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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The United States' most northeasterly and northwesterly states' names mean the same thing: "the mainland." What are these two states? (*Maine, Alaska*.)
2. Canada has two provinces named after the word "strait" in different Indian languages. The more easterly has a long strait leading to its capital city, and the westerly one has a long lake with the same name as the province. Using the map, can you figure out which two provinces these are? (*Québec, Manitoba*)
3. Two U.S. states border eight other states. Using the map, can you identify them? (*Tennessee, Missouri*)
4. The largest bay in the U.S. is not in the state nicknamed "the Bay State." Can you find the state with the bay, and do you know which state is the "Bay State?" (*Maryland, Massachusetts*)
5. One Canadian province has no land at all on Canada's mainland. Can you find it? (*Prince Edward Island*)
6. Canada's newest territory is largely inhabited by the Inuit people (sometimes called Eskimos). Despite the fact it is the largest territory in Canada, it shares land borders with only two others. What is its name, and which territories does it border? (*Nunavut; Northwest Territories and Manitoba*)
7. One state was annexed to the U.S. under a treaty that provides for it to be divided into up to four states any time it wishes, which would add several new borders between Louisiana and New Mexico. What state is this? (*Texas*)

8. Churchill, Manitoba, is a tiny northern town that yearly receives an influx of polar bears who wait around town for the ice to freeze on a nearby, large body of water so they can hunt seals. Can you name this huge, shallow body of water? (*Hudson Bay*)

9. There are two Canadian provinces and nine U.S. states bearing an individual person's name or nickname. Using the map, can you name them? (*Alberta, Prince Edward Island; Washington, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware*. See each entry for what each territory's name means.)

10. There are five Great Lakes in North America. Can you name them? (*Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario*) Can you find them all on the map?. What is the largest lake near where you live? In your country? On your continent? (*Africa, L. Victoria; Asia, Caspian Sea; Australia, L. Eyre; Europe, L. Ladoga; North America, L. Superior; S. America, L. Titicaca.*) In the world? (*The Caspian Sea.*)

11. At 20,320 feet, Mount McKinley in Alaska is the highest mountain in the North America. What is the highest mountain on your continent? (*Asia, Mt. Everest [Nepal]; Europe, Mt. Elbrus [Russian Caucasus] or Mont Blanc [France/Switzerland]; N. America, Mt. McKinley/Mt. Denali [U.S.A.]; S. America, Mt. Aconcagua [Argentina].*) In the world? (*Mt. Everest.*)

FAMILIARITY WITH THE U.S. & CANADA

- How many states and provinces have you been to?
- How many capitals have you visited?
- What's the farthest state or province you've been to?
- What's the biggest state or province you've been to? What's the smallest?
- Have you visited an ocean? Which one? More than one? Have you visited a gulf or bay?

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MATCH THE STATES & PROVINCES WITH THEIR CAPITALS

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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| 1. Alabama | a. Albany |
| 2. Alaska | b. Annapolis |
| 3. Arizona | c. Atlanta |
| 4. Arkansas | d. Augusta |
| 5. California | e. Austin |
| 6. Colorado | f. Baton Rouge |
| 7. Connecticut | g. Bismarck |
| 8. Delaware | h. Boise |
| 9. Florida | i. Boston |
| 10. Georgia | j. Carson City |
| 11. Hawaii | k. Charleston |
| 12. Idaho | l. Cheyenne |
| 13. Illinois | m. Columbia |
| 14. Indiana | n. Columbus |
| 15. Iowa | o. Concord |
| 16. Kansas | p. Denver |
| 17. Kentucky | q. Des Moines |
| 18. Louisiana | r. Dover |
| 19. Maine | s. Frankfort |
| 20. Maryland | t. Harrisburg |
| 21. Massachusetts | u. Hartford |
| 22. Michigan | v. Helena |
| 23. Minnesota | w. Honolulu |
| 24. Mississippi | x. Indianapolis |
| 25. Missouri | y. Jackson |
| 26. Montana | z. Jefferson City |
| 27. Nebraska | aa. Juneau |
| 28. Nevada | bb. Lansing |
| 29. New Hampshire | cc. Lincoln |
| 30. New Jersey | dd. Little Rock |
| 31. New Mexico | ee. Madison |

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| 32. New York | ff. Montgomery |
| 33. North Carolina | gg. Montpelier |
| 34. North Dakota | hh. Nashville |
| 35. Ohio | ii. Oklahoma City |
| 36. Oklahoma | jj. Olympia |
| 37. Oregon | kk. Phoenix |
| 38. Pennsylvania | ll. Pierre |
| 39. Rhode Island | mm. Providence |
| 40. South Carolina | nn. Raleigh |
| 41. South Dakota | oo. Richmond |
| 42. Tennessee | pp. Sacramento |
| 43. Texas | qq. Salem |
| 44. Utah | rr. Salt Lake City |
| 45. Vermont | ss. Springfield |
| 46. Virginia | tt. St. Paul |
| 47. Washington | uu. Santa Fe |
| 48. West Virginia | vv. Tallahassee |
| 49. Wisconsin | ww. Topeka |
| 50. Wyoming | xx. Trenton |

CANADA

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| 1. Alberta | a. St. John's |
| 2. British Columbia | b. Toronto |
| 3. Manitoba | c. Regina |
| 4. New Brunswick | d. Halifax |
| 5. Newfoundland & Labrador | e. Iqaliut |
| 6. Nova Scotia | f. Fredericton |
| 7. Ontario | g. Quebec City |
| 8. Prince Edward Isl. | h. Whitehorse |
| 9. Quebec | i. Yellowknife |
| 10. Saskatchewan | j. Georgetown |
| 11. Northwest Territories | k. Victoria |
| 12. Yukon Territory | l. Winnipeg |
| 13. Nunavut Territory | m. Edmonton |

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ALABAMA

Name means: Named for Alabama Indians (also called Alibamu, *Albaamaha* in own language, related to Creek and Choctaw)

Motto: *Audemus jura nostra defendere.* (Latin, "We dare defend our rights.")

Capital: Montgomery

State bird: Yellowhammer

State flower: Camelia

State mammal: Black bear, Racking horse

Highest point: Cheaha Mountain, 2,407 ft.

Nickname: The Cotton State, the Yellowhammer State

Population: 4,447,000, 23rd

Famous Alabamans: Hank Aaron, Mobile;

Tallulah Bankhead, Huntsville; Hugo Black,

Harlan; Nat "King" Cole, Montgomery;

Condoleeza Rice, Lionel Hampton, Emmy Lou

Harris, Kate Jackson, Birmingham; Helen

Keller, Tusculumbia; Coretta Scott King, Marion;

Harper Lee, Truman Capote, Monroeville; Joe

Louis, Lexington; Willie Mays, Westfield; Jesse

Owens, Danville; Rosa Parks, Tuskegee; George

Wallace, Clio; William Red Eagle Weatherford,

unknown; Hank Williams, Georgiana; Walker

Percy, Birmingham.

ALASKA

Name means: "The Mainland" (lit. *alaxsxaq*, "object-toward-which-the-action-of-the-sea-is-directed") in Inuit

Motto: North to the Future

Capital: Juneau

State bird: Willow Ptarmigan

State flower: Forget-Me-Not

State mammal: Moose, bowhead whale

Highest point: Mt. McKinley, 20,320 ft. (also called *Mt. Denali*)

Nickname: The Last Frontier

Population: 627,000, 48th

Famous Alaskans: Carlos Boozer, Hilary Lindh,

Juneau; Scott Gomez, Trajan Langdon, Irene

Bedard, Anchorage; Jewel Kilcher, Homer

ARIZONA

Name means: Unclear. Most likely "good oaks," from Basque *aritz onak*.

Motto: *Ditat Deus.* (Latin, "God enriches.")

Capital: Phoenix

State bird: Cactus Wren

State flower: Saguaro cactus blossom

State mammal: Ringtail

Highest point: Humphrey's Peak, 12,633 ft.

Nickname: The Grand Canyon State, the Apache State, the Copper State

Population: 5,130,000, 20th

Famous Arizonans: Lynda Carter, Barry

Goldwater, Phoenix; Cochise, Geronimo,

Apache Kid, Arizona Territory; Cesar Chavez,

Yuma; Charles Mingus, Nogales; Linda

Ronstadt, Kerri Strug, Tuscon.

ARKANSAS

Name means: Illinoisan *acansa*, "downstream people" via French

Motto: *Regnat populus.* (Latin, "The people rule.")

Capital: Little Rock

State bird: Mockingbird

State flower: Apple Blossom

State mammal: White-tailed deer

Highest point: Magazine Mountain, 2,753 ft.

Nickname: The Natural State (formerly "Land of Opportunity"), the Bear State, the Razorback State

Population: 2,673,000, 33rd

Birthplace of Presidents: William J. Clinton (*né*

William J. Blythe III), Hope, August 19, 1946.

Famous Arkansans: Maya Angelou, Saint Louis;

Helen Gurley Brown, Green Forest; Glen

Campbell, Delight; Johnny Cash, Kingsland;

Eldridge Cleaver, Walbaseha; Orval Faubus,

Combs; John Grisham, Jonesboro; Scott Joplin,

Texarkana; Alan Ladd, Hot Springs; Dick

Powell, Mountain View.

