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STUDY GUIDE: U.S. GEOGRAPHY, Part 2

This study guide deals with state attractions and state trivia. National parks and important memorials are also described.

THE NEW ENGLAND STATES: There are 6 New England States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont

NATIONAL PARKS IN NEW ENGLAND: Acadia National Park in Maine--47,000 acres of rugged coastline and granite cliffs; seals, whales, and porpoises, **THE HIGHEST LAND LOCATED ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST IS FOUND WITHIN ACADIA NATIONAL PARK.**

NEW ENGLAND STATE ATTRACTIONS AND OTHER PLACES TO VISIT:

1. Mount Katahdin in Maine is the first place in the U.S. where the sun hits in the morning.
2. The easternmost point in the U.S. is at West Quoddy Head in Maine.
3. Places to visit in Massachusetts:
 - A. Plymouth Rock where the Pilgrims landed on Cape Cod.
 - B. The Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.
 - C. Martha's Vineyard.
 - D. Cape Cod National Seashore.
 - E. Harvard University in Boston.
4. The White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire.
5. Green Mountain National Forest in Vermont.
6. International Tennis Hall of Fame in Rhode Island.
7. Newport Harbor in Rhode Island.

LARGEST CITIES IN THE NEW ENGLAND STATES:

1. Maine--Portland
2. Vermont--Burlington
3. New Hampshire--Manchester

4. Connecticut--Bridgeport
5. Rhode Island--Providence
6. Massachusetts--Boston

NEW ENGLAND TRIVIA FACTS:

1. Maine is the only state that borders only one other state.
2. Hartford, Connecticut is the second largest city in Connecticut and is called "The Insurance Capital of the World."
3. Maine is the largest New England state.
4. Rhode Island is the smallest state in the country.
5. Vermont produces more maple syrup than any other state.
6. The first library in the United States was opened in Salisbury, Connecticut.
7. The first public school and the first printing press were developed in Massachusetts.
8. The American Revolution began in Massachusetts.
9. Harvard was the first American college. It's located in Massachusetts.
10. The world's largest granite quarry is located near Barre, Vermont.
11. Vermont is the only New England State that does not have a coastline on the Atlantic Ocean.
12. Mount Washington is the highest mountain peak in New England. It is located in New Hampshire.
13. Rhode Island is the smallest state in our country. It's only 48 miles long and 37 miles wide.
14. Maine is the only state whose name has only one syllable.

THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES: There are 5 Middle Atlantic States--
New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland

NATIONAL PARKS IN THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES:
Morristown National Historic Park--the headquarters of George Washington during the winter of 1779-1780.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATE ATTRACTIONS AND OTHER PLACES TO VISIT:

1. Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.
2. Places in New York City: Empire State Building, United Nations, Metropolitan Museum of Art.
3. National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.
4. Niagara Falls located between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario.
5. Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and other historic sites in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
6. Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.
7. Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.
8. The U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

9. Fort McHenry National Monument in Maryland.
10. The Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, New York.
11. National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca, New York
12. The Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta, New York.
13. Speed Skating Hall of Fame in Newburgh, New York.

LARGEST CITIES IN THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES:

1. New York--New York City
2. Maryland--Baltimore
3. Delaware--Wilmington
4. New Jersey--Newark
5. Pennsylvania--Philadelphia

MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATE TRIVIA:

1. Delaware became the first state in our country, because it was the first to ratify the Constitution.
2. New York City is the largest city in our country.
3. The first hospital in the U.S. was established in Philadelphia in 1752.
4. Maryland is the narrowest state. At one point, it is only 1 mile wide.
5. The DuPont Company has its headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware. So many chemicals are made in Wilmington that it is called the Chemical Capital of the World.
6. The Miss America contest is held annually in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
7. Thomas Edison's laboratory was located in Menlo Park, New Jersey.
8. George Washington was inaugurated in New York City, our first national capital city.
9. The first oil well in America was drilled in Titusville, Pennsylvania in 1859.
10. The largest chocolate factory in the world is located in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The street lights in this town are shaped like Hershey kisses.
11. Pennsylvania is the only mid-Atlantic state that doesn't touch the ocean.
12. A large Amish community resides in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country.

THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES--There are 10 southeastern states-- Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

NATIONAL PARKS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES:

- Biscayne, Florida-- A water park located on a chain of islands south of Miami in the Atlantic Ocean.
- Everglades in Florida--the largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S.
- Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina and Tennessee.
- Mammoth Caves in Kentucky--the world's longest cave network with over 300 miles of passages.
- Shenandoah in Virginia.

SOUTHEASTERN STATE ATTRACTIONS AND OTHER PLACES TO VISIT:

1. Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia.
2. Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.
3. Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.
4. Mt. Vernon (George Washington's home) in Virginia.
5. Grand Old Opry and Opryland, USA in Nashville, Tennessee.
6. Elvis Presley's home, Graceland, in Memphis, Tennessee.
7. The Wright Brother's National Memorial at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
8. Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina.
9. Fort Sumter in South Carolina where the first shots of the Civil War were fired.
10. Stone Mountain in Georgia where the Confederate leaders are featured in rock sculptures carved on the mountain.
11. Walt Disney World and Universal Studios in Florida.
12. Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral in Florida.
13. The Alabama Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville.
14. Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi.
15. International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
16. Professional Golf Association Hall of Fame in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
17. The PGA World Golf Hall of Fame in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

SOUTHEASTERN STATE TRIVIA:

1. Mississippi was the first state to celebrate Memorial Day as a holiday.
2. St. Augustine, Florida is the oldest city in our country.
3. Florida has the nation's largest peninsula.
4. More battles in the Revolutionary War occurred in South Carolina than any other state.
5. Large cigarette factories are located in Winston-Salem and Durham, North Carolina.
6. Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River.
7. Sir Walter Raleigh founded the first English Colony in America on Roanoke Island off the coast of North Carolina.
8. More presidents were born in Virginia than any other state.
9. Davy Crockett was born in the state of Tennessee.
10. Nashville, Tennessee is the country music capital of the world.
11. Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky.
12. Georgia has more wooded areas than any other state.
13. Augusta, Georgia is where the Master's Golf Tournament is played each year.

LARGEST CITIES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES:

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| 1. Virginia--Virginia Beach | 6. West Virginia--Charleston |
| 2. North Carolina--Charlotte | 7. South Carolina--Columbia |
| 3. Kentucky--Louisville | 8. Tennessee--Memphis |
| 4. Georgia--Atlanta | 9. Florida--Jacksonville |
| 5. Mississippi--Jackson | 10. Alabama--Birmingham |

SOUTH CENTRAL STATES: There are 4 South Central States:
Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Arkansas

NATIONAL PARKS IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES:

Big Bend National Park in Texas--801,000 acres of desert land and rugged mountains on the Rio Grande River; many dinosaur fossils.

Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas-- a fossil reef formed about 225 million years ago.

Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas--47 hot streams that provide water for drinking and bathing.

SOUTH CENTRAL STATE ATTRACTIONS AND OTHER PLACES TO VISIT:

1. The Alamo in San Antonio, Texas.
2. Padre Island National Seashore in Texas.
3. The French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana.
4. National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma.
5. Texas Rangers Hall of Fame in Waco, Texas.
6. NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

SOUTH CENTRAL STATE TRIVIA:

1. The first parking meter in our country was installed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
2. There are oil wells on the Capitol grounds at Oklahoma City, which pump oil from right under the Capitol building.
3. The only diamond mine in America, the Murfreesboro Field, is located in Arkansas.
4. New Orleans, Louisiana is the location of the Mardi Gras festival, and is also the busiest port in the United States.
5. More Native Americans live in Oklahoma than in any other state.
6. Texas is the only state to have five major ports.
7. The Dallas-Fort Worth Airport is the busiest airport in America.

LARGEST CITIES IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES:

1. Texas--Houston
2. Oklahoma--Oklahoma City
3. Arkansas--Little Rock
4. Louisiana--New Orleans

NORTH CENTRAL STATES: There are 12 North Central States:

Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Indiana, and Ohio

NATIONAL PARKS IN THE NORTH CENTRAL STATES:

Badlands National Park in South Dakota--A land where many odd shaped rock formations have formed.

Isle Royale in Michigan-- An island in Lake Superior that has many lakes, wooded areas, and no roads.

Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota--Forests, wildlife, and lakes.

Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota--Limestone caves in the Black Hills.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota--Part of the Elkhorn Ranch where Roosevelt lived before becoming president.

NORTH CENTRAL STATE ATTRACTIONS AND PLACES TO VISIT:

1. Abraham Lincoln's home and tomb in Springfield, Illinois.
2. The Amana Colonies in Iowa.
3. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri.
4. U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth, Minnesota.
5. Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, Michigan.
6. Mount Rushmore where the images of four U.S. Presidents are carved into the rock in South Dakota.
7. Crazy Horse Memorial near Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.
8. Wounded Knee Battlefield in South Dakota.
9. Dwight D. Eisenhower's home and museum in Kansas.

NORTH CENTRAL STATE TRIVIA:

1. The Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota is the largest mall in America.
2. Nebraska has the largest meat-packing plant in the entire country.
3. Michigan is the only state composed of two peninsulas.
4. The geographical center of the United States is located within the state of Kansas.
5. The world's first skyscraper was built in Chicago, Illinois, and the Sear's Tower in Chicago is the tallest building in the United States.
6. Minnesota is the second coldest state in America, after Alaska.
7. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, stands 630 feet tall and is the tallest monument in America. This monument reminds us of the many pioneers who began their trip westward from St. Louis.
8. Ohio was the home of the first professional baseball team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings.
9. The state of Michigan borders all the Great Lakes except Lake Ontario.
10. The source of the Mississippi River is located at Lake Itasca in Minnesota. It is just a stream when it starts, and is so small that you could step across it.
11. John Deere invented a steel plow in Grand Detour, Illinois, and later moved his plant to Moline, Illinois so he could transport his equipment by water.
12. The Auto Racing Hall of Fame is located in Indianapolis, Indiana.
13. Most of the popcorn grown in the United States is grown in Indiana.
14. The world's largest salt deposits are located at Hutchinson, Kansas.
15. The Agricultural Hall of Fame is located in Kansas City, Kansas.

16. Detroit, Michigan produces over 1/4 of the automobiles, trucks, and tractors in America.

17. 60% of the iron ore produced in our country comes from Minnesota.

LARGEST CITIES IN THE NORTH CENTRAL STATES

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| 1. North Dakota--Fargo | 7. Missouri--Kansas City |
| 2. South Dakota--Sioux Falls | 8. Wisconsin--Milwaukee |
| 3. Nebraska--Omaha | 9. Illinois--Chicago |
| 4. Kansas--Wichita | 10. Indiana--Indianapolis |
| 5. Minnesota--Minneapolis | 11. Michigan--Detroit |
| 6. Iowa--Des Moines | 12. Ohio--Columbus |

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES: There are 8 Rocky Mountain States-- Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico.

NATIONAL PARKS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES:

Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado--Ancient cliff dwellings of the Anasazi Indians.

Yellowstone National Park--located in Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana. It is the oldest national park in our country. The geyser, Old Faithful, is a major attraction.

Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona-- carved out by the Colorado River.

Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico--huge underground caves.

Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado--has more than 100 peaks that are over 11,000 feet high.

Nez Perce National Historic Park in Idaho.

Glacier National Park in Montana.

Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

Arches National Park in Utah--giant natural sandstone arches.

Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah-- colorful rock formations carved by erosion.

Canyonlands National Park in Utah.

Great Basin National Park in Nevada.

Petrified Forest in Arizona--woods turned to stone.

Saguaro National Park in Arizona--huge, saguaro cacti up to 200 years old.

Zion National Park in Utah--Indian cliff dwellings on the Zion Canyon.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE ATTRACTIONS AND OTHER PLACES TO VISIT:

1. Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana.
2. Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Montana.
3. The highest bridge in the world over the Royal Gorge in Colorado.
4. Pike's Peak.
5. The Great Salt Lake in Utah.
6. Hoover Dam and Lake Mead Recreational Area in Nevada.
7. The Petrified Forest in Arizona.

8. The Painted Desert in Arizona

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATE TRIVIA:

1. Santa Fe, New Mexico is the oldest capital city in America.
2. The first atomic bomb was exploded in New Mexico as a test in 1945.
3. Nevada is the driest state, receiving less rain than any of the other states.
4. The deepest cave in our country is found within Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.
5. Two-thirds of all potatoes grown in our country are grown in the state of Idaho.
6. The Grand Mesa in Colorado is the world's largest flat-topped mountain.
7. Nevada's main source of income is obtained through gambling. Las Vegas and Reno are key gambling cities.
8. The nation's first congresswoman, Jeanette Rankin, was elected in Montana. She was the only one in Congress to vote against entering both World War I and World War II.
9. Boulder, Colorado is the only city in the country that owns a glacier. As the glacier melts, the city uses its water.
10. The U. S. Air Force Academy is located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

LARGEST CITIES IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES:

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| 1. Montana--Billings | 5. Nevada--Las Vegas |
| 2. Idaho--Boise | 6. Colorado--Denver |
| 3. Wyoming--Cheyenne | 7. Arizona--Phoenix |
| 4. Utah--Salt Lake City | 8. New Mexico--Albuquerque |

THE PACIFIC STATES: There are 5 Pacific States--
Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and Alaska

NATIONAL PARKS IN THE PACIFIC STATES:

- Death Valley National Park in California--the largest national park that is not located in Alaska; a very hot desert with huge sand dunes and desert animals.
- Denali National Park in Alaska--contains the highest mountains in our country.
- Gates of the Arctic in Alaska--a huge wilderness tundra.
- Haleakala in Hawaii--contains the largest crater of any inactive volcano.
- Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park--Home of the active volcanoes, Mauna Loa and Kilauea.
- Joshua Tree National Park in California--large desert with unusual desert plants.
- Kings Canyon in California--has the highest canyon wall in America.
- Lassen Volcanic National Park--Contains Lassen Peak.
- Mount Rainier in Washington--Mount Rainier Volcano.
- North Cascades in Washington--canyons, lakes, and glaciers.
- Redwood National Park in California.
- Sequoia National Park in California--Many Sequoia trees and Mount Whitney.

Wrangle-Saint Elias--the LARGEST NATIONAL PARK.
Yosemite National Park--has the highest waterfall in North America.
Zion National Park in Utah.
Crater Lake National Park in Oregon.

PACIFIC STATE ATTRACTIONS AND PLACES TO VISIT:

1. Lake Tahoe in California.
2. Disneyland in Anaheim, California.
3. Hollywood, California, the home of the stars.
4. Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River.
5. Mt. St. Helens in Washington.
6. Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.
7. U.S.S. Arizona memorial in Hawaii.
8. Mount McKinley in Alaska, the highest mountain in our country.
9. San Juan Capistrano--a mission to which the swallows return each year to nest.

PACIFIC STATE TRIVIA:

1. Alaska is the biggest and the coldest state in the United States.
2. California is the most populous state in the country.
3. Hawaii is the only state made of islands. People live on 7 of these islands.
4. Oregon produces more timber than any other state.
5. Crater Lake in Oregon is the deepest lake in the United States.
6. Kodiak bears live on Kodiak Island, just off the coast of Alaska.
7. Alaska is the only state where houseflies are not found.
8. Juneau, Alaska covers more ground than any other city in our country.
9. Alaska has more tourists than residents.
10. San Jose's Silicon Valley in California is noted for its computer industry.

LARGEST CITIES IN THE PACIFIC STATES:

1. Alaska--Anchorage
2. Washington--Seattle
3. Oregon--Portland
4. California--Los Angeles
5. Hawaii--Honolulu