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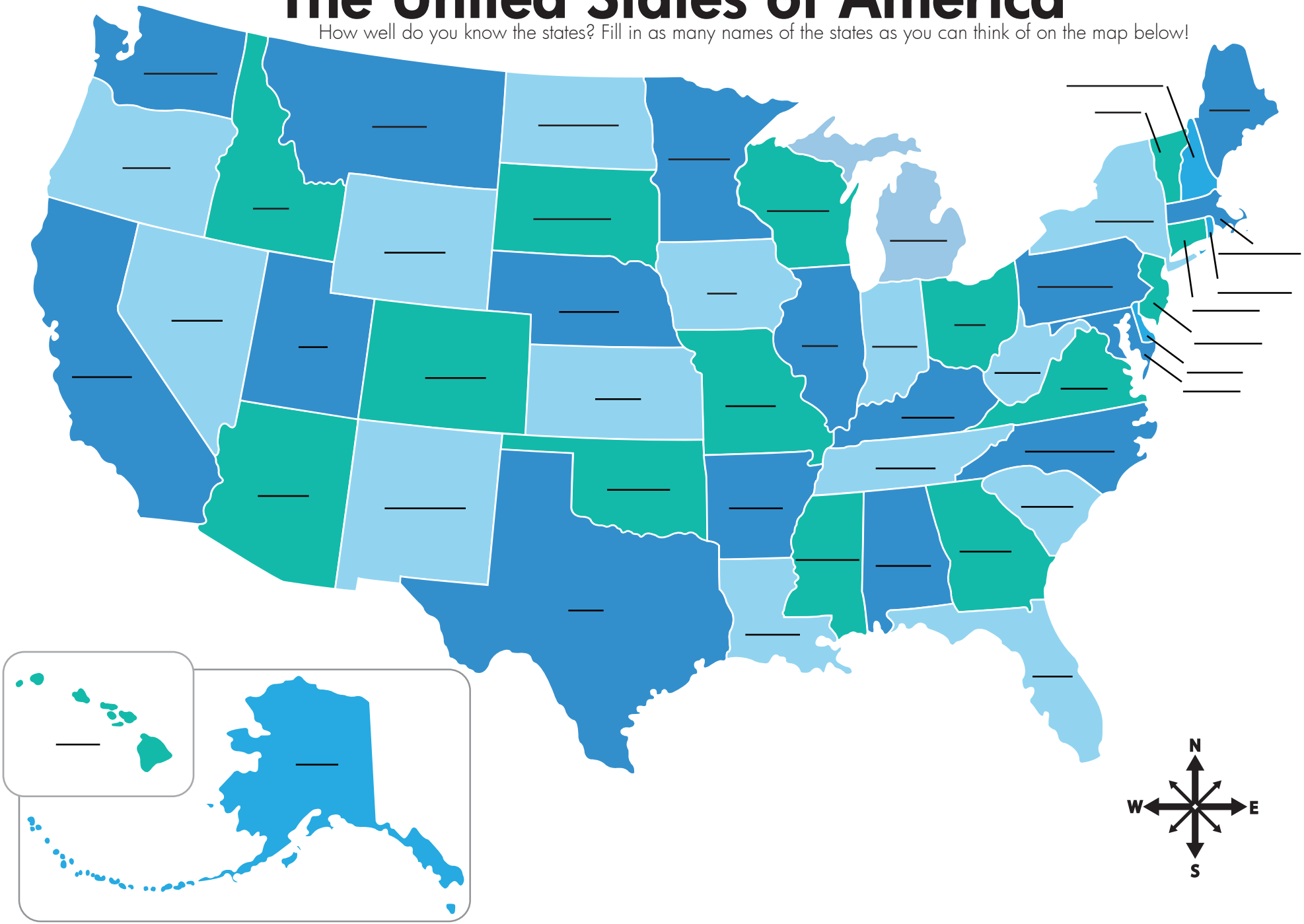

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# The United States of America

How well do you know the states? Fill in as many names of the states as you can think of on the map below!



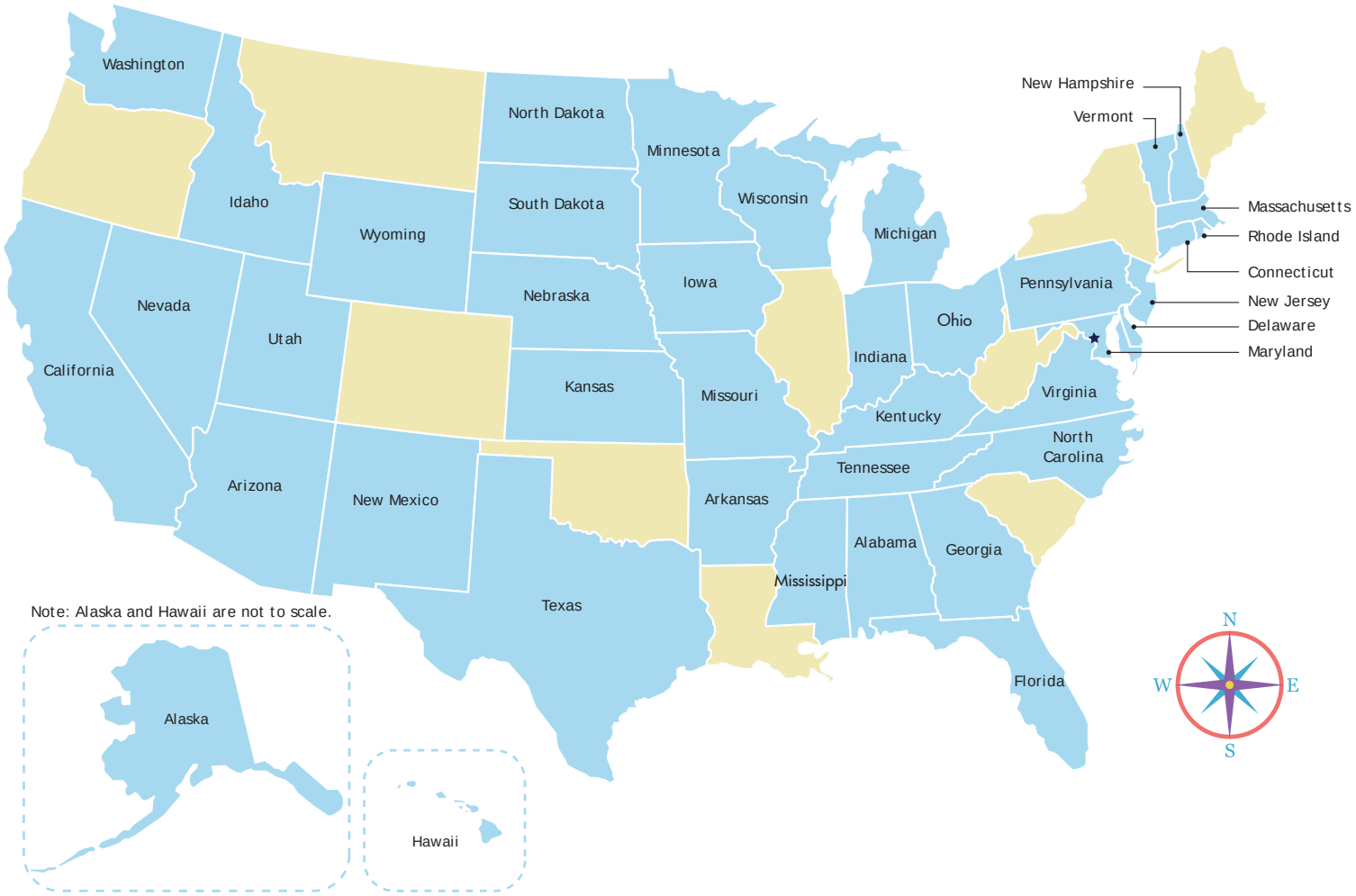

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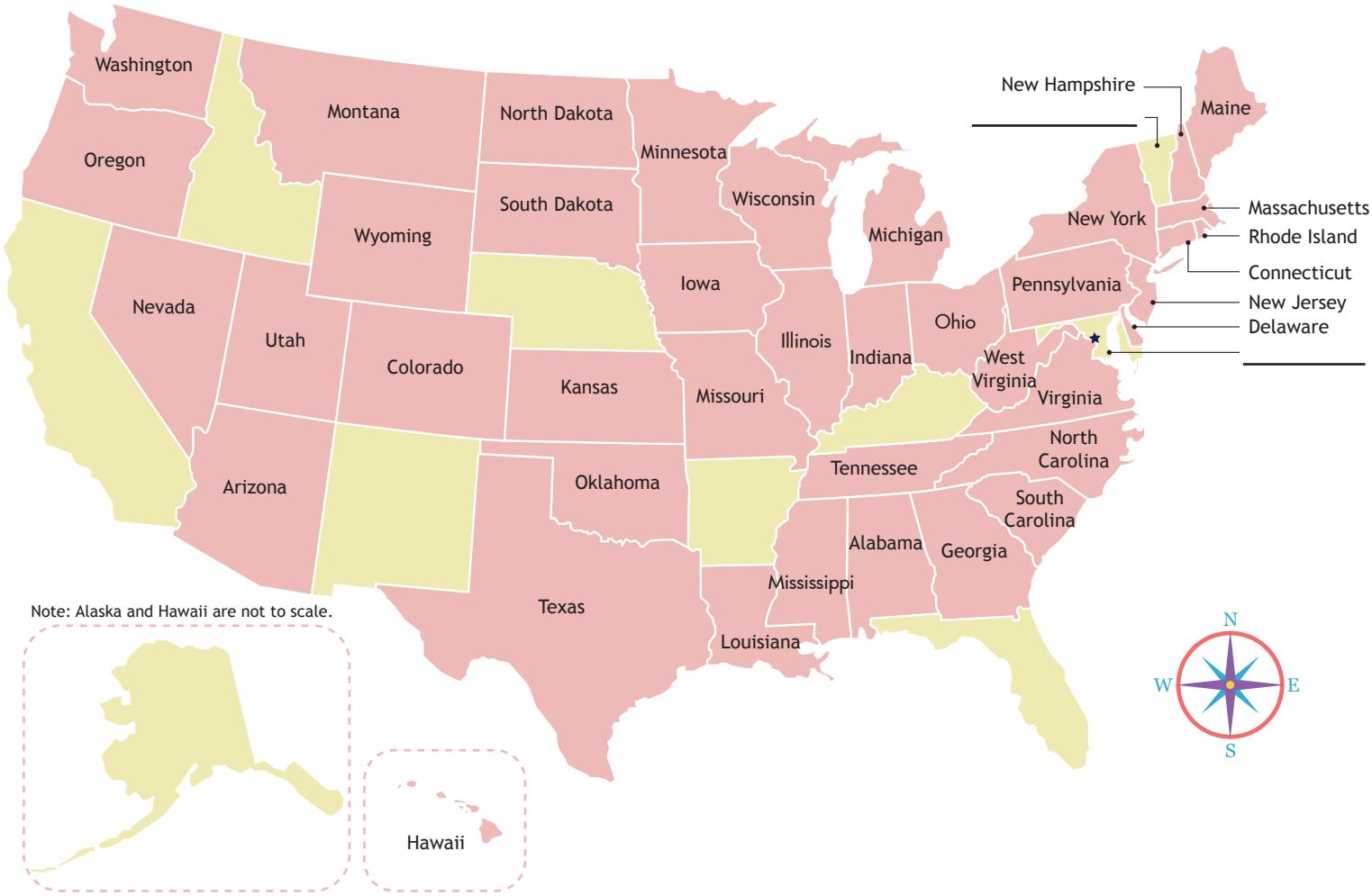

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| Oregon | Louisiana | West Virginia |
| Colorado | Illinois | |
| Oklahoma | South Carolina | |