CALIFORNIA

Name means: Mythical island in 1510 Spanish romance by Montalvo

Motto: *Eureka.* (Greek, "I have found it." — Archimedes)

Capital: Sacramento

State bird: California Valley Quail

State flower: California Poppy

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State mammal: Grizzly bear, gray whale
Highest point: Mt. Whitney, 14,494 ft.
Nickname: The Golden State
Population: 33,871,000, 1st
Birthplace of Presidents: Richard M. Nixon, Yorba Linda, January 9, 1913.
Famous Californians: Shirley Temple, Robert Redford, Santa Monica; Dave Brubeck, Concord; Julia Child, Pasadena; Leonardo DiCaprio, Hollywood; Joe DiMaggio, Martinez; Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, Alameda; Isadora Duncan, Robert Frost, Jerry Garcia, William Randolph Hearst, Jack London, San Francisco; Pancho Gonzalez, Adlai Stevenson, Earl Warren, Los Angeles; Jeff Gordon, Vallejo; Anthony Kennedy, Sacramento; George Lucas, Modesto; Mark McGuire, Pomona; Aimee Semple McPherson, Ontario; George S. Patton, San Gabriel; Sally Ride, Encino; William Saroyan, Fresno; John Steinbeck, Salinas; Serena & Venus Williams, Lynwood; Tiger Woods, Cypress.

COLORADO

Name means: Spanish, "Colored," after the waters of the Colorado River
Motto: *Nil sine numine.* (Latin, "Nothing without Providence.")
Capital: Denver
State bird: Lark Bunting
State flower: Rocky Mountain Columbine
State mammal: Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep
Highest point: Mt. Elbert, 14,433 ft.
Nickname: The Centennial State
Population: 4,301,000, 24th
Famous Coloradans: Lon Chaney Sr., Colorado Springs; Jack Dempsey, Manassa; Douglas Fairbanks, Denver; Byron "Whizzer" White, Fort Collins; Jessica Biel, Boulder.

CONNECTICUT

Name means: Mohican name for Connecticut River, *quinnitukqut*, lit. "long tidal river."
Motto: *Ditat Deus.* (Latin, "God enriches.")
Capital: Hartford
State bird: Robin
State flower: Mountain laurel
State mammal: Sperm whale
Highest point: Mt. Frissell, 2,830 ft.

Nickname: The Constitution State, the Nutmeg State
Population: 3,405,000, 29th
Birthplace of Presidents: George W. Bush, New Haven, July 6, 1946.
Famous Connecticuters: Ethan Allen, Henry Ward Beecher, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Litchfield; Dean Acheson, Middletown; Benedict Arnold, Norwich; P.T. Barnum, Bethel; Samuel Colt, Katharine Hepburn, J. Pierpont Morgan, Frederick Law Olmstead, Marcus Camby, Hartford; Charles Goodyear, Michael Bolton, Liz Phair, New Haven; Charles Ives, Danbury; Annie Liebovitz, Waterbury; Noah Webster, West Hartford; Ralph Nader, Winstead; Jeff Bagwell, Killingworth; Chris Drury, Trumbull; Dorothy Hamill, Steve Young, Glenn Close, Greenwich; Bruce Jenner, Newtown; Christopher Lloyd, Bobby Valentine, Stamford; Ann Coulter, New Canaan; Ernest Borgnine, Hamden; Robert Mitchum, Bridgeport; Chloe Sevigny, Kate Bosworth, Darien.

DELAWARE

Name means: Named for Thomas West, third Baron De La Warr.
Motto: Liberty & Independence
Capital: Dover
State bird: Blue Hen Chicken
State flower: Peach Blossom
State mammal: None
Highest point: Humphrey's Peak, 12,633 ft.
Nickname: The First State, the Diamond State, the Blue Hen State.
Population: 784,000, 45th
Famous Delawareans: E.I. du Pont, Valerie Bertinelli, Judge Reinhold, Elizabeth Shue, George Thorogood, Wilmington; Caesar Rodney, Teri Polo, Dover; Ryan Phillipe, New Castle.

FLORIDA

Name means: "Flowery" From *Pascua Florida*, Spanish for "Flowery Easter," because it was discovered in the Easter season of 1519 by Juan Ponce de León.
Motto: In God We Trust
Capital: Tallahassee
State bird: Mockingbird

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State flower: Orange Blossom

State mammal: Florida panther, manatee, bottlenose dolphin

Highest point: Britton Hill, 345 ft.

Nickname: The Sunshine State

Population: 16,000,000, 3rd

Famous Floridians: Ronnie Van Zandt, David Duval, Bob Hayes, Pat Boone, Jacksonville; Steve Carlton, Janet Reno, Sidney Poitier, Ben Vereen, Bob Vila, Miami; Fay Dunaway, Bascom; Stepin Fetchit, David Robinson, Key West; Butterfly McQueen, Dwight Gooden, Hulk Hogan, Tampa; Zora Neal Hurston, Eatonville; Darrell Hammond, Jim Morrison, Melbourne; Don Sutton, Emmitt Smith Pensacola; Wayne Brady, Wesley Snipes, Delta Burke, Orlando; Carl Hiaasen, Plantation; Tom Petty, Gainesville; Vince Carter, Daytona Beach; Daunte Culpepper, Ocala; Tim Raines, Sanford.

GEORGIA

Name means: Named after King George II of England

Motto: Wisdom, Justice & Moderation

Capital: Dover

State bird: Brown Thrasher

State flower: Cherokee Rose

State mammal: Right whale

Highest point: Brasstown Bald, 4,784 ft.

Nickname: The Peach State

Population: 8,200,000, 10th

Birthplace of Presidents: James Earl Carter, Plains, October 1, 1924.

Famous Georgians: Otis Redding, Dawson; Jim Brown, St. Simons Island; Erskine Caldwell, Moreland; Ray Charles, Albany; Ty Cobb, Narrows; Oliver Hardy, Harlem; "Doc" Holliday, Griffin; Jasper Johns, Jessye Norman, James Brown, Augusta; Martin Luther King Jr., Gladys Knight, Bobby Jones, DeForest Kelley, Margaret Mitchell, Pat Conroy, Steven Soderbergh, Atlanta; Flannery O'Connor, Johnny Mercer, Stacey Keach, Savannah; Burt Reynolds, Waycross; Little Richard, Macon; Jackie Robinson, Cairo; Clarence Thomas, Pin Point; Larry Holmes, Cuthbert; Kim Basinger, Athens; Julia Roberts, Smyrna.

HAWAII

Name means: Uncertain. Most likely a Polynesian placename.

Motto: *Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono*

(Hawaiian, "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.")

Capital: Honolulu

State bird: Nene

State flower: Yellow Hibiscus. In addition, each island has a symbolic flower

State mammal: Humpback whale

Highest point: Mauna Kea, 13,796 ft.

Nickname: The Aloha State

Population: 1,211,000, 42th

Famous Hawaiians: Buster Crabbe, Daniel Inouye, Barack Obama, Bette Midler, Timothy Olyphant, Steve Case, Tia Carrere, Kam Fong Chun, Erin Gray, Jason Scott Lee, Jake Shimabukuro, Kelly Hu, Michelle Wie, Honolulu; Akebono, Waimanalo; Fr. Damien, Molokai; Don Ho, Kakaako; Gen. Eric Shineki, Lihue.

IDAHO

Name means: Unclear. Mostly likely a hoax Indian name created by industrialist George Willing who claimed it was Shoshone for "the sun comes from the mountains" or "the gem of the mountains." Could be from Plains Apache *idaabé*, meaning "enemy" (referring to the Comanches).

Motto: *Esto perpetua* (Latin, "May it be forever.")

Capital: Boise

State bird: Mountain Bluebird

State flower: Syringa

State mammal: Appaloosa horse

Highest point: Borah Peak, 12,662 ft.

Nickname: The Gem State

Population: 1,300,000, 39th

Famous Idahoans: Gutzon Borglum, Bear Lake; Lou Dobbs, Rupert; Philo Farrow, Rigby; Mark "Deep Throat" Felt, Twin Falls; Chief Joseph, Harmon Killebrew, Payette; Jerry Kramer, Sandpoint; Jake Plummer, Boise; Ezra Pound, Hailey; Sacajawea, near Tendoy; Picabo Street, Triumph; Lana Turner, Wallace.

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ILLINOIS

Name means: Miami-Illinois *ileenewá*, “he/she speaks normally” via French.

Motto: State Sovereignty, National Union

Capital: Springfield

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Purple Violet

State mammal: White-tailed deer

Highest point: Charles Mound, 1,235 ft.

Nickname: The Prairie State, Land of Lincoln

Population: 12,419,000, 5th

Birthplace of Presidents: Ronald Reagan, Tampico, February 6, 1911.

Famous Illinoisans: Walt Disney, Raymond Chandler, John Dos Passos, Preston Sturges, Benny Goodman, Harrison Ford, Jack Benny, Gloria Swanson, Bob Newhart, Florenz Ziegfeld, Raquel Welch, Edgar Rice Burroughs, Quincy Jones, David Mamet, Chicago; Chief Black Hawk, unknown; Ray Bradbury, Waukegan; Jimmy Connors, East St. Louis; Miles Davis, Alton; Cindy Crawford, DeKalb; Richard Pryor, Betty Friedan, Peoria; Ernest Hemingway, Oak Park; Charlton Heston, Joan & John Cusack, Jeremy Piven, Evanston; “Wild Bill” Hickok, Troy Park; William Holden, O’Fallon; Rock Hudson, Winnetka; Bill Murray, Wilmette; Clyde Tombaugh, Streator; Dick Van Dyke, Danville.

