto

Official flag was adopted in 1892,

Dutch explorer Adriaen Black may have  
named it.

Even the flag says "Hope."

"It's for me" is the song,

Smallest state.

Largest City – Providence,

Atlantic Ocean borders the state.

Nickname – "Little Rhody,"

Divided into five counties.

## **TEXAS**

### ***The Poem of Texas***

*By Brayant*

Texas fought Mexico in the 1830s,

Houston is the largest of the cities.

Austin is the state capital,

Now where they find dinosaur fossils.

The Texas state mammal is the  
armadillo

A northern city in Texas is Amarillo.

The state tree is the pecan,

Which you will not find in a field of  
cotton.

Don't forget to see the Alamo

When you visit San Antonio.

*By Melissa*

The state mammal is an armadillo.

It also borders the Gulf of Mexico.

The state vegetable is a sweet onion.

The state fiber is cotton.

The state tree is pecan

The nickname is the Lone-star State.

The state fruit is a red grapefruit.

The state flower is a bluebonnet.

## **TEXAS**

*By Leslie*

Texas has the state motto of friendship

And their song is "Texas, our Texas."

They grow their state fiber cotton

And call themselves Texans.

They have the state plant of prickly pear  
cactus,

And fossils called Texascetes.

Being the 2<sup>nd</sup> most populous state,

They have the state bird of a  
mockingbird.

The monarch butterfly or insect of the  
state

Flies and lands on sideoats grama,  
the grass of Texas.

Outside of Texas is the border of  
Mexico.

It's the bottom of the country,

And can be found very down low.

## **WISCONSIN**

*By Joanna*

Started from the bottom in 1913,

Now Wisconsin is here.

Standing out from the nickname "Badger  
State,"

"Out of many one," –

That's what "*e puribus unum*" means.

From a tiny bird that is small and red,  
it turns into a state robin.

Out of so many big states Wisconsin  
became the 23<sup>rd</sup> biggest state.

All the dairy products that we eat like  
milk and cheese.

And 72 counties are all up in Wisconsin

All stuck together in one state.

The meaning of Wisconsin is "long  
river."

Now about rivers, big Mississippi over  
here with 3 major lakes aside.

Now it goes way up high and gets  
together, which makes WISCONSIN!!

**WISCONSIN**, *By Kevin A.*

The badger is so great  
because it's the animal of the state.  
Every mourning dove that comes  
Is a symbol of peace.  
My flag was adopted in 1913  
with the Dairy Queen.  
One major industry is tourism.  
Oh, Wisconsin, with your fields filled  
with the state grain of corn,  
and fragrance from your flower,  
the wood violet,  
Oh, I remember it started in 1848.  
My people and I named you Ouisconsin  
for your waters and plains.  
Oh, you never look back, only "forward."  
Look how you changed.  
Sailors infest your waters and miners  
dig at your caves.  
Oh, your flag waves gallantly in the air,  
Forged in the year 1913.  
Along with the mourning dove,  
Your sign of hope.  
Oh, Wisconsin, the place I can call  
home.

**WISCONSIN IS WISCONSIN**

Lake Michigan touches Wisconsin,  
Madison is the capital of Wisconsin,  
Wisconsin is the 23<sup>rd</sup> biggest state,  
Wisconsin is the 18<sup>th</sup> most populous  
state.  
So Wisconsin is Wisconsin.