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# Name the States 2

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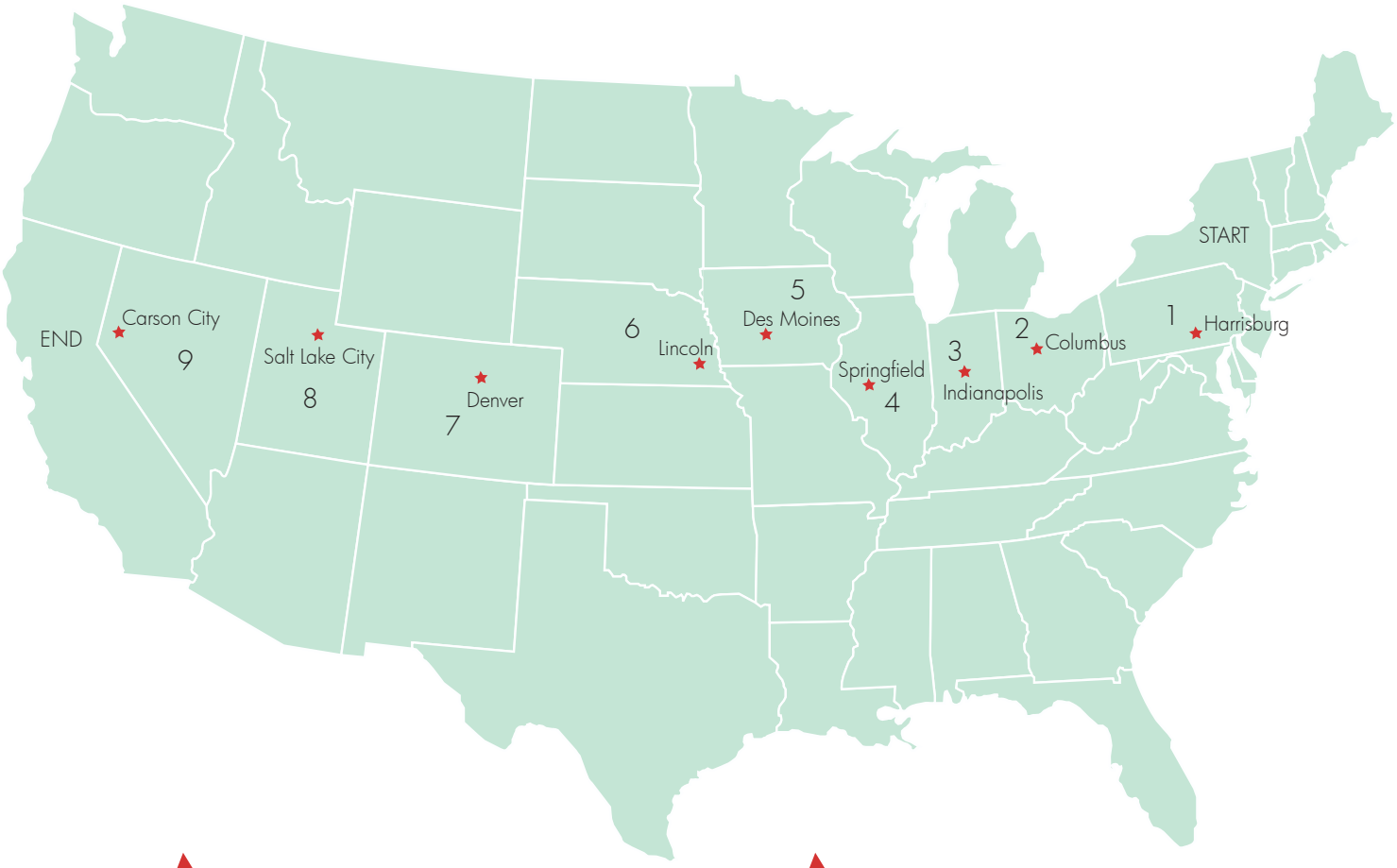

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|---|---|---|
| Idaho | Alaska | Nebraska |
| Florida | New Mexico | California |
| Arkansas | Kentucky | |
| Maryland | Vermont | |

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# Road Trip!

Samantha and Jordan are going on a road trip from New York to California. They are going to stop at the capital of every state they pass through. Can you name the states they will pass through?




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

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# Food Road Trip Across The U.S.A!

Use your crayon to trace the route you would take to taste all the foods from around the country!




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# Color the States!

Color the state where you live red.
Color the states you have visited green.
Color the states you want to visit blue.




Note: Alaska and Hawaii are not to scale.

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# Color the States!

Look at the states you colored green. Why did you visit these states?

Look at the states you colored blue. Why do you want to visit these states?

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# What's That State? 1

Use a map to help you identify the states by their shapes.
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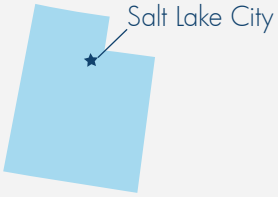

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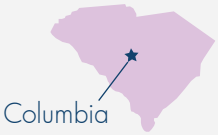

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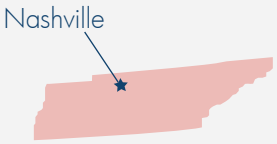

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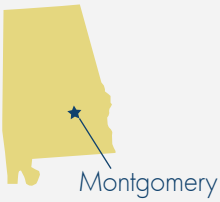

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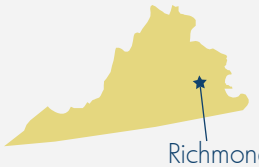

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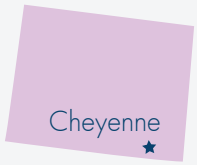
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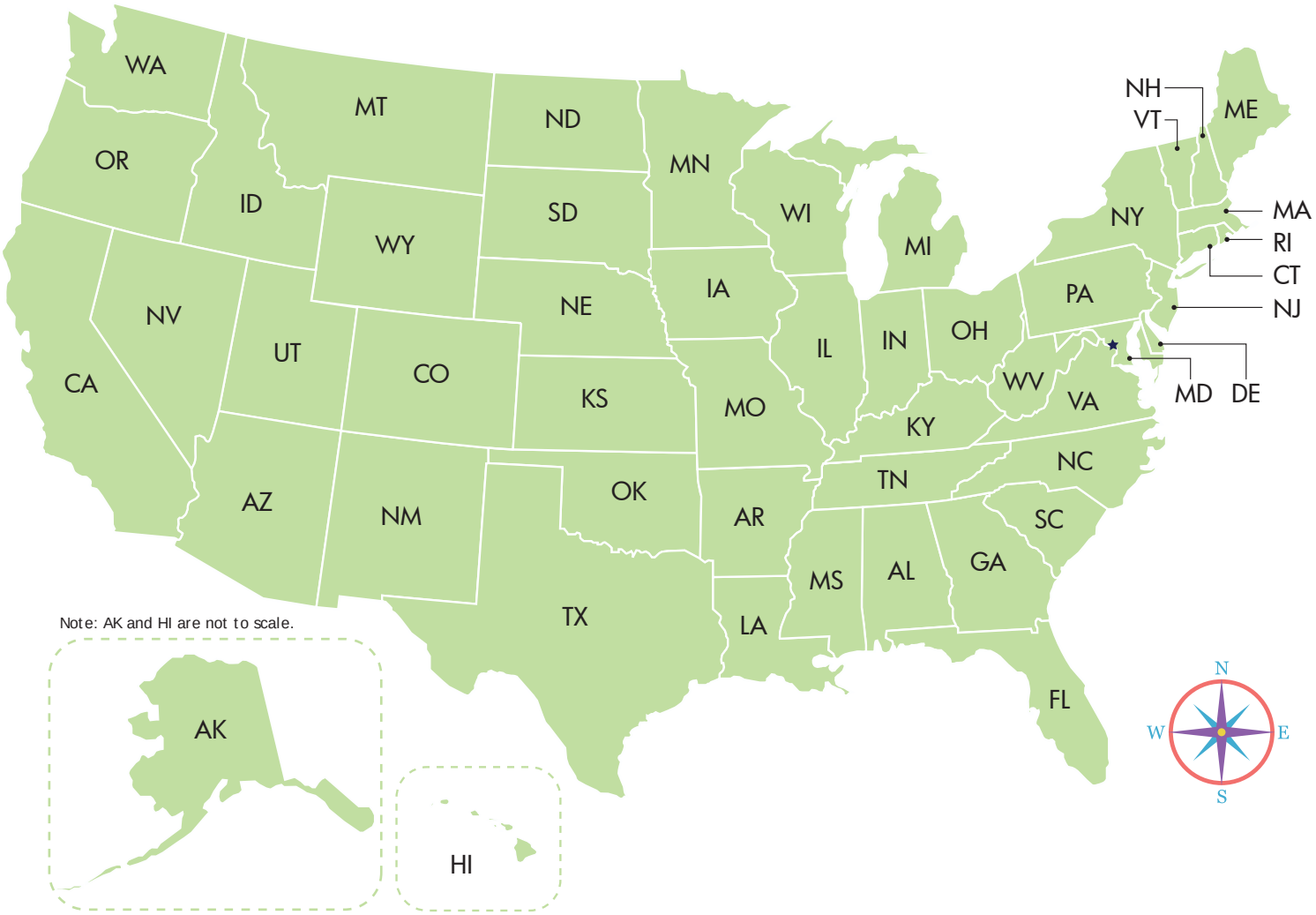


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# Make It Short!

Each state in the United States has its own two-letter postal abbreviation. Use the map on this page to find the postal abbreviation for every state.




Alabama _____

Alaska _____

Arizona _____

Arkansas _____

California _____

Colorado _____

Connecticut _____

Delaware _____



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Continue to write the postal abbreviation for every state.

Florida _____
Georgia _____
Hawaii _____
Idaho _____
Illinois _____
Indiana _____
Iowa _____
Kansas _____
Kentucky _____
Louisiana _____
Maine _____
Maryland _____
Massachusetts _____
Michigan _____
Minnesota _____
Mississippi _____
Missouri _____
Montana _____
Nebraska _____
Nevada _____
New Hampshire _____
New Jersey _____
New Mexico _____
New York _____
North Carolina _____
North Dakota _____
Ohio _____
Oklahoma _____
Oregon _____
Pennsylvania _____
Rhode Island _____
South Carolina _____
South Dakota _____
Tennessee _____
Texas _____
Utah _____
Vermont _____
Virginia _____
Washington _____
West Virginia _____
Wisconsin _____
Wyoming _____



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# Scrambled States!

Unscramble the names of the states below. If you need a hint, take a look at the picture bank!

1. THSOU KDAOTA
_____ _____

2. CMIHGAIN
_____

3. YKNETKUC
_____

4. AUTH
_____

5. TEMOVRN
_____

6. GANIIVIR
_____

7. SMIUSRIO
_____

8. GEONOR
_____

9. IMEAN
_____

10. ABAALAM
_____

11. CISSIWNON
_____

12. HRNTO RALOACIN
_____ _____

13. EWN EYEJSR
_____ _____

14. SKASAN
_____

15. LSINIOIL
_____

16. HAIDO
_____

17. LDAFORI
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18. WNE CMIXOE
_____ _____

19. YADARNLM
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20. GYMONIW
_____

21. OEGGIAR
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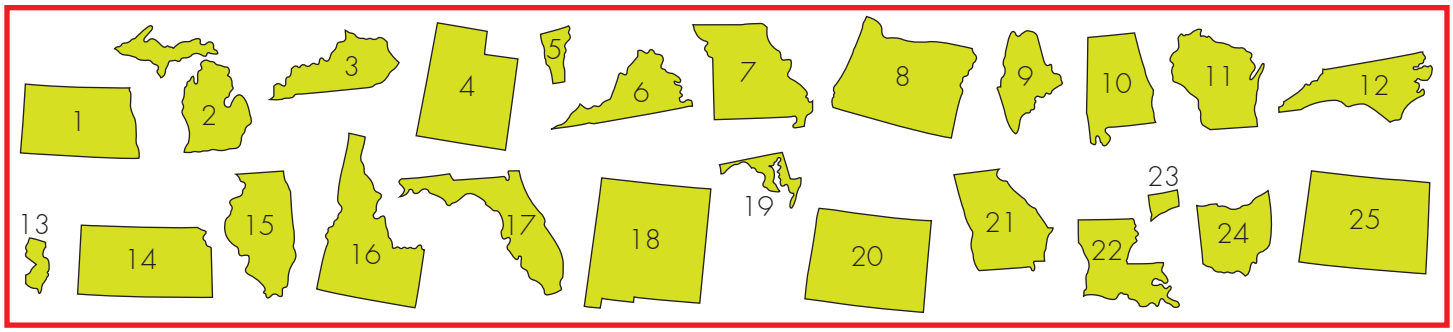
22. SOAILIANU
_____

23. TNCIOTCCEUN
_____

24. HIOO
_____

25. DOOLACRO
_____

## Picture Bank:




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# More Scrambled States!

Unscramble the names of the states below. If you need a hint, take a look at the picture bank!

1. NAMOANT
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

2. NWE PHIMAHSER
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

3. HOAMOALK
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

4. WAIO
_ _ _ _

5. DAIANIN
_ _ _ _ _ _ _

6. RZAINOA
_ _ _ _ _ _ _

7. HEDOR ALSIDN
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

8. NESTEESEN
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

9. AXETS
_ _ _ _ _

10. FLACOINARI
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

11. EWN KYOR
_ _ _ _ _ _ _

12. STMINEANO
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

13. DANVAE
_ _ _ _ _ _

14. SACASHETUSTMS
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

15. RNHOT KADOAT
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

16. GOHIWANTSN
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

17. RASKAANS
_ _ _ _ _ _ _

18. YALNPNEVIANS
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

19. STEW NGIIVAIR
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

20. PSIPISIMSSI
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

21. UTSHO OCRAILAN
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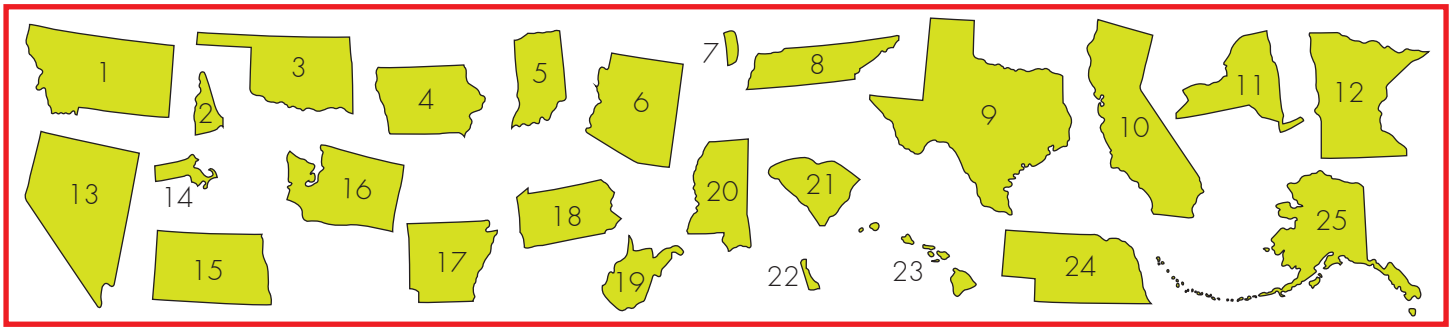
22. WEAREALD
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

23. IHAIAW
_ _ _ _ _ _

24. BANEKASR
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

25. KASAAL
_ _ _ _ _ _

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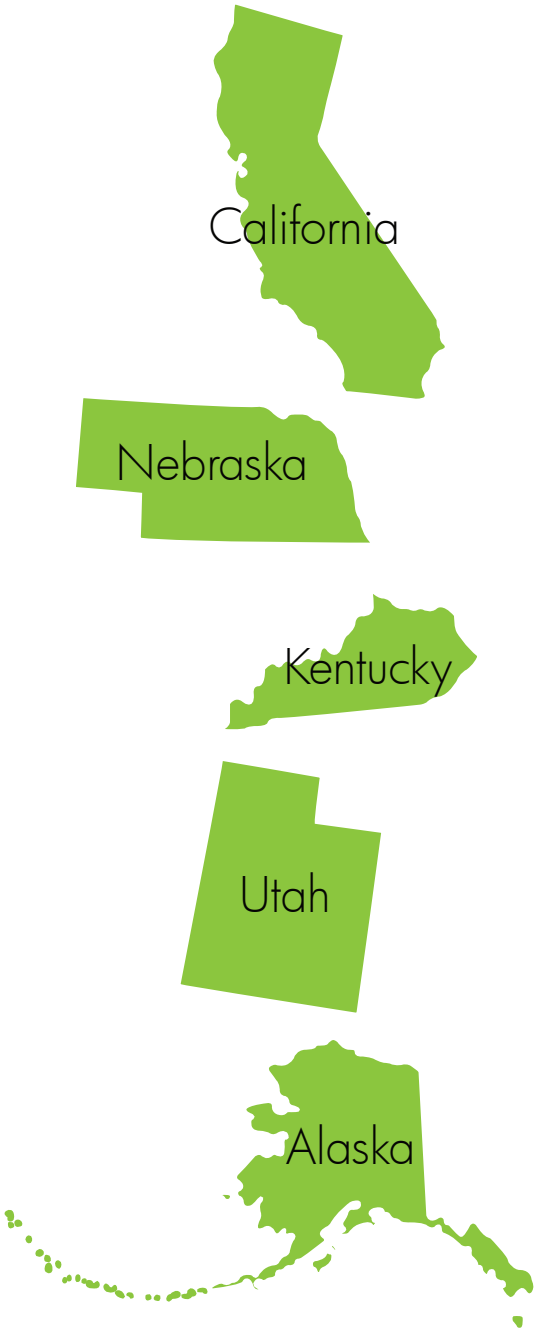
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# Extreme State Facts

Match each extreme fact to its state!

- The 49th state added to the United States also has the highest point in the U.S. (Mt. McKinley is 20,320 feet above sea level.)
- This western state has the largest salt lake in the western hemisphere. (The Great Salt Lake covers an average of 1700 square miles.)
- This southern state has the largest underground cave in the world. (The Mammoth - Flint cave system is 300 miles long.)
- This western state is home to the oldest living things in the world. (General Sherman, a 3500 year old tree, and a stand of 4000 year old bristlecone pines.)
- This midwestern state has the smallest population in the United States. (Monowi has a poplation of 1.)




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# Notable State Facts

Molly has collected her state facts, but can't remember which facts go with which states. Can you help her by drawing a line between the facts and their matching states?

- This state is home to Grasshopper Glacier, named for the grasshoppers that can still be seen frozen in the ice.
- This state is the largest producer of maple syrup in the United States.
- Graceland, Elvis Presley's estate and burial site, is found in this state.
- This state is the site of the famous car race, the Indy 500.
- NASA is the headquarters for all piloted U.S. space projects and is found in this state.
- 'Iolani Palace, the only royal palace in the United States, is found in this state.



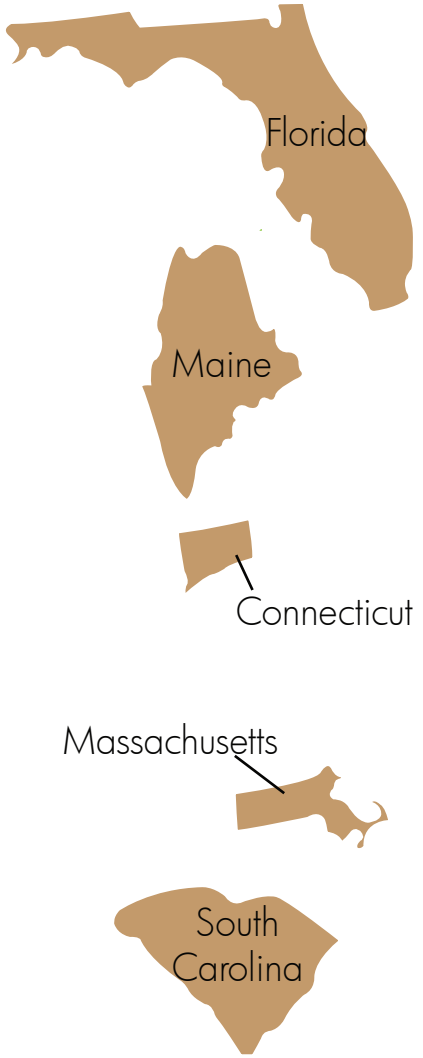


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# Going to the Coast

Match each fact with its east coast state!

- The most easterly point in the United States, West Quoddy Head, is found in this state.
- This state is where the Boston Tea Party occured in 1773.
- The first battle of the Civil War took place at Fort Sumter in this state.
- Noah Webster, the author of the first dictionary, was born in this state in 1807.
- Known as the Venice of America, the city of Fort Lauderdale has 185 miles of local waterways and is found in this state.



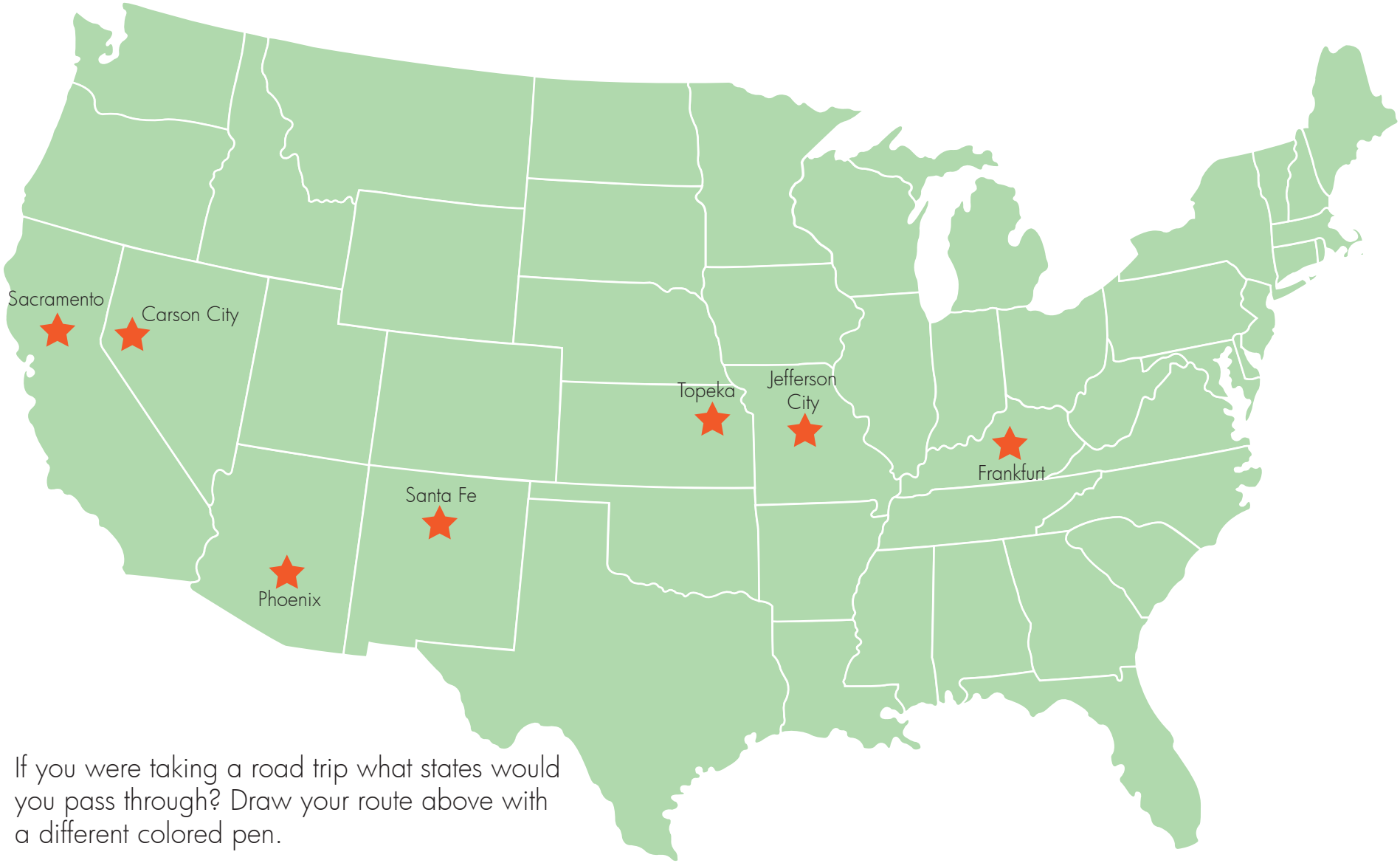

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# Road Trip Across the U.S.A.

Tammy's family is taking a road trip! They want to visit the seven capital cities marked on the map. Draw a route for them to take and fill in the names of all the states they are going to pass through!




If you were taking a road trip what states would you pass through? Draw your route above with a different colored pen.

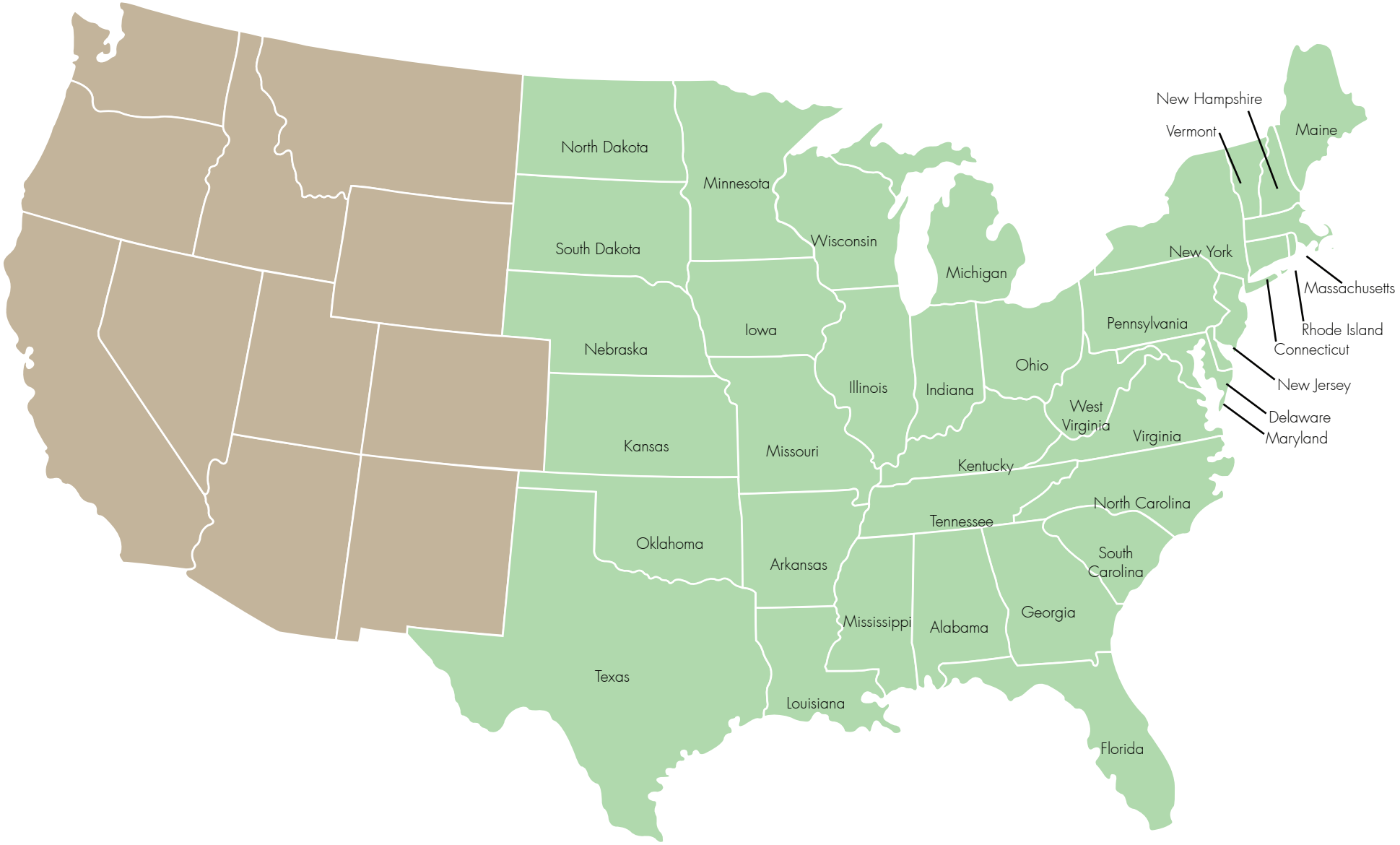
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# Name These States: The West

Fill in the names of the western states to complete the map below!



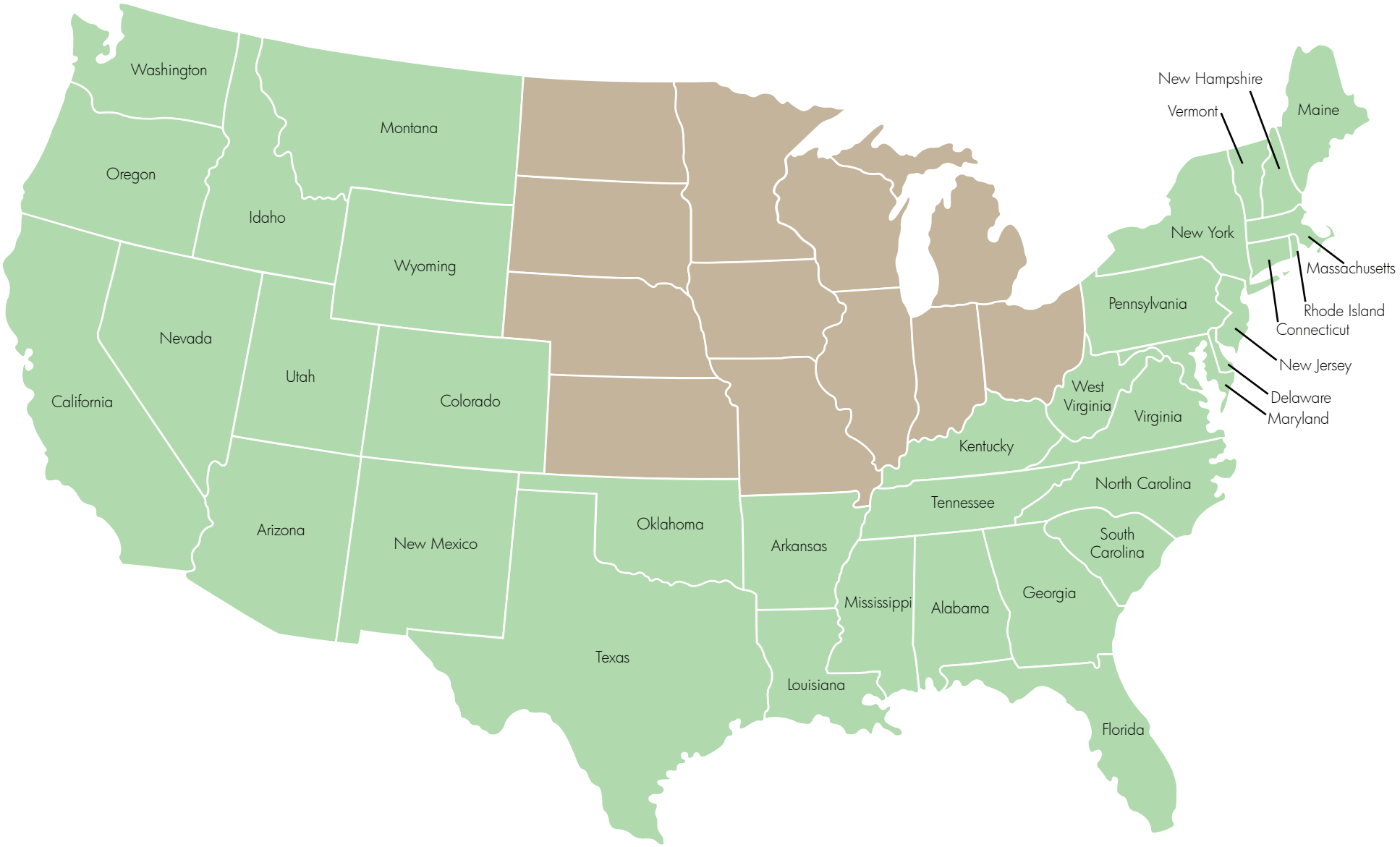

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# Name These States: The Midwest

Fill in the names of the mid-western states to complete the map below!



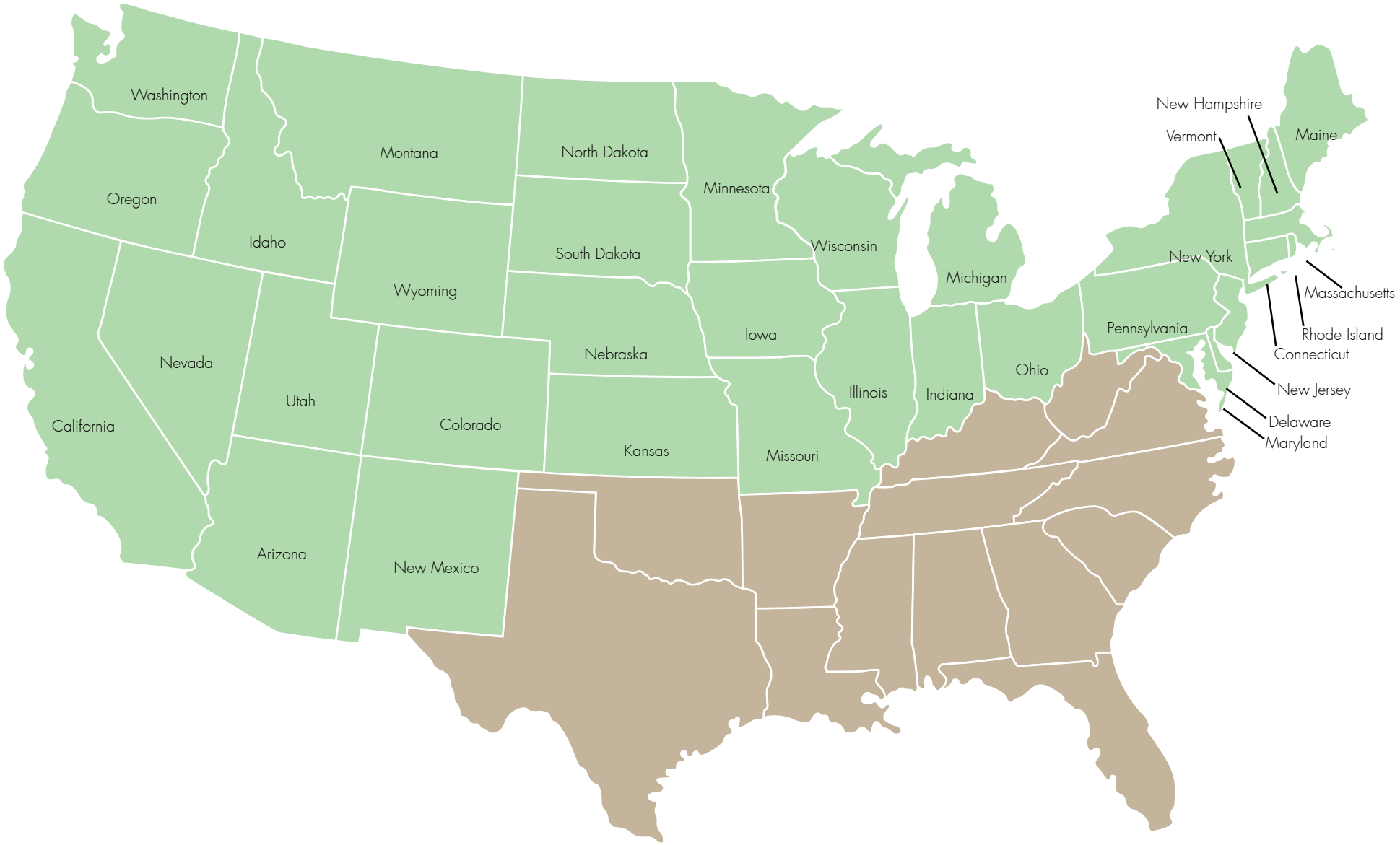

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# Name These States: The South

Fill in the names of the southern states to complete the map below!

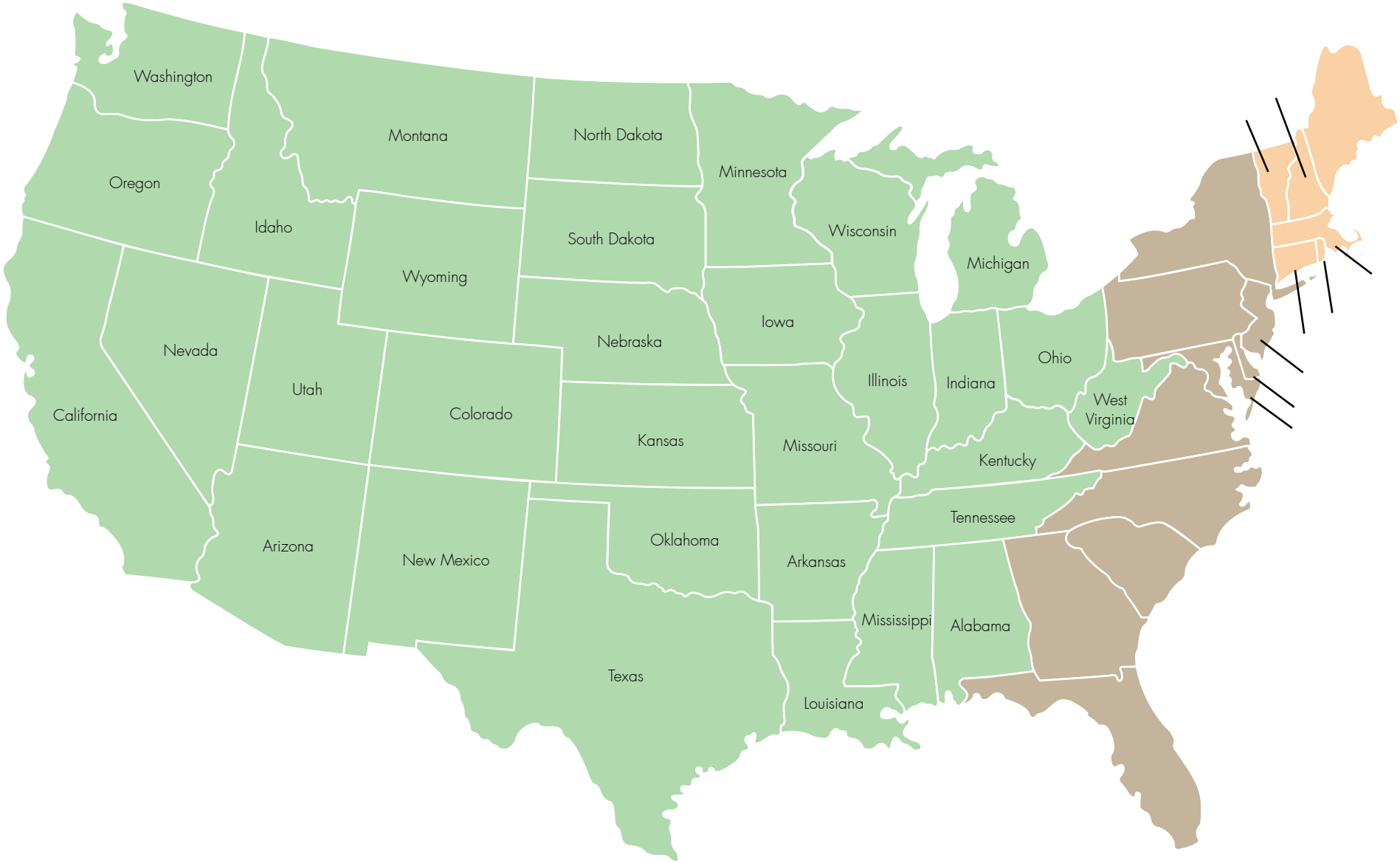



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# Name These States: The East Coast

Fill in the names of the east coast states to complete the map below! The six states in orange form New England.
**Note that some of the east coast states are also southern states.**



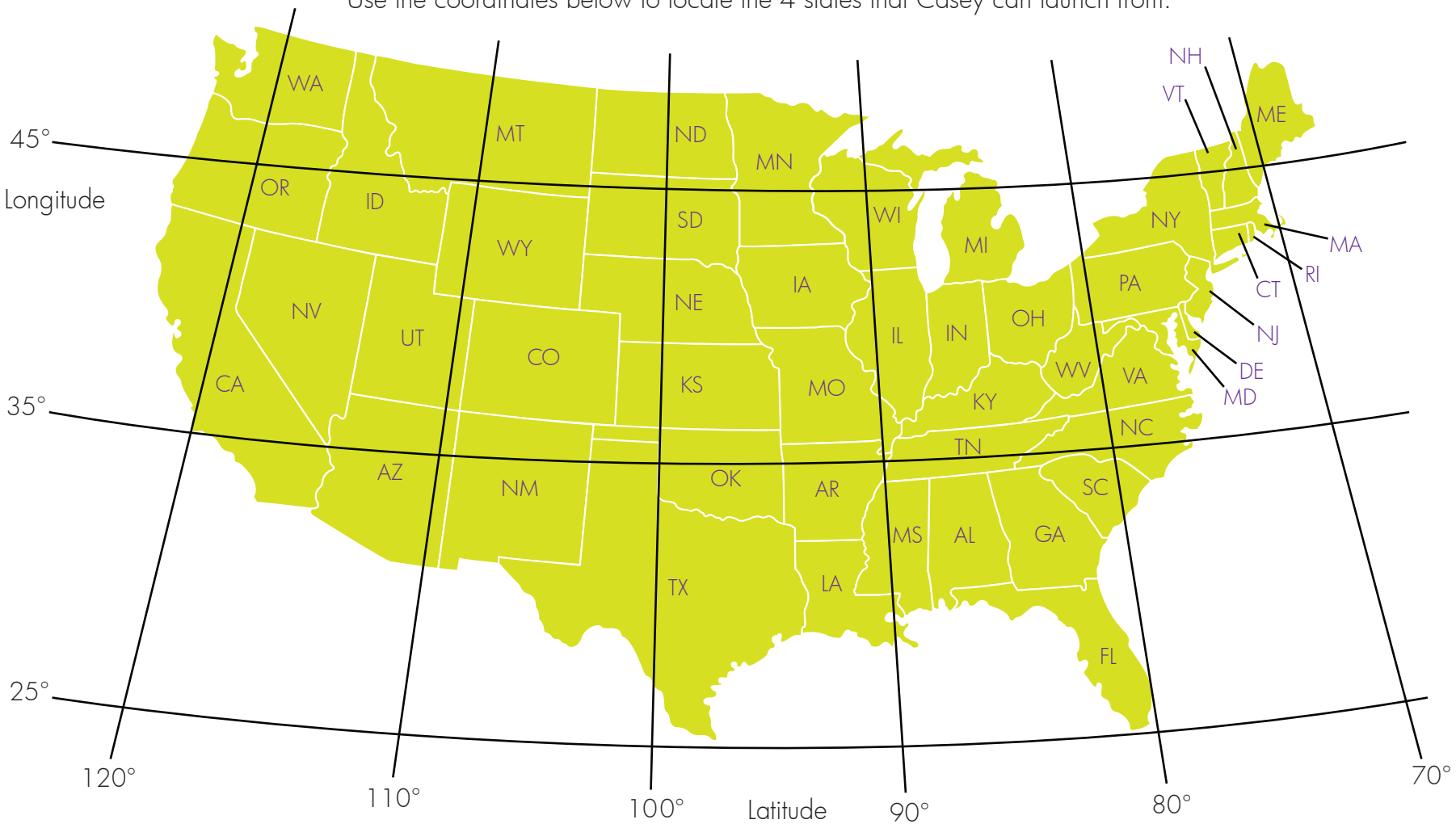

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# Launch Coordinates

Casey is looking for the perfect place to launch his rocket ship. He has found 4 possible locations.
Use the coordinates below to locate the 4 states that Casey can launch from.




1. This location is at 30° north and 97° west: _____

2. This location is at 41° north and 78° west: _____

3. This location is at 39° north and 120° west: _____

4. This location is at 46° north and 108° west: _____

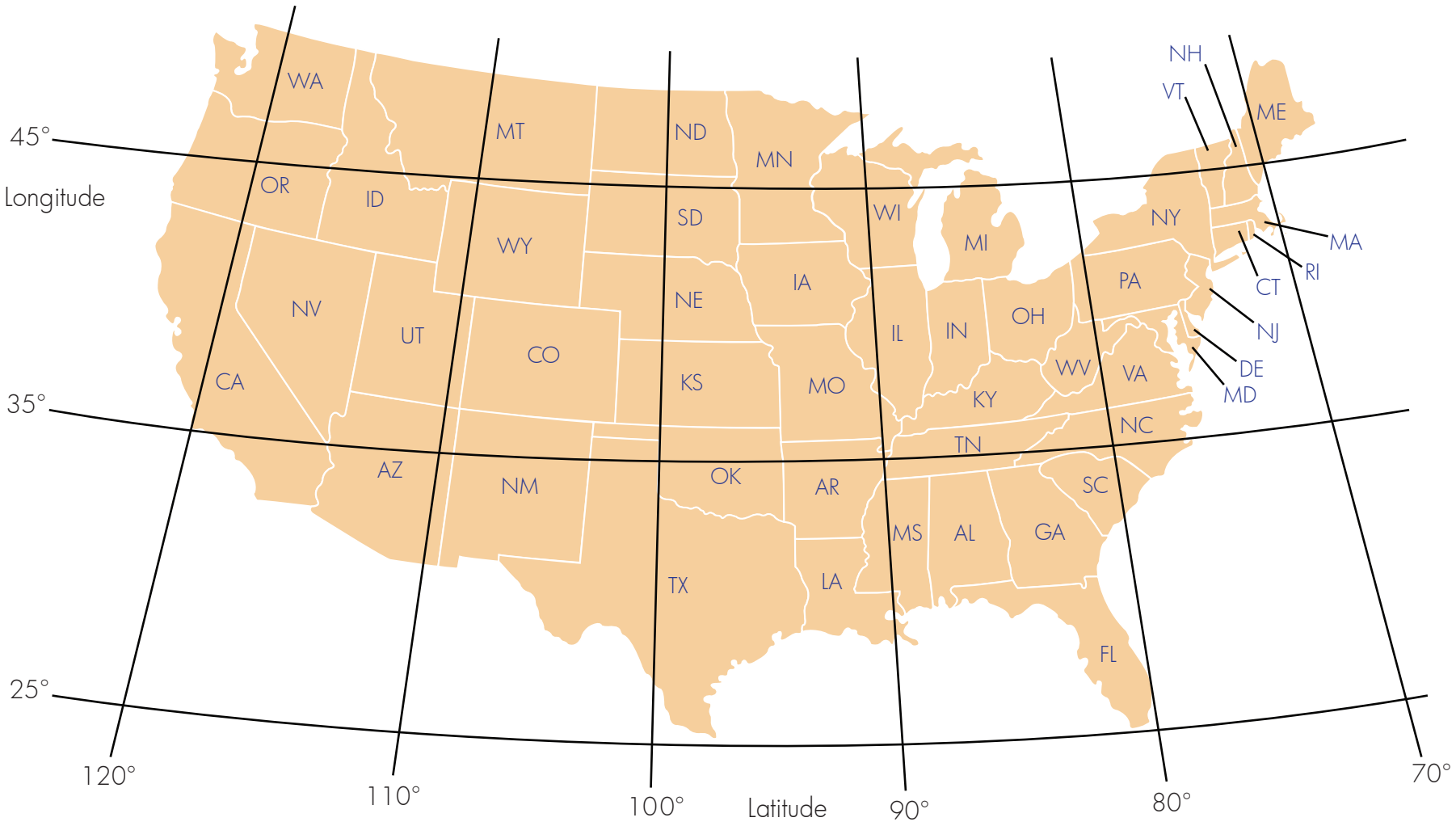
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# State Coordinates

Can you name the states located at the coordinates given below?




1. This location is at 37° north and 105° west: _____

2. This location is at 27° north and 82° west: _____

3. This location is at 44° north and 75° west: _____

4. This location is at 38° north and 91° west: _____

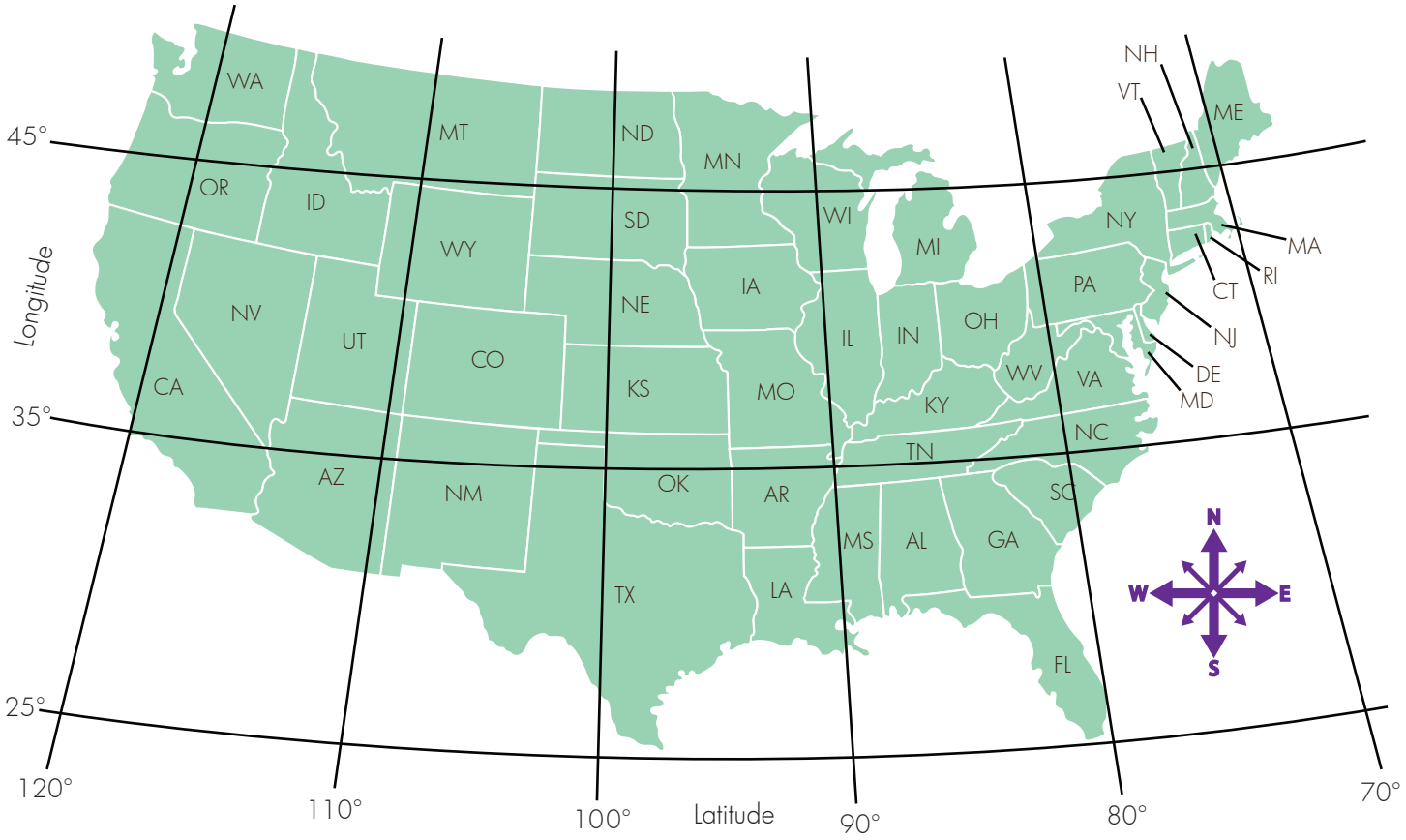
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# State Scavenger Hunt

Zach and Ronnie are on a state scavenger hunt.
Use the clues below to help them find the states they're looking for!




1. Start in Wyoming. Move one state north and then 3 states to the east. What state are you in?

2. Start in Alabama. Move one state north. Follow the 35° latitude line west 4 states. What state are you in?

3. Start in east Michigan. Move to the state that is south and east. Move one state northeast. Then go one more state north. What state are you in?

4. Start in South Dakota. Follow the 100° longitude line 2 states south. Go 2 states west. Then go to the bordering northwest state. What state are you in?


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How many states can you name that start with these letters?

A

C

D

F

G

H

I

K

L

M

N

O

P

R

S

T

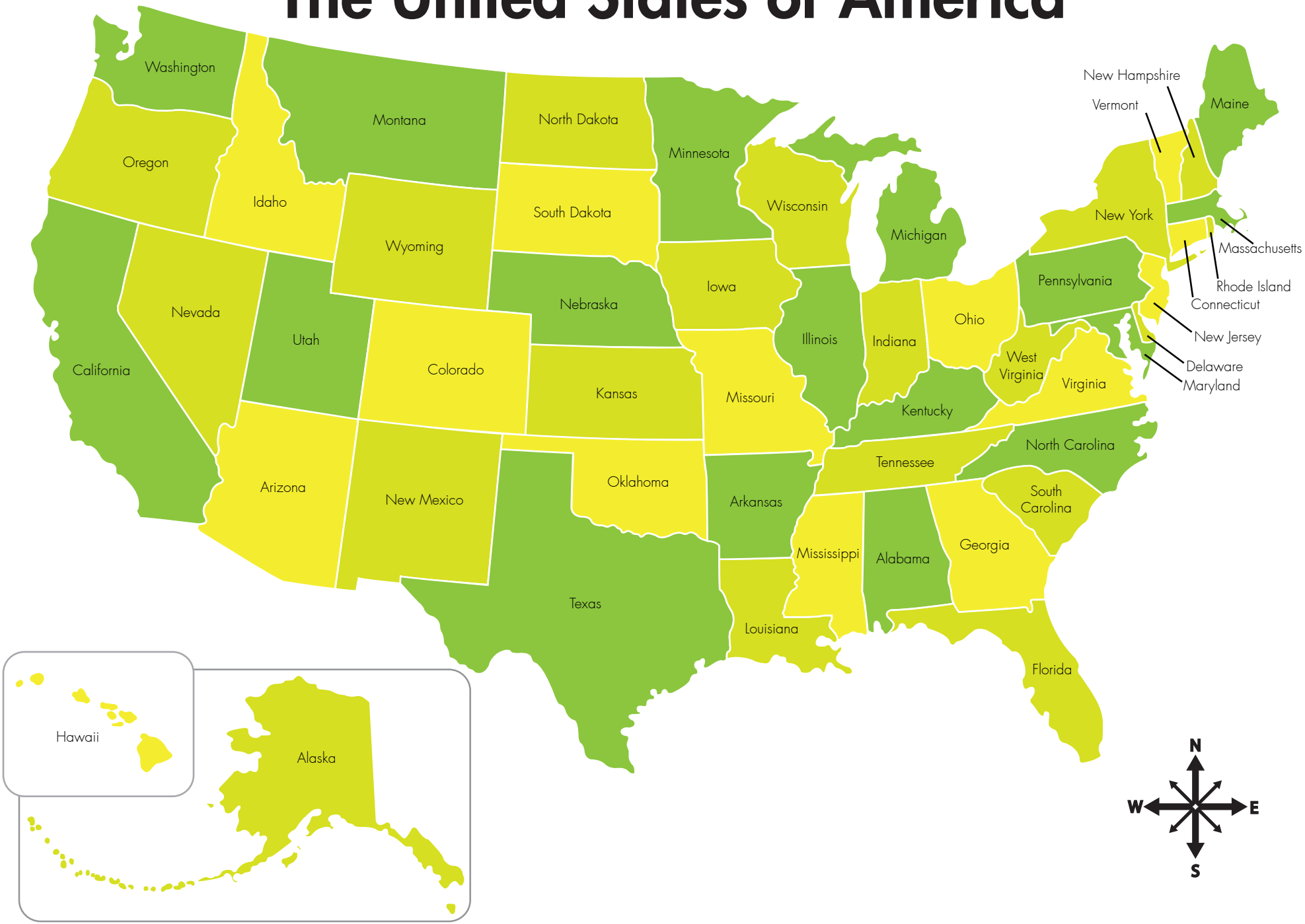
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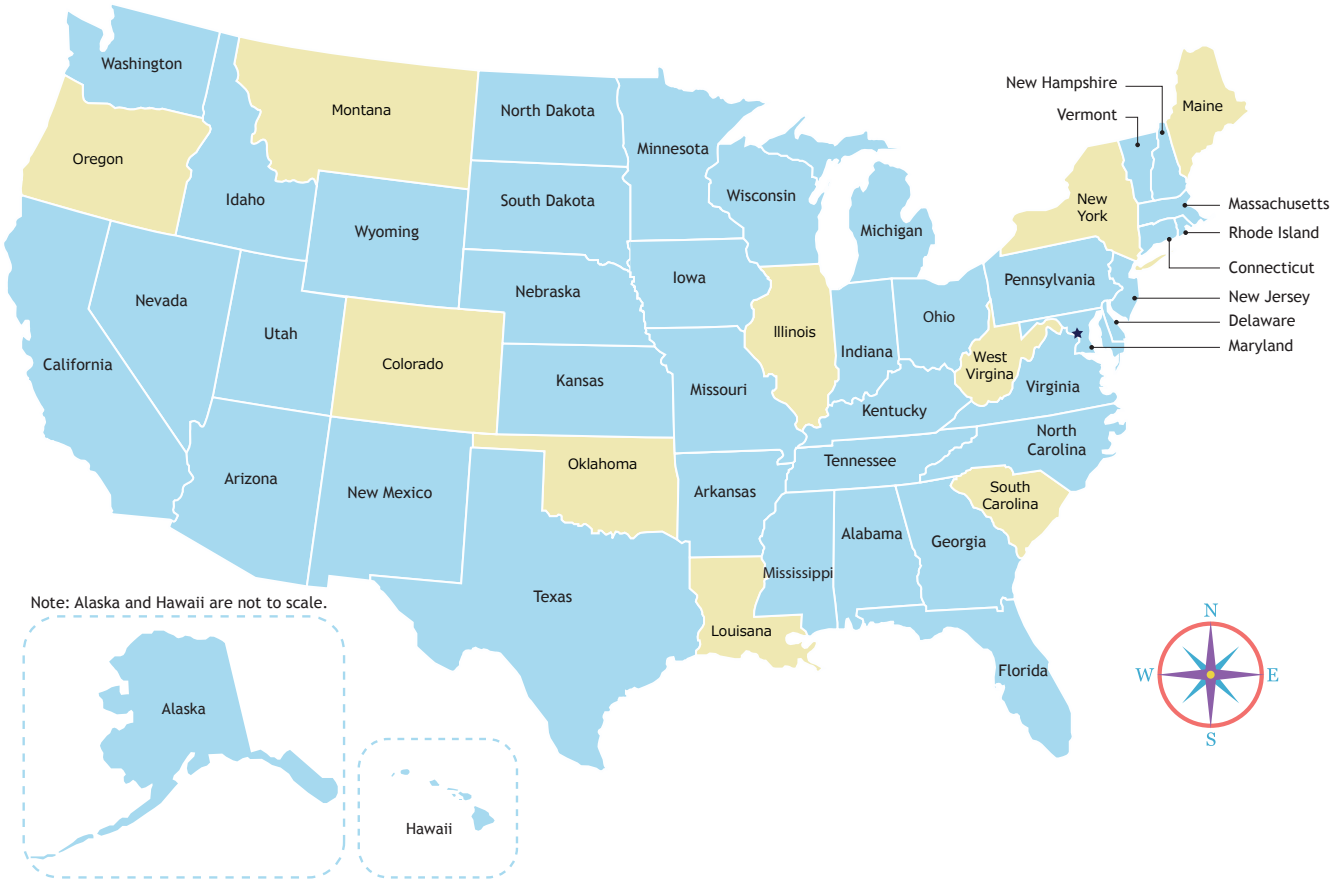
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# Answer Sheet

# Name the States 1

The United States map is missing some of the names of its states! Use the word bank to help you fill in the names.




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|---|---|---|
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| Oregon | Louisiana | West Virginia |
| Colorado | Illinois | |
| Oklahoma | South Carolina | |

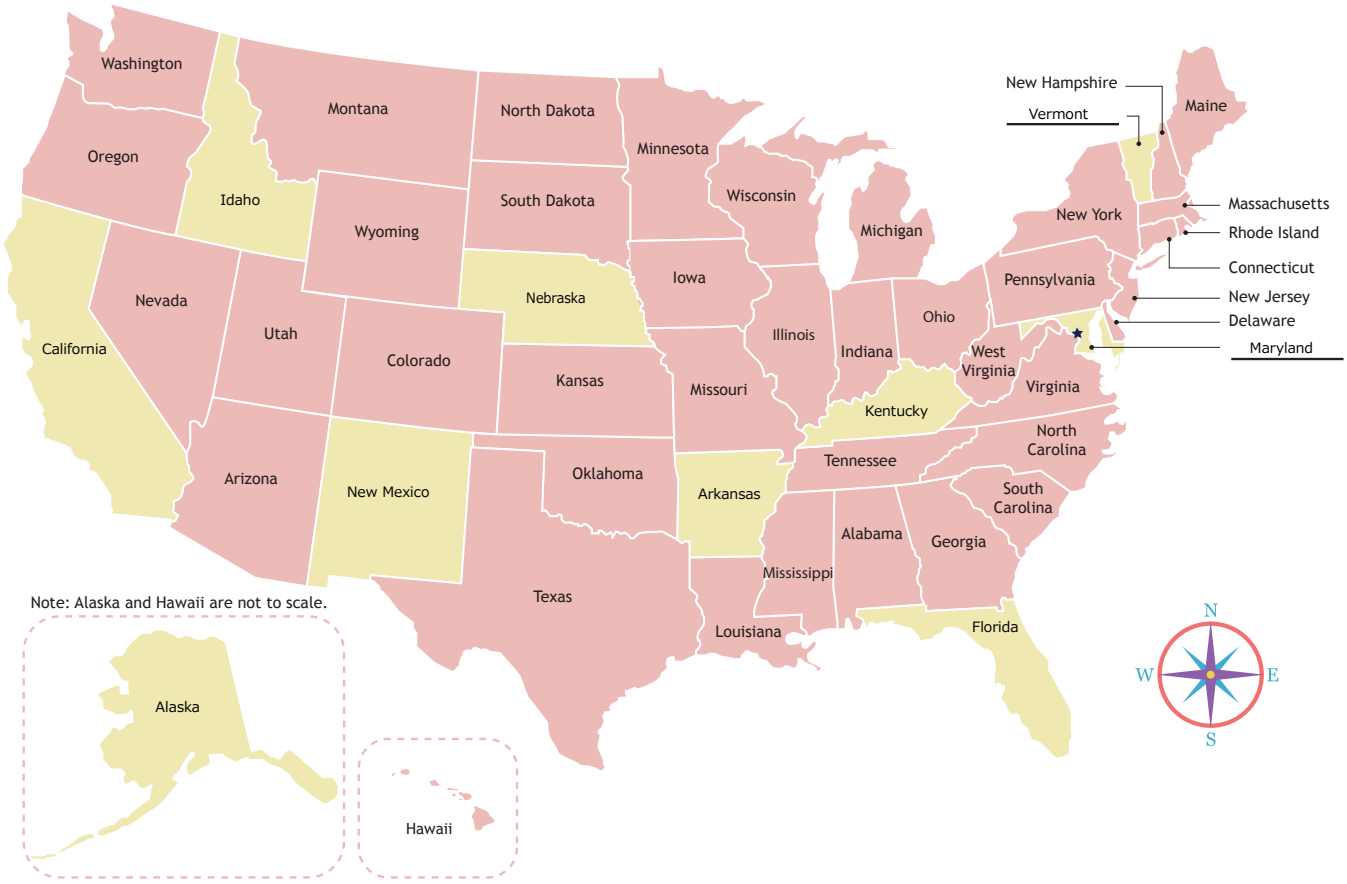
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# Answer Sheet

# Name the States 2

The United States map is missing some of the names of its states! Use the word bank to help you fill in the names.




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| Idaho | Alaska | Nebraska |
| Florida | New Mexico | California |
| Arkansas | Kentucky | |
| Maryland | Vermont | |

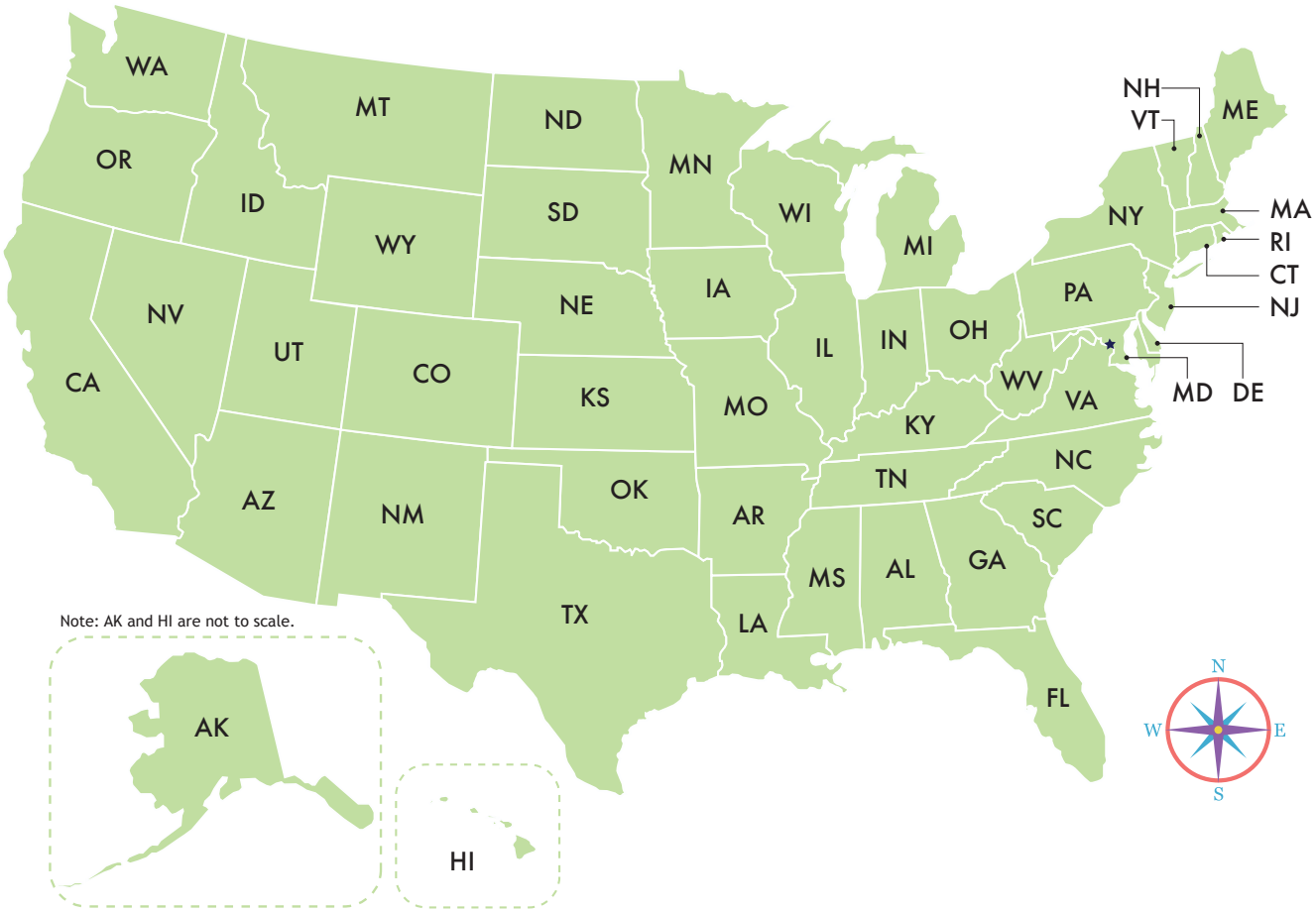
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# Answer Sheet

# Make It Short!

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Alaska AK

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Arkansas AR

California CA

Colorado CO

Connecticut CT

Delaware DE



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# Answer Sheet

Continue to write the postal abbreviation for every state.

Florida FL
Georgia GA
Hawaii HI
Idaho ID
Illinois IL
Indiana IN
Iowa IA
Kansas KS
Kentucky KY
Louisiana LA
Maine ME
Maryland MD
Massachusetts MA
Michigan MI
Minnesota MN
Mississippi MS
Missouri MO
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# Answer Sheet

# More Scrambled States!

Unscramble the names of the states below. If you need a hint, take a look at the picture bank!

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MONTANA

2. NWE PHIMAHSER
NEW HAMPSHIRE

3. HOAMOALK
OKLAHOMA

4. WAIO
IOWA

5. DAIANIN
INDIANA

6. RZAINOA
ARIZONA

7. HEDOR ALSIDN
RHODE ISLAND

8. NESTEESEN
TENNESSEE

9. AXETS
TEXAS

10. FLACOINARI
CALIFORNIA

11. EWN KYOR
NEW YORK

12. STMINEANO
MINNESOTA

13. DANVAE
NEVADA

14. SACASHETUSTMS
MASSACHUSETTS

15. RNHOT KADOAT
NORTH DAKOTA

16. GOHIWANTSN
WASHINGTON

17. RASKAANS
ARKANSAS

18. YALNPNEVIANS
PENNSYLVANIA

19. STEW NGIIVAIR
WEST VIRGINIA

20. PSIPISIMSSI
MISSISSIPPI

21. UTSHO OCRAILAN
SOUTH CAROLINA

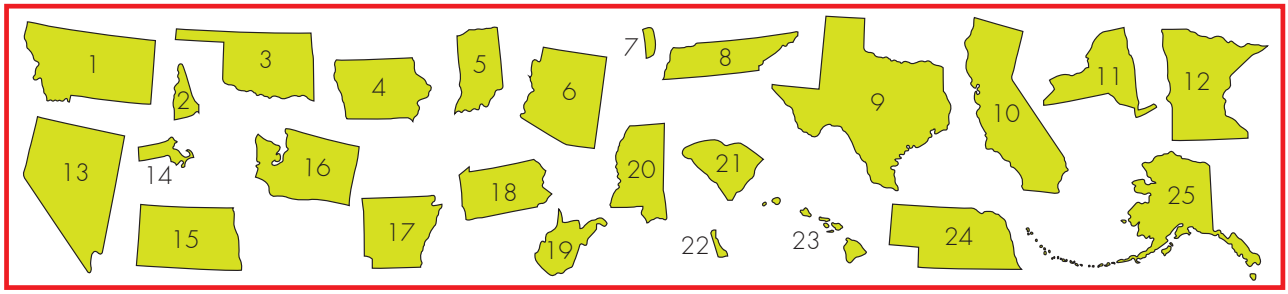
22. WEAREALD
DELAWARE

23. IHAIAW
HAWAII

24. BANEKASR
NEBRASKA

25. KASAAL
ALASKA

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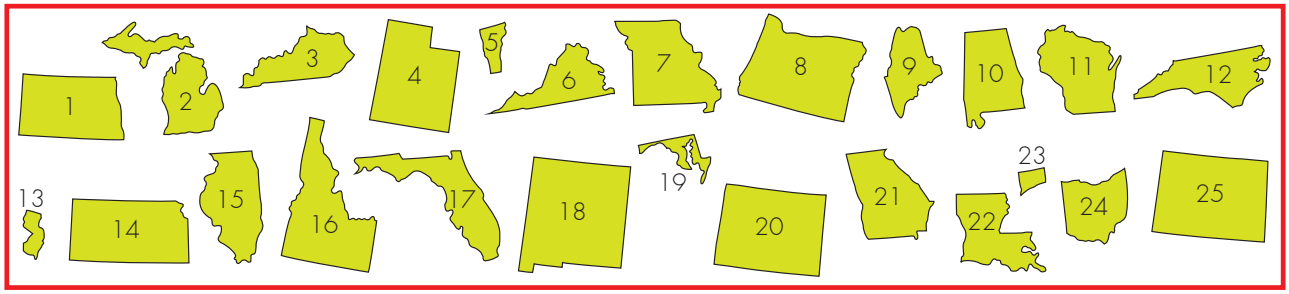
# Answer Sheet

# Scrambled States!

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2. CMIHGAIN — MICHIGAN
3. YKNETKUC — KENTUCKY
4. AUTH — UTAH
5. TEMOVRN — VERMONT
6. GANIIVIR — VIRGINIA
7. SMIUSRIO — MISSOURI
8. GEONOR — OREGON
9. IMEAN — MAINE
10. ABAALAM — ALABAMA
11. CISSIWNON — WISCONSIN
12. HRNTO RALOACIN — NORTH CAROLINA
13. EWN EYEJSR — NEW JERSEY
14. SKASAN — KANSAS
15. LSINIOIL — ILLINOIS
16. HAIDO — IDAHO
17. LDAFORI — FLORIDA
18. WNE CMIXOE — NEW MEXICO
19. YADARNLM — MARYLAND
20. GYMONIW — WYOMING
21. OEGGIAR — GEORGIA
22. SOAILIANU — LOUISIANA
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25. DOOLACRO — COLORODO

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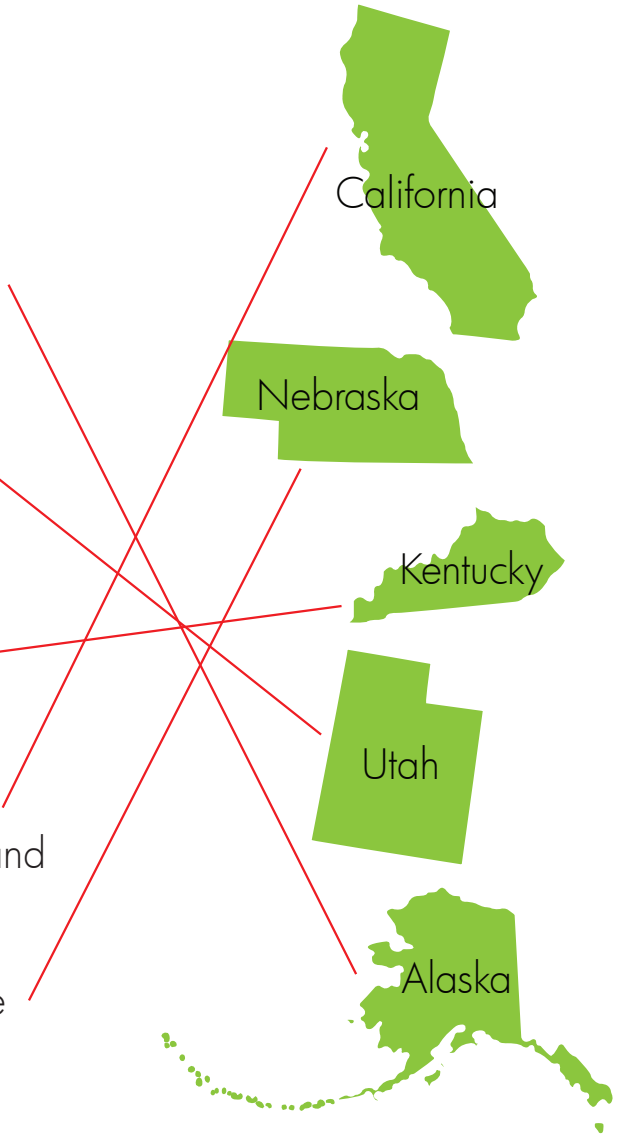
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# Answer Sheet

# Extreme State Facts

Match each extreme fact to its state!

- The 49th state added to the United States also has the highest point in the U.S. (Mt. McKinley is 20,320 feet above sea level.)
- This western state has the largest salt lake in the western hemisphere. (The Great Salt Lake covers an average of 1700 square miles.)
- This southern state has the largest underground cave in the world. (The Mammoth - Flint cave system is 300 miles long.)
- This western state is home to the oldest living things in the world. (General Sherman, a 3500 year old tree, and a stand of 4000 year old bristlecone pines.)
- This midwestern state has the smallest population in the United States. (Monowi has a poplation of 1.)




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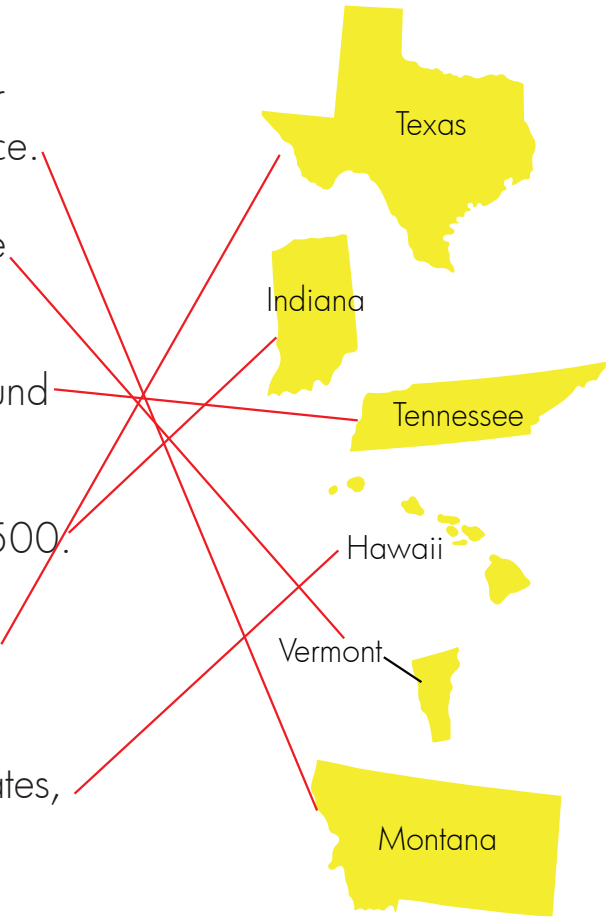
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# Answer Sheet

# Notable State Facts

Molly has collected her state facts, but can't remember which facts go with which states. Can you help her by drawing a line between the facts and their matching states?

- This state is home to Grasshopper Glacier, named for the grasshoppers that can still be seen frozen in the ice.
- This state is the largest producer of maple syrup in the United States.
- Graceland, Elvis Presley's estate and burial site, is found in this state.
- This state is the site of the famous car race, the Indy 500.
- NASA is the headquarters for all piloted U.S. space projects and is found in this state.
- 'Iolani Palace, the only royal palace in the United States, is found in this state.




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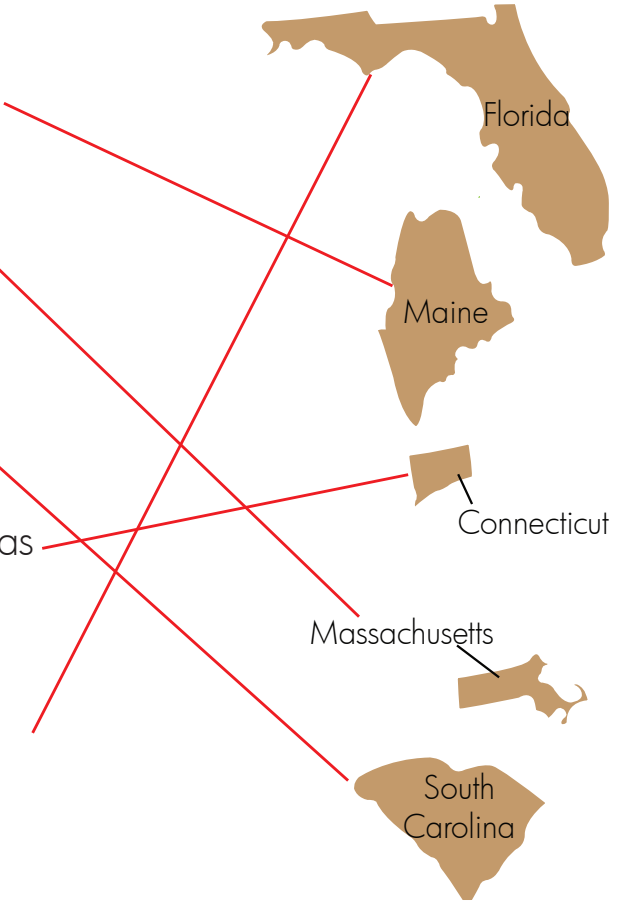
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# Answer Sheet

# Going to the Coast

Match each fact with its east coast state!

- The most easterly point in the United States, West Quoddy Head is found in this state.
- This state is where the Boston Tea Party occured in 1773.
- The first battle of the Civil War took place at Fort Sumter in this state.
- Noah Webster, the author of the first dictionary was born in this state in 1807.
- Known as the Venice of America, the city of Fort Lauderdale has 185 miles of local waterways and is found in this state.




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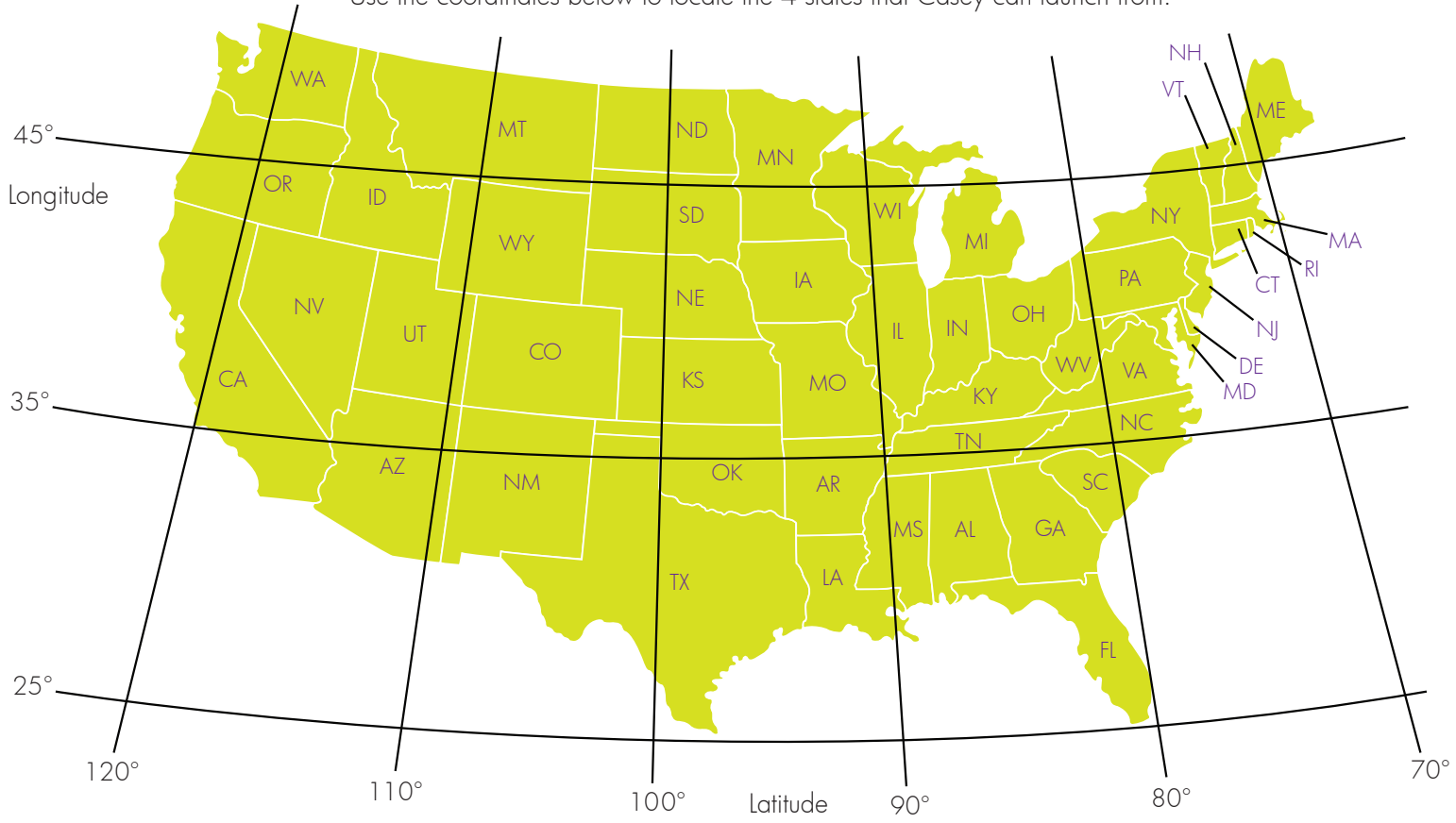
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# Answer Sheet

## Launch Coordinates

Casey is looking for the perfect place to launch his rocket ship. He has found 4 possible locations. Use the coordinates below to locate the 4 states that Casey can launch from.




1. This location is at 30° north and 97° west: Texas

2. This location is at 41° north and 78° west: Pennsylvania

3. This location is at 39° north and 120° west: California

4. This location is at 46° north and 108° west: Montana

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