INDIANA

Name means: Latin, “Land of the Indians”

Motto: The Crossroads of America

Capital: Indianapolis

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Peony

State mammal: None

Highest point: Hoosier Hill, 1,257 ft.

Nickname: The Hoosier State

Population: 6,080,000, 14th

Famous Indianans: Larry Bird, French Lick; Eli Lilly, Booth Tarkington, Kurt Vonnegut, John Dillinger, David Letterman, Dan Quayle, Jeff George, Greg Oden, Vivica Fox, Indianapolis; Carole Lombard, Shelley Long, Fort Wayne; Steve McQueen, Beech Grove; James Dean, Fairmount; Irene Dunne, Madison; Red Skelton, Vincennes; Hoagy Carmichael, David Lee Roth, Bloomington; Janet & Michael

Jackson, Karl Malden, Gary; John Mellencamp, Seymour; Cole Porter, Peru; Axl Rose, Lafayette; Scatman Crothers, Terre Haute; Florence Henderson, Dale; Tony Stewart, Columbus; John Wooden, Martinsville; “Colonel” Harlan Sanders, Henryville; Orville Redenbacher, Jimmy Hoffa, Brazil; Rex Stout, Noblesville; Twyla Tharp, Portland; Wilbur Wright, Millville.

IOWA

Name means: Named for the Iowa Indians, Santee Sioux *ayuxwe* via French *Aiouez*.

Motto: Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain

Capital: Des Moines

State bird: Eastern Goldfinch

State flower: Wild Prairie Rose

State mammal: None

Highest point: High Point, 1,670 ft.

Nickname: The Hawkeye State, the Tall Corn State

Population: 2,926,000, 30th

Birthplace of Presidents: Herbert Hoover, West Branch, August 10, 1874.

Famous Iowans: Bix Beiderbecke, Davenport; “Buffalo Bill” Cody, Scott County; “Ann Landers” & “Abigail Van Buren” Sioux City; Bob Feller, Van Meter; Tom Arnold, Ottumwa; Bill Bryson, Des Moines; Terry Farrell, Elijah Wood, Cedar Rapids; William Frawley, Kurt Warner, Burlington; Glenn Miller, Clarinda; Donna Reed, Denison; Jean Seberg, Marshalltown; Henry Wallace, Orient; John Wayne, Winterset; Grant Wood, Anamosa; Don & Phil Everly, Shenandoah.

KANSAS

Name means: Named for Kanza (Kaw) Indian tribe, via French.

Motto: *Ad astra per aspera* (Latin, “To the stars through difficulties.”)

Capital: Topeka

State bird: Western Meadowlark

State flower: Sunflower

State mammal: American Bison

Highest point: Mt. Sunflower, 4,039 ft.

Nickname: The Sunflower State, the Jayhawk State

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Population: 2,688,000, 32th

Famous Kansans: Jim Ryun, Barry Sanders, Gale Sayers, Hattie McDaniel, Kirstie Alley, Jim Lehrer, Wichita; Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, Smith Center; Annette Benning, Dean Smith, Topeka; Louise Brooks, Vivian Vance, Cherryvale; Amelia Earhart, Atchison; R. Lee Ermey, Emporia; Dennis Hopper, Dodge City; Paul Rudd, Lenexa; Buster Keaton, Piqua; Emmett Kelly, Sedan; Damon Runyon, Cassandra "Elvira" Peterson, Manhattan; Charlie Parker, Kansas City; John Riggins, Seneca; Adolph Rupp, Halstead; Walter Chrysler, Warnego; Bob Dole, Russell; Gary Hart, Ottawa; John Carmack, Shawnee Mission;

KENTUCKY

Name means: Uncertain. Various Indian etymologies proposed; most likely are Iroquoian words for "meadow" or "prairie" (e.g., Mohawk *kenbtà'ke*, Seneca *kěhta'keh*.)

Motto: United we stand, divided we fall.

Capital: Frankfort

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Goldenrod

State mammal: Gray squirrel, thoroughbred horse

Highest point: Black Mountain, 4,145 ft.

Nickname: The Bluegrass State

Population: 4,041,000, 25th

Birthplace of Presidents: Abraham Lincoln,

Hardin (now Larue) County, February 12, 1809.

Famous Kentuckians: Louis Brandeis, Muhammad Ali (*né* Cassius Clay), Paul Hornung, Ned Beatty, Tod Browning, Wes Unseld, Hunter S. Thompson, Louisville; Jim Bowie, Logan County; James Best, Powderly; Rosemary Clooney, Maysville; George Clooney, Augusta; Johnny Depp, Owensboro; D.W. Griffith, La Grange; Ashley, Wynonna & Naomi Judd, Chuck Woolery, Ashland; Tony Snow, Berea; Adrian Belew, Covington; Billy Ray Cyrus, Flatwoods; Loretta Lynn, Butcher Holler; Bill Monroe, Rosine; John Taliaferro Thompson, Newport; Jim Bunning, Southgate; Harold "Pee Wee" Reese, Ekron; Darrell & Michael Waltrip, Owenboro, Jefferson Davis, Fairview; Crystal Gayle, Paintsville.

LOUISIANA

Name means: "Land of Louis" after King Louis XIV of France.

Motto: Union, Justice & Confidence

Capital: Baton Rouge

State bird: Eastern Brown Pelican

State flower: Magnolia

State mammal: Black bear, Catahoula leopard dog

Highest point: Driskill Mountain, 535 ft.

Nickname: The Pelican State, the Bayou State, the Creole State, the Sugar State

Population: 4,468,000, 22nd

Famous Louisianans: Louis Armstrong, Mahalia Jackson, Jean Lafitte, Antoine "Fats" Domino, Marie Laveau, Dorothy Lamour, Branford & Wynton Marsalis, Ray Walston, Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton, Harry Connick Jr., Clyde Drexler, Marshall Faulk, Greg & Bryant Gumbel, Lillian Hellman, John Larroquette, Eli & Peyton Manning, Aaron Neville, Randy Newman, Lee Harvey Oswald, Anne Rice, New Orleans; Terry Bradshaw, Shreveport; Jerry Lee Lewis, Ferriday; Paul Prudhomme, Opelousas; Ellen DeGeneres, Metairie; Buddy Guy, Lettsworth; Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter, Mooringsport; Huey Long, Winnfield; Karl Malone, Bernice.

MAINE

Name means: Probably "the main," meaning "mainland."

Motto: *Dirigo* (Latin, "I direct.")

Capital: Augusta

State bird: Chickadee

State flower: White Pine cone and tassel

State mammal: Moose, Maine coon cat

Highest point: Katahdin Mountain, 5,268 ft.

Nickname: The Pine Tree State

Population: 1,275,000, 40th

Famous Mainers: John Ford, Joan Benoit, Cape Elizabeth; Stephen King, Linda Lavin, Portland; Hiram Maxim, Sangerville; Edna St. Vincent Millay, Rockland; Patrick Dempsey, Lewiston; Shirley Povich, Bar Harbor; Edwin Arlington Robinson, Gardiner; Janwillem van de Wetering, Waltham.

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MARYLAND

Name means: Named after Henrietta Maria, Queen Consort of King Charles I of England

Motto: *Fatti maschii, parole femine* (Florentine Italian, “Manly deeds, womanly words” or “strong deeds, gentle words.”)

Capital: Annapolis

State bird: Baltimore Oriole (Northern Oriole)

State flower: Black-Eyed Susan

State mammal: Thoroughbred horse, Chesapeake Bay retriever, calico cat

State sport: Jousting

Highest point: Hoye Crest, 3,360 ft.

Nickname: The Free State, the Old Line State

Population: 5,296,000, 19th

Famous Marylanders: Edgar Allan Poe, Thurgood Marshall, “Babe” Ruth, Cab Calloway, Eubie Blake, Billie Holliday, Upton Sinclair, H.L. Mencken, Leon Uris, Frank Zappa, Philip Glass, Barry Levinson, John Waters, Nancy Pelosi, Charles Dutton, David Hasselhoff, Baltimore; Frederick Douglass, Tuckahoe; Benjamin Banneker, Ellicott City; John Barth, Cambridge; James M. Cain, Annapolis; Charles Carroll of Carrollton; Samuel Chase, Somerset County; John Dickinson, Talbot County; John Wilkes Booth, Bel Air; Francis Scott Key, Carroll County; Harriet Tubman, Dorchester County; Ben Stein, Carl Bernstein, Dominique Dawes, Silver Spring; Tom Clancy, Baltimore County; Dashiell Hammett, St. Mary’s County; Frank Miller, Olney; Tori Amos, Rockville; Toni Braxton, Severn; David Byrne, Arbutus; Goldie Hawn, Takoma Park; Jim Henson, Hyattsville; William H. Macy, Cumberland; Edward Norton, Columbia; Cal Ripken Jr., Havre de Grace; Stephen Decatur, Sinexpuxent; John Carroll, S.J., Upper Marlboro.

MASSACHUSETTS

Name means: Named for Massachusetts Indians; from *mass-adchu-s-et*, “at the little big hill” probably referring to Great Blue Hill.

Motto: *Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietam* (Latin, “By the sword, she seeks peace under liberty.”)

Capital: Boston

State bird: Black-Capped Chickadee

State flower: Mayflower

State mammal: Right whale, Morgan horse, tabby cat, Boston terrier

Highest point: Mt. Greylock 3,491 ft.

Nickname: The Bay State

Population: 6,350,000, 13th

Birthplace of Presidents:

John Adams, Braintree (now Quincy), October 30, 1735.

John Quincy Adams, Braintree (now Quincy), July 11, 1767.

John F. Kennedy, Brookline, May 29, 1917.

George H.W. Bush, Milton, June 12, 1924.

Famous Bay Staters: Paul Revere, Winslow Homer, James McNeill Whistler, Norman Rockwell, Louis Sullivan, Edward Kennedy, Jeremy Roenick, Boston; Tony Amonte, Hingham; Keith Tkachuk, Melrose; Dennis Leary, Bill Guerin, Worcester; Steve Carell, Acton; Robert Kennedy, Conan O’Brien, Brookline; Jay Leno, Andover; Jack Lemmon, John Forbes Kerry, John Krasinski, Newton; Oliver Wendell Holmes, E.E. Cummings, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Cambridge; Emily Dickinson, Uma Thurman, Amherst; Bette Davis, Lowell; Louisa May Alcott, Concord; Nathaniel Hawthorne, Salem; Theodore “Dr.” Seuss Geisel, Springfield; Susan B. Anthony, Adams, Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman, Leominster; John Hancock, Braintree; Eli Whitney, Westboro.

MICHIGAN

Name means: “Great Lake” from Ojibwe *mishigami*

Motto: *Si quaeris peninsulam amoenam, circumspice* (Latin, “If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look around you.” Adaptation of Christopher Wren’s epitaph.)

Capital: Lansing

State bird: Robin

State flower: Apple Blossom

State mammal: White-tailed deer, wolverine

Highest point: Mt. Arvon, 1,980 ft.

Nickname: The Wolverine State, the Great Lakes State

Population: 9,938,000, 8th

Famous Michiganders: Henry Ford, Dearborn; William Boeing, Charles Lindbergh, D.D. Buick, H.E. & J.F. Dodge, Rosa Parks, Leon

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Czolgosz, Francis Ford Coppola, Danny Thomas, Marlo Thomas, Elmore Leonard, George C. Scott, Tom Selleck, Anita Baker, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, Mary Wells, Jackie Wilson, Ed McMahon, Sonny Bono, Sherilyn Fenn, Gilda Radner, Della Reese, Sid Meier, Detroit; W.K. Kellogg, Battle Creek; Ted & Sam Raimi, Bruce Campbell, Tim Allen, David Spade, Birmingham; Paul Shrader, Andy Richter, Gillian Anderson, Grand Rapids; Kristin Bell, Huntington Woods; Jeff Daniels, Chelsea; James Earl Jones, Dublin; Bill Haley, Tim Meadows, Highland Park; Malcolm X, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, John Hughes, Steven Seagal, Lansing, Michael Moore, Davison; Edgar Bergen, Decatur, Dr. H.H. Crippen, Coldwater, George Armstrong Custer, Monroe; Stevie Wonder, Sagniauw; Eminem, Warren; Madonna, Bay City; Bob Seger, Ann Arbor; Chief Pontiac, near Detroit River; Derek Jeter, Kalamazoo; Mike Modano, Westland; Harry Blackstone Jr., Three Rivers.

MINNESOTA

Name means: Santee Sioux *mini-sota*, meaning "clouded water"

Motto: L'Étoile du Nord (French, "Star of the North")

Capital: St. Paul

State bird: Common Loon

State flower: Pink & white lady's-slipper

State mammal: Eastern timber wolf

Highest point: Eagle Mountain 2,301 ft.

Nickname: The North Star State, Land of Ten Thousand Lakes, the Gopher State

Population: 4,919,000, 21th

Famous Minnesotans: J. Paul Getty, Prince, Joel & Ethan Coen, Charles M. Schulz, Eddie Albert, Vince Vaughn, Minneapolis; F. Scott Fitzgerald, Dave Winfield, William Demarest, Loni Anderson, St. Paul; Bob Dylan, Duluth; Al Franken, St. Louis Park; Terry Gilliam, Medicine Lake; Tippi Hedren, Lafayette; Jessica Lange, Jaime Langenbrunner, Cloquet; Sinclair Lewis, Sauk Centre; John Madden, Austin; Walter Mondale, Ceylon; Bronko Nagurski, International Falls; Lea Thompson, Rochester; Garrison Keillor, Anoka.

MISSISSIPPI

Name means: "Great river" from Ojibwe *misi-ziibi* or other Algonquin language

Motto: Virtute et armis (Latin, "by valor and arms")

Capital: Jackson

State bird: Mockingbird

State flower: Magnolia

State mammal: Red fox, white-tailed deer, bottlenose dolphin

Highest point: Woodall Mountain, 806 ft.

Nickname: The Magnolia State

Population: 2,844,000, 31st

Famous Mississippians: William Faulkner, New Albany; Walter Payton, Columbia; W.L. "Red" Barber, Columbus; Elvis Presley, Tupelo; Jerry Rice, James "Cool Papa" Bell, Starkville; Muddy Waters, Rolling Fork; Oprah Winfrey, Kosciusko; Richard Wright, Natchez; Medgar Evers, Decatur; Jimmy Buffett, Pascagoula; Brett Favre, Kiln; Diane Ladd, Meridian; Gerald McRaney, Collins; Parker Posey, Greenwood; Dizzy Dean, Wiggins; Tennessee Williams, John Lee Hooker, Clarksdale; Leontyne Price, Laurel.

MISSOURI

Name means: "Dugout canoe," *mihsoori*, From Illinoisan *wimihsoorita* "People who have wood boats," describing the Missouri (Siouan) tribe

Motto: Salus populi suprema lex esto (Latin, "May the welfare of the people be the supreme law.")

Capital: Jefferson City

State bird: Bluebird

State flower: Hawthorn

State mammal: Mule, Missouri Fox Trotting horse

Highest point: Taum Sauk Mountain, 1,772 ft.

Nickname: The Show-Me State

Population: 5,595,000, 17th

Birthplace of Presidents: Harry S. Truman, Lamar, May 8, 1884.

Famous Missourians: Joseph Pulitzer, Josephine Baker, T.S. Eliot, Vincent Price, Marianne Moore, Redd Foxx, Betty Grable, Jenna Fischer, Roy Wilkins, Phyllis Schlafly, St. Louis; Don Cheadle, Robert Altman, Robert Heinlein, Burt Bacharach, Kansas City; Thomas Hart Benton, Neosho; Gen. Omar Bradley, Clark; George

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Washington Carver, Diamond Grove; Mark Twain, Florida; Langston Hughes, Joplin; Jesse James, Centerville; John Huston, Nevada; Rush Limbaugh, Cape Girardeau; J.C. Penney, Hamilton; Marlin Perkins, Carthage; Brad Pitt, Springfield.

MONTANA

Name means: "Mountain," from Spanish *montaña*
Motto: *Oro y plata* (Spanish, "Gold and silver")
Capital: Helena
State bird: Western Meadowlark
State flower: Bitterroot
State mammal: Grizzly bear
Highest point: Granite Peak, 12,799 ft.
Nickname: The Treasure State, Big Sky Country
Population: 902,000, 44th
Famous Montanans: Gary Cooper, Myrna Loy, Helena; Plenty Coups, John Dahl, Brent Musberger, Billings; David Lynch, Missoula; Phil Jackson, Deer Lodge; Brad Bird, Kalispell; George Winston, Miles City; Robbie & Evel Knievel, Butte.

NEBRASKA

Name means: "Flattened water" from Chiwere *ñibraske*, describing the Platte River
Motto: Equality before the law.
Capital: Jackson
State bird: Western Meadowlark
State flower: Goldenrod
State mammal: White-tailed deer
Highest point: Panorama Point, 5,424 ft.
Nickname: The Cornhusker State
Population: 1,711,000, 38th
Birthplace of Presidents: Gerald Ford, Omaha, July 14, 1913.
Famous Nebraskans: Fred Astaire, Marlon Brando, Max Baer, Bob Gibson, Nick Nolte, Andy Roddick, Omaha; James Coburn, Laurel; Henry Fonda, Grand Island; Harold Lloyd, Burchard; Daryl Zanuck, Wahoo; Hilary Swank, Charlie Starkweather, Lincoln; Johnny Carson, Norfolk; Willa Cather, Red Cloud; Grover Cleveland Alexander, St. Paul; Dick Cavett, Gibbon.

NEVADA

Name means: "Covered in snow" in Spanish
Motto: All for our country.
Capital: Carson City
State bird: Mountain Bluebird
State flower: Sagebrush
State mammal: Desert bighorn sheep
Highest point: Boundary Peak, 13,143 ft.
Nickname: The Silver State, the Sagebrush State, the Battle-Born State
Population: 1,998,000, 35th
Famous Nevadans: Andre Agassi, Kurt & Kyle Busch, Greg Maddux, Las Vegas; Pat Nixon, Ely; Karl Rove, Sparks.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Name means: Named after the county of Hampshire in southern England
Motto: Live free or die.
Capital: Concord
State bird: Purple Finch
State flower: Purple lilac
State mammal: White-tailed deer
Highest point: Mount Washington, 6,288 ft.
Nickname: The Granite State
Population: 1,235,000, 41th
Birthplace of Presidents: Franklin Pierce, Hillsborough (now Hillsboro), November 23, 1804.
Famous New Hampshireites: Mary Baker Eddy, Bow; Horace Greeley, Amherst; Alan Shepherd, East Derry; Daniel Webster, Salisbury; John Irving, Exeter; Carlton Fisk, Charlestown; Bode Miller, Franconia; J.D. Salinger, Cornish; Mark Steyn, Lyme; Christa McAuliffe, Concord; John Shea, North Conway; Adam Sandler, Manchester; Sarah Silverman, Bedford; H.H. Holmes, Gilmanton; David Souter, Weare; Nathan Hale, Hampstead.

NEW JERSEY

Name means: Named for the Channel Island of Jersey
Motto: Liberty & Prosperity
Capital: Trenton
State bird: Eastern Goldfinch
State flower: Violet
State mammal: Horse
Highest point: High Point, 1,803 ft.

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Nickname: The Garden State

Population: 8,414,000, 9th

Birthplace of Presidents: Grover Cleveland, Caldwell, March 18, 1837.

Famous New Jerseyites: Bud Abbott, Asbury Park; Count Basie, Red Bank; Lou Costello, Allen Ginsberg, Paterson; Kirsten Dunst, Point Pleasant; James Gandolfini, Westwood; Whitney Houston, East Orange; Jon Bon Jovi, Perth Amboy; Ray Liotta, Union; Jack Nicholson, Neptune City; Antonin Scalia, Ernie Kovacs, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, Trenton; Kevin Smith, Highlands; Frank Sinatra, Hoboken; Bruce Springsteen, Freehold; Meryl Streep, Summit; John Travolta, Englewood; William Carlos Williams, Rutherford; Bruce Willis, Penn's Grove; Carl Lewis, Willingboro; Susan Sarandon, Edison; Jon Stewart, Lawrence Township; Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Montclair; Charles Addams, Westfield; Aaron Burr, Stephen Crane, Philip Roth Newark; James Fenimore Cooper, Burlington; Dorothy Parker, West Bend; Paul Robeson, Princeton;

NEW MEXICO

Name means: Named after *México*, a Spanish version of Nahuatl *Mēxico*, "Place where the Mexica [= Aztecs] live"

Motto: *Crescit eundo* (Latin, "It grows as it goes" from poet Lucretius' description of a lightning bolt)

Capital: Santa Fe

State bird: Roadrunner

State flower: Yucca flower

State mammal: Black bear

Highest point: Wheeler Peak, 13,161 ft.

Nickname: Land of Enchantment

Population: 1,819,000, 36th

Famous New Mexicans: Demi Moore, John Denver, Roswell; Conrad Hilton, San Antonio; Mike Judge, Al Sr., Al Jr., & Bobby Unser, Neal Patrick Harris, Freddie Prinze Jr., Albuquerque; Cochise, Victorio, Apache territory; Bill Maudlin, Mountain Park; Brian Urlacher, Lovington.

NEW YORK

Name means: Named in 1663 after King James II of England, at that time Duke of York

Motto: *Excelsior* (Latin, "Higher")

Capital: Albany

State bird: Bluebird

State flower: Rose

State mammal: Beaver

Highest point: Mt. Marcy, 5,344 ft.

Nickname: The Empire State

Population: 18,976,000, 38th

Birthplace of Presidents: Martin Van Buren, Kinderhook, December 5, 1783.

Millard Fillmore, Locke Township (now Summerhill), January 7, 1800.

Theodore Roosevelt, New York, October 27, 1858.

Franklin Roosevelt, Hyde Park, January 30, 1882.

Famous New Yorkers: Humphrey Bogart, James Cagney, Maria Callas, Benjamin Cardozo, Claire Danes, Sammy Davis Jr., Robert De Niro, Lou Gehrig, Julia Ward Howe, Washington Irving, Henry James, John Jay, Jerome Kern, Vince Lombardi, the Marx Brothers, Herman Melville, Eugene O'Neill, Norman Rockwell, Jonas Salk, Martin Scorsese, Al Smith, Barbra Streisand, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Edith Wharton, New York; Aaron Copland, George Gershwin, Jackie Gleason, Mickey Rooney, Barbara Stanwyck, Mae West, Brooklyn, Bret Harte, Learned Hand, Albany; Lucille Ball, Jamestown; George Westinghouse, Central Bridge; Leland Stanford, Watervliet; Billy Joel, Hicksville; Edward Hopper, Nyack; George Eastman, Waterville; John D. Rockefeller, Richford; Walt Whitman, Huntington.

NORTH CAROLINA

Name means: "Charles's Land" from Latin *Carolus*, for King Charles I of England

Motto: *Esse quam videri* (Latin, "To be rather than to seem," taken from Cicero)

Capital: Raleigh

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Dogwood

State mammal: Eastern gray squirrel, Plott hound

Highest point: Mt. Mitchell, 6,684 ft.

Nickname: The Old North State, the Tar Heel State

Population: 8,049,000, 11th

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Birthplace of Presidents: James Polk, Mecklenburg County, November 2, 1795.

Andrew Johnson, Raleigh, December 28, 1808.

Famous North Carolinians: Dolley Madison, Guilford County; Ava Gardner, Smithfield; Pam Grier, Howard Cosell, Ben Folds, Winston-Salem; Andy Griffith, Mt. Airy; Jaime Pressly, Kinston; John Coltrane, Hamlet; George Clinton, Dale Earnhardt Sr. & Jr., Kannapolis; Michael Jordan, David Brinkley, Charlie Daniels, Meadowlark Lemon, Wilmington; Thelonious Monk, Rocky Mount; Nina Simone, Tryon; James Taylor, Chapel Hill; Edward R. Murrow, near Greensboro; Charlie Rose, Henderson; Tom Robbins, Blowing Rock; Thomas Wolfe, Asheville; Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Hertford; Junior Johnson, Wilkes County, Richard Petty, Randleman; James Worthy, Gastonia; Virginia Dare, Manteo; Billy Graham, Charlotte; O. Henry, Greensboro.

NORTH DAKOTA

Name means: Named for Dakota Sioux tribe; *dakhóta* means "ally" or "friend" in Sioux

Mottos: Liberty and union, now and forever, one and inseparable. (Daniel Webster) Strength from the soil.

Capital: Bismarck

State bird: Western Meadowlark

State flower: Wild Prairie Rose

State mammal: Nokota horse

Highest point: White Butte, 3,506 ft.

Nickname: The Peace Garden State, the Flickertail State, the Roughrider State

Population: 642,000, 47th

Famous North Dakotans: Angie Dickinson, Kulm; Peggy Lee, Louis L'Amour, Darin Erstad, Travis Hafner, Alf Clausen, Shadoe Stevens, Jamestown; Warren Christopher, Scranton; Josh Duhamel, Minot; Roger Maris, William Gass, Jonny Lang, Fargo; Chuck Klosterman, Wyndmere; Lute Olson, Mayville; Eric Sevareid, Velva; Lawrence Welk, Strasburg.

OHIO

Name means: "large creek" in Seneca (*ohīyo*), originally the name of both the Ohio and Allegheny Rivers.

Motto: With God, all things are possible.

(Derived from Gospel of Matthew, 19:26.)

Capital: Columbus

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Scarlet Carnation

State mammal: White-tailed deer

Highest point: Campbell Hill, 1,550 ft.

Nickname: The Buckeye State

Population: 11,353,000, 7th

Birthplace of Presidents: Ulysses S. Grant, Point Pleasant, April 27, 1822.

Rutherford B. Hayes, Delaware, October 4, 1822.

James A. Garfield, Orange, November 19, 1831.

Benjamin Harrison, North Bend, August 20, 1833.

William McKinley, Niles, January 29, 1843.

William Howard Taft, Cincinnati, September 15, 1857

Warren G. Harding, near Corsica (now Blooming Grove) November 2, 1865.

Famous Ohioans: Steven Spielberg, Doris Day, Harlan Ellison, Ted Turner, Roy Rogers, Ken Griffey Jr., Cincinnati; Herbert Dow, Philip Johnson, Lew Wasserman, Paul Newman, Harvey Pekar, Jim Backus, Halle Berry, Drew Carey, Arsenio Hall, Cleveland; Jack Warner, Youngstown; James Thurber, Jack Nicklaus, Columbus; Zane Grey, Zanesville; B.F. Goodrich, Jim Jarmusch, Mark Mothersbaugh, Chrissie Hynde, Akron; Toni Morrison, Lorain; Bill Watterson, Chagrin Falls; Maya Lin, Athens; Theda Bara, Avondale; Art Tatum, Katie Holmes, Jaime Farr, Toledo; Teri Garr, Lakewood; Clark Gable, Cadiz; Scott Hamilton, Bowling Green; John Lithgow, Yellow Springs; Annie Oakley, Greenville; Dean Martin, Steubenville; William Tecumseh Sherman, Lancaster; Neil Armstrong, Lebanon; John Glenn, New Concord; Paul Brown, Norwalk; Roger Clemens, Dayton; Don Shula, Painesville; Cy Young, Gilmore; John Brown, Hudson; Thomas Alva Edison, Milan.

OKLAHOMA

Name means: "red people" in Choctaw (*oklahomma*). Chosen by Allen Wright, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation during 1866 treaty negotiations, to mean roughly "Indian Territory."

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Motto: Labor omnia vincit. (Latin, "Labor conquers all." Paraphrase of Virgil.)

Capital: Oklahoma City

State bird: Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher

State flower: Mistletoe

State mammal: Bison, White-tailed deer, raccoon, Mexican free-tailed bat

Highest point: Black Mesa, 4,973 ft.

Nickname: The Sooner State

Population: 3,450,000, 27th

Famous Oklahomans: Will Rogers, Indian Territory; Jean Kirkpatrick Ron Howard, Hoyt Axton, Duncan; Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Blake Edwards, Steve Largent, Tony Randall, Paul Harvey, Tulsa; Ralph Ellison, Lon Chaney Jr., Johnny Bench, Cornel West, Oklahoma City; Joan Crawford, Comanche County; James Garner, Norman; Chuck Norris, Ryan; Maria Tallchief, Fairfax; Woody Guthrie, Okemah; Tony Hillerman, Sacred Heart; Jim Thorpe, Prague; Garth Brooks, Yukon; Roger Miller, Erick; Kristin Chenoweth, Broken Arrow; Sam Walton, Kingfisher; Mickey Mantle, Commerce; Gordon Cooper, Shawnee; Oral Roberts, Pontoc County; Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Cookson Hills.

OREGON

Name means: Uncertain. Possibly Cree pronunciation of Chinook Jargon *ulâkân*, "eulacon smelt." (Possibly originally from Clatsop Chinook *u-tlalkwē(n)*.)

Motto: Alis volat propriis. (Latin, "She flies with her own wings.")

Capital: Salem

State bird: Western Meadowlark

State flower: Oregon Grape

State mammal: Beaver

Highest point: Mt. Hood, 11,239 ft.

Nickname: The Beaver State

Population: 3,421,000, 28th

Famous Oregonians: Linus Pauling, Lonerock; Ursula K. Le Guin, Matt Groening, Dale Murphy, Tonya Harding, Sally Struthers, Portland; Beverly Cleary, McMinnville; Harold Reynolds, Danny Ainge, Eugene; Ken Kesey, Springfield; Phil Knight, Eastmoreland; Steve Prefontaine, Coos Bay.

PENNSYLVANIA

Name means: "Penn's Forest," for Admiral Sir William Penn, father of the colony's founder.

Motto: Virtue, Liberty & Independence

Capital: Harrisburg

State bird: Ruffed Grouse

State flower: Mountain laurel

State mammal: White-tailed deer, Great Dane

Highest point: Mt. Davis, 3,213 ft.

Nickname: The Keystone State, the Quaker State, the Coal State, the Oil State

Population: 12,281,000, 6th

Birthplace of Presidents: James Buchanan, Cove Gap (near Mercersburg), April 23, 1791.

Famous Pennsylvanians: Alexander Calder, Lawton; Andrew Wyeth, Chadds Ford; Marco Andretti, Nazareth, John & Michael Andretti, Bethlehem; Benjamin Franklin, Ethel, Lionel & John Barrymore, Bill Cosby, W.C. Fields, Wilt Chamberlain, Kobe Bryant, Peter Boyle, Stanley Clarke, Richard Gere, Kevin Bacon, M. Night Shyamalan, Will Smith, Philadelphia; Mike Ditka, Aliquippa; Stan Musial, Donora; Reggie Jackson, Wyncotte; Joe Montana, New Eagle; Mike Mussina, Montoursville; Joe Namath, Beaver Falls; Arnold Palmer, Latrobe; Johnny Unitas, August Wilson, F. Murray Abraham, Stephen Foster, Gene Kelly, Christina Aguilera, Pittsburgh; Poul Anderson, Bristol; James Michener, Doylestown; John Updike, Reading; Marilyn Horne, Bradford; Charles Bronson, Ehrenfeld; Jimmy Stewart, Indiana; Sharon Stone, Meadville; Daniel Boone, Birdsboro; George Marshall, Uniontown; Mary Cassatt, Allegheny; Robert Fulton, Lancaster County; Honus Wagner, Carnegie.

RHODE ISLAND

Name means: Uncertain. Original name for Aquidneck Island, either from Dutch *roode eylandt*, "Red Island" after its red-clay soil, or after the Greek isle of Rhodes whose shape it resembles. Official state name: the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Motto: Hope

Capital: Providence

State bird: Rhode Island Red hen

State flower: Violet

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State mammal: None

Highest point: Jerimoth Hill, 812 ft.

Nickname: The Ocean State, Little Rhody

Population: 1,048,000, 43th

Famous Rhode Islanders: Harry Anderson, Newport; Ruth Buzzi, Westerly; Roger Williams, H.P. Lovecraft, George M. Cohan, Nelson Eddy, Dee Dee Myers, Providence; David Macaulay, The Farrelly Brothers, Cumberland; Debra Messing, East Greenwich; James Woods, Walt Mossberg, Warwick; Commodore Matthew Perry, Rocky Brook.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Name means: "Charles's Land" from Latin *Carolus*, for King Charles I of England

Motto: *Dum spiro spero.* (Latin, "While I breathe, I hope.") *Animis opibusque parati* (Latin, "Prepared in spirit and resources.")

Capital: Columbia

State bird: Great Carolina Wren

State flower: Yellow Jessamine

State mammal: White-tailed deer, Boykin spaniel

Highest point: Sassafras Mountain, 3,560 ft.

Nickname: The Palmetto State

Population: 4,012,000, 26th

Birthplace of Presidents: Andrew Jackson, Waxhaw, March 15, 1767.

Famous South Carolinians: James F. Byrnes, Stephen Colbert, Darius Rucker, Charleston; John C. Calhoun, McCormick County; Dizzy Gillespie, Cheraw; Joe Frazier, Beaufort; Chubby Checker, Spring Gulley; Kevin Garnett, Mauldin; Althea Gibson, Silver; Jesse Jackson, Florence; Vanna White, North Myrtle Beach; Bernard Baruch, Camden; Francis "The Swamp Fox" Marion, Berkeley County; Eartha Kitt, North.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Name means: Named for Dakota Sioux tribe; *dakhóta* means "ally" or "friend" in Sioux

Motto: Under God, the people rule

Capital: Pierre (pronounced "pier" by South Dakotans)

State bird: Ring-Necked Pheasant

State flower: Pasque Flower

State mammal: Coyote

Highest point: Harney Peak, 7,242 ft.

Nickname: The Mount Rushmore State

Population: 755,000, 46th

Famous South Dakotans: Sitting Bull, "Many Caches" near Grand River; Crazy Horse, Dakota Territory; Floyd Red Crow Westerman, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Reservation; Cheryl Ladd, Huron; Mamie Van Doren, Rowena; Shawn Colvin, Vermillion; Hubert Humphrey, Wallace, George McGovern, Avon; Sparky Anderson, Bridgewater; Norm Van Brocklin, Eagle Butte; Bob Barker, Rosebud Indian Reservation; Tom Brokaw, Webster.

TENNESSEE

Name means: from the Cherokee town *Tanasi*, the site of which is under Tellico Reservoir near present-day Vonore. The original meaning of the name is lost.

Motto: Agriculture & Commerce

Capital: Nashville

State bird: Mockingbird

State flower: Iris

State mammal: Raccoon, Tennessee walking horse

Highest point: Clingman's Dome, 6,643 ft.

Nickname: The Volunteer State

Population: 5,689,000, 16th

Famous Tennesseans: Reese Witherspoon, Pat Boone, The Allman Brothers, Bettie Page, Nashville; Aretha Franklin, Abe Fortas, Morgan Freeman, Kathy Bates, Shannen Doherty, Cybill Shepherd, Memphis; Adm. David Farragut, Knoxville; Tina Turner, Brownsville; Tennessee Ernie Ford, Bristol; Isaac Hayes, Covington; Samuel L. Jackson, Bessie Smith, Chattanooga; Dolly Parton, Locust Ridge; Carl Perkins, Tiptonville; Oscar Robertson, Charlotte; Wilma Rudolph, Clarksville; Sequoyah, near Tascigi; Sgt. Alvin York, Pall Mall.

TEXAS

Name means: "friends" from Spanish *Texas*, plural of *Texa*, borrowed from Caddo *táysba'* meaning "friend," or "member of the Caddo nation."

Motto: Friendship

Capital: Austin

State bird: Mockingbird

State flower: Bluebonnet

State mammal: Nine-Banded Armadillo, Texas

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Longhorn, Mexican free-tailed bat, Blue Lacy (dog)

Highest point: Guadalupe Peak, 8,749 ft.

Nickname: The Lone Star State

Population: 20,851,000, 2nd

Birthplace of Presidents: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Denison, October 14, 1890.

Lyndon Baines Johnson, near Johnson City, August 27, 1908.

Famous Texans: Audie Murphy, Kingston; Adm. Chester Nimitz, Fredericksburg; Jeb Bush, Laura Bush (*née* Welch), Tommy Lee Jones, Midland; Barbara Jordan, Wes Anderson, Alexis Bledel, Jennifer Garner, Dennis & Randy Quaid, Billy Gibbons, Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, Red Adair, Houston; Sandra Day O'Connor, Sam Donaldson, El Paso; Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson, Karnack; Thomas Haden Church, Laredo; Robert Rodriguez, San Antonio; Rip Torn, Temple; Michael Johnson, Lee Trevino, Dusty Hill, Owen & Luke Wilson, Norah Jones, Dallas; Renée Zellweger, Katy; Van Cliburn, Kilgore; Buddy Holly, Lubbock; Waylon Jennings, Littlefield; Scott Joplin, Texarkana; Lyle Lovett, Klein; Willie Nelson, Abbott; Roy Orbison, Vernon; "Dr. Phil" McGraw, North Texas; Lance Armstrong, Plano; George Foreman, Marshall; Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Beaumont; Howard Hughes, Humble; Patricia Highsmith, Fort Worth; Robert E. Howard, Peaster; Dooley Wilson, Tyler; John Wesley Hardin, Sumpter.

UTAH

Name means: "high" from Western Apache *yúdah*.

Motto: Industry

Capital: Salt Lake City

State bird: Common American Gull

State flower: Sego lily

State mammal: Rocky Mountain elk

Highest point: Kings Peak, 13,528 ft.

Nickname: The Beehive State

Population: 2,233,000, 34th

Famous Utahns: John Moses Browning, the Osmonds, Ogden; Orson Scott Card, Orem; Robert LeRoy "Butch" Cassidy, Beaver; Roseanne Barr, Salt Lake City, Merlin Olsen, Logan; J. Willard Marriott, Marriot.

VERMONT

Name means: "Green Mountain" from French *les Verts Monts*, the name given by French explorer, Samuel de Champlain

Motto: Freedom & Unity

Capital: Montpelier

State bird: Hermit Thrush

State flower: Red Clover

State mammal: White-tailed deer, dairy cow

Highest point: Mt. Mansfield, 4,393 ft.

Nickname: The Green Mountain State

Population: 608,000, 26th

Birthplace of Presidents: Chester A. Arthur, Fairfield, October 5, 1830.

Calvin Coolidge, Plymouth, July 4, 1872.

Famous Vermonters: Ethan Allen, Cornwall; Orestes Brownson, Stockbridge; John Deere, Rutland; John Dewey, Burlington; John LeClair, St. Albans; Joseph Smith Jr., Sharon; Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Cavendish; the Von Trapp family, Stowe; Brigham Young, Whittingham.

VIRGINIA

Name means: "the Virgin's Land" after Queen Elizabeth I of England, "the Virgin Queen."

Motto: *Sic semper tyrannis* (Latin, "Thus always with tyrants," attributed to Brutus at Julius Caesar's assassination)

Capital: Richmond

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Dogwood

State mammal: American foxhound, Virginia big-eared bat

Highest point: Mr. Rogers, 5,729 ft.

Nickname: The Old Dominion, Mother of Presidents

Population: 7,078,000, 12th

Birthplace of Presidents: George Washington, Westmoreland County, February 22, 1732.

Thomas Jefferson, Shadwell, April 13, 1743.

James Madison, Port Conway, March 16, 1751.

James Monroe, Westmoreland County, April 28, 1758.

William Henry Harrison, Berkeley, February 9, 1773.

John Tyler, Greenway, March 29, 1790.

Zachary Taylor, near Barboursville, November 24, 1784.

Woodrow Wilson, Staunton, December 28,

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Famous Virginians: Patrick Henry, Hanover County; Robert E. Lee, Alexandria; Meriwether Lewis, Charlottesville; George Mason, Fairfax County; Booker T. Washington, Hale's Ford; Chief Powhatan & Pocahontas, unknown; Douglas MacArthur, Norfolk; Nat Turner, Southampton County; Arthur Ashe, Warren Beatty, Shirley MacLaine, Tom Wolfe, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, Richmond; Dave Grohl, Springfield; Patsy Cline, Winchester; Allen Iverson, Hampton; William Styron, Michael Vick, Newport News; Lawrence Taylor, Williamsburg; Lauren Graham, Great Falls; David Robinson, Virginia Beach; Joseph Cotton, Petersburg; Walter Reed, Gloucester County; Sam Snead, Hot Springs; J.E.B. Stuart, Patrick County.

WASHINGTON

Name means: Named for George Washington
Motto: *Alki* (Chinook Jargon, "eventually" or "by and by.")

Capital: Olympia

State bird: Willow Goldfinch

State flower: Pink Rhododendron

State mammal: Orca (killer whale)

Highest point: Mt. Rainier, 14,410 ft.

Nickname: The Evergreen State

Population: 5,894,000, 15th

Famous Washingtonians: Chief Seattle, near Blake Island; Carol Channing, Jimi Hendrix Bill Gates, Paul Allen, Anthony "Sir Mix-a-Lot" Ray, Rainn Wilson, Seattle; John Stockton, Sherman Alexie, Spokane; Drew Bledsoe, Ellensburg; Raymond Carver, Yakima; Dale Chihuly, Bing Crosby, Dyan Cannon, Tacoma; Jim Caviezel, Mount Vernon; Kurt Cobain, Aberdeen; Ann & Nancy Wilson, Bellevue.

WEST VIRGINIA

Name means: Was formerly the transmontane, western part of Virginia.

Motto: *Montani semper liberi* (Latin, "Mountaineers are always free.")

Capital: Charleston

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Rhododendron

State mammal: Black bear

Highest point: Spruce Knob, 4,863 ft.

Nickname: The Mountain State

Population: 1,808,000 37th

Famous West Virginians: Mary Lou Retton, Fairmont; Walter Reuther, John Corbett, Wheeling; Chuck Yeager, Myra; Don Knotts, Sam Huff, Morgantown; Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, Clarksburg; George Brett, Glendale; Randy Moss, Rand; Brad Dourif, Huntington; Henry Louis Gates, Piedmont; John Nash, Bluefield.

WISCONSIN

Name means: Uncertain. Likely from Miami-Illinois *Meeskobsinki*, "it lies red," describing the Wisconsin River passing through the red granite Dells, heard as *Meskousing* by Fr. Jacques Marquette, erroneously transcribed as *Miskonsing* by his companion Louis Jolliet, and misread as *Ouisconsin* by explorer René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle.

Motto: Forward

Capital: Madison

State bird: Robin

State flower: Wood Violet

State mammal: Badger, white-tailed deer, dairy cow, American water spaniel

Highest point: Timms Hill, 1,951 ft.

Nickname: The Badger State, America's Dairyland

Population: 5,363,000, 18th

Famous Wisconsinites: Harry Houdini, Greta Van Susteren, Appleton; Orson Welles, Don Ameche, Kenosha; Tony Shalhoub, Green Bay; Chris Farley, Chris Noth, Beth & Eric Heiden, Thornton Wilder, Tyne Daly, Madison; Gen. "Billy" Mitchell, Liberace, West Allis; William Rehnquist, George F. Kennan, Golda Meir, Alfred Lunt, Gene Wilder, Al Jarreau, Ellen Raskin, Jerry & David Zucker, Steve Miller, Milwaukee; Robert La Follette, Primrose; Frederic March, Racine; Georgia O'Keeffe, Sun Prairie; Jackie Mason, Sheboygan; the Ringling Brothers, Baraboo; Thorsten Veblen, Cato Township; Laura Ingalls Wilder, Pepin; Frank Lloyd Wright, Richland Center; Les Paul, Waukesha; Richard Bong, Superior; Joseph McCarthy, Grand Chute; Jane Wiedlin, Oconomowoc; Roy Chapman Andrews, Danica

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Patrick, Beloit; Gary Gygax, Lake Geneva; Ole Evinrude, Cambridge; Seymour Cray, Chippewa Falls;

WYOMING

Name means: "at the big river flat," from Delaware (Munsee) *xwéwamink*. Transplanted west from the Wyoming Valley in northeastern Pennsylvania. This may have been due to settlers coming from Pennsylvania, or the popularity of Scottish poet Thomas Campbell's 1809 poem "Gertrude of Wyoming."

Motto: Equal Rights

Capital: Cheyenne

State bird: Western Meadowlark

State flower: Indian Paintbrush

State mammal: Bison

Highest point: Gannett Peak, 13,804 ft.

Nickname: The Cowboy State

Population: 493,000, 50th

Famous Wyomingites: Jackson Pollock, Cody; Lynne & Dick Cheney, Casper.

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ALBERTA

Name means: Named after Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, Queen Victoria's fourth daughter

Motto: *Fortis et liber* (Latin, "Strong and free")

Capital: Edmonton

Provincial Bird: Great Horned Owl

Provincial Flower: Wild Rose

Provincial Animal: Bighorn sheep

Highest Point: Mt. Columbia, 3,747m (12,293 ft.)

Nickname: The Princess Province, The Energy Province, The Sunshine Province

Population: 3,290,000, 4th

Famous Albertans: Joe Clark, High River; Fay Wray, Cardston; Conrad Bain, Lethbridge; Michael J. Fox, K.D. Lang, Marshall McLuhan, Edmonton; W.P. Kinsella, Darwell; Kurt Browning, Caroline.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Name means: Named after ship *Columbia* which explored the area; "British" to distinguish from Colombia.

Motto: *Splendor sine occasu* (Latin, "Splendor without diminishment")

Capital: Victoria

Provincial Bird: Steller's Jay

Provincial Flower: Pacific Dogwood

Provincial Animal: Spirit Bear

Highest Point: Fairweather Mountain, 4,663m (15,299 ft.)

Nickname: The Pacific Province

Population: 4,113,000, 3rd

Famous British Columbians: Paul Kariya, Carrie-Anne Moss, Margaret Trudeau, James Doohan, Vancouver; Pamela Anderson, Ladysmith; Kim Cattrall, Courtenay; Raymond Burr, New Westminster; Diana Krall, Nanaimo; Joe Sakic, Burnaby; Olaf Kolzig, Union Bay.

MANITOBA

Name means: "strait of the spirit" in either Cree or Ojibwe (*manitowapow* or *manitobau*, respectively), possibly after straits in Lake Manitoba.

Motto: *Gloriosus et liber* (Latin, "Glorious and free")

Capital: Winnipeg

Provincial Bird: Great Grey Owl

Provincial Flower: Prairie Crocus

Provincial Animal: Bison

Highest Point: Baldy Mountain, 832m (2,730 ft.)

Nickname: The Keystone Province

Population: 1,177,000, 5th

Famous Manitobans: Sir William Stevenson, Neil Young, Deanna Durbin, Terry Sawchuk, Monty Hall, Brendan Fehr, Anna Paquin, Doug Henning, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Name means: Named for George, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg, future George IV of England

Motto: *Spem reduxit* (Latin, "Hope restored")

Capital: Fredericton

Provincial Bird: Black-Capped Chickadee

Provincial Flower: Purple Violet

Provincial Animal: None

Highest Point: Mt. Carleton, 817m (2,680 ft.)

Nickname: The Picture Province, the Loyalist Province

Population: 749,000, 8th

Famous people from New Brunswick: Max Aitken, 1st Lord Beaverbrook, Newcastle; Louis B.

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Mayer, Donald Sutherland, Walter Pidgeon, St. John; Willie O'Ree, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Name means: Newfoundland is anglicization of *Terra Nova*, bestowed c. 1500. Labrador is probably for João Fernandes Lavrador, a Portuguese explorer in the area in 1495.

Motto: *Quaerite prime regnum Dei* (Latin, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God")

Capital: St. John's

Provincial Bird: Atlantic Puffin

Provincial Flower: Pitcher Plant

Provincial Animal: Caribou

Highest Point: Mt. Caubvick, 1,652m (5,420 ft.) (Same as Mont D'Iberville, Quebec. It's on the border.)

Nickname: The Rock

Population: 505,000, 9th

Famous Newfoundlanders & Labradorians: Shannon Tweed, Whitbourne; Max Keeping, Grand Bank.

NOVA SCOTIA

Name means: "New Scotland" in Latin.

Motto: *Munit haec et altera vincit* (Latin, "One defends and the other conquers")

Capital: Halifax

Provincial Bird: Osprey

Provincial Flower: Mayflower

Provincial Animal: Nova Scotia Duck-Tolling retriever

Highest Point: White Hill, 3,747m (1,745 ft.)

Nickname: The Land of Evangeline

Population: 934,000, 7th

Famous Nova Scotians: Sir Samuel Cunard, Sarah McLachlan, Halifax; Abraham Gesner, Cornwallis Township; Sidney Crosby, Cole Harbour; Al MacInnis, Inverness.

ONTARIO

Name means: Named after Lake Ontario, from Huron *ontario*, "great lake."

Motto: *Ut incepit fidelis sic permanet* (Latin, "Having begun loyally, thus she remains")

Capital: Toronto

Provincial Bird: Common Loon

Provincial Flower: White Trillium

Provincial Animal: None

Highest Point: Ishpatina Ridge, 693m (2,274 ft.)

Nickname: None.

Population: 12,726,000, 1st

Famous Ontarians: Sir John A. Macdonald, Kingston; Mackenzie King, Berlin; Lester Pearson, Newtonbrook; Mary Pickford, Christopher Plummer, John Candy, David Cronenberg, Toronto; Hume Cronyn, London; Lorne Greene, Dan Ackroyd, Margaret Atwood, Ottawa; Jim Carrey, Newmarket; Mike Myers, Scarborough; Martin Short, Hamilton; Barbara Frum, Niagara Falls; Alex Trebek, Sudbury; Robertson Davies, Thamesville; Farley Mowat, Belleville; Alexander Graham Bell, Wayne Gretzky, Phil Hartman, Brantford; James Naismith, Almonte; Bobby Orr, Parry Sound.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Name means: Named after Prince Edward Augustus, Duke of Kent & Strathearn, fourth son of George III, father of Queen Victoria, commander-in-chief of British forces in North America, 1799-1802.

Motto: *Parva sub ingenti* (Latin, roughly, "the small under the protection of the great," literally, "the small in the shade" from Virgil)

Capital: Charlottetown

Provincial Bird: Bluejay

Provincial Flower: Lady's Slipper

Provincial Animal: None

Highest Point: 142m (466 ft.)

Nickname: The Garden Province, Spud Island, Million-Acre Farm, Abegweit, The Island

Population: 138,000, 10th

Famous Prince Edward Islanders: Lucy Maud Montgomery, Clifton (now New London); Brad Richards, Murray Harbour.

QUEBEC

Name means: "strait" or "narrows" from Mikmaq *kepék*.

Motto: *Je me souviens* (French, "I remember.")

Capital: Quebec City

Provincial Bird: Snowy Owl

Provincial Flower: Blue Flag Iris

Provincial Animal: None

Highest Point: Mont D'Iberville, 1,652m (5,420 ft.) (Same as Mt. Caubvick, Newfoundland & Labrador. It's on the border.)

Nickname: *La Belle Province* (French, "The

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Beautiful Province.”)

Population: 8,906,000, 2nd

Famous Quebecois & Quebeckers: Leonard Cohen, Mordecai Richler, William Shatner, Conrad Black, Mario Lemieux, Martin Brodeur, Scotty Bowman, Elisha Cuthbert, Brian Mulroney, Oscar Peterson, Montreal; Glenn Ford, Patrick Roy, Norm McDonald, Martin Biron, Yan & Paul Stastny, Quebec City; Céline Dion, Charlemagne; Jean Béliveau, Trois-Rivières; Ray Bourque, Saint-Laurent; Jacques Plante, Shawnigan Falls; Guy Lafleur, Thurso.

SASKATCHEWAN

Name means: “swiftly flowing river,” the Cree name for the Saskatchewan River (*kisiskāciwani-sīpiy*).

Motto: *Multis e gentibus vires* (Latin, “Strength from many peoples”)

Capital: Regina

Provincial Bird: Prairie Sharp-Tailed Grouse

Provincial Flower: Western Red Lily

Provincial Animal: White-tailed deer

Highest Point: Cypress Hills, 1,392m (4,567 ft.)

Nickname: The Wheat Province

Population: 991,000, 6th

Famous Saskatchewanians: Joni Mitchell, Saskatoon; Gordie Howe, Floral; Art Linkletter, Moose Jaw; Leslie Nielsen, Tulita; Theo Fleury, Oxbow.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Name means: Derived from location northwest of Lake Superior.

Motto: None.

Capital: Yellowknife

Territorial Bird: Gyrfalcon

Territorial Flower: Mountain avens

Territorial Animal: Polar bear (territorial symbol), Arctic grayling

Highest Point: Unnamed peak, 2,773m (9,098 ft.)

Nickname: Canada’s Last Frontier, Land of the Polar Bear, North of Sixty

Population: 41,000, 11th

Famous people from the Northwest Territories:

Margot Kidder, Yellowknife; Geoff Sanderson, Hay River.

NUNAVUT (TERRITORY)

Name means: “our land,” in Inuktitut.

Motto: *Nunavut sanginivut* (Inuktitut, “Our land, our strength”)

Capital: Iqaluit

Territorial Bird: Rock Ptarmigan

Territorial Flower: Purple Saxifrage

Territorial Animal: Canadian Eskimo Dog

Highest Point: Unnamed peak, 693m (2,274 ft.)

Nickname: Canada’s Arctic

Population: 29,000, 13th

Famous people from Nunavut: Jordin Tootoo, Rankin Inlet; Nakasut, Pangnirtung.

YUKON (TERRITORY)

Name means: “big river” in Gwich’in. *Dyukun-ab* is the Gwich’in name for the Yukon River.

Motto: None.

Capital: Whitehorse

Territorial Bird: Common Raven

Territorial Flower: Fireweed

Territorial Animal: None

Highest Point: Mt. Logan, 5,959m (19,550 ft.)

Nickname: Land of the Midnight Sun

Population: 31,000, 12th

List of Yukoners: Robert Service, Whitehorse; Victor Jory, Dawson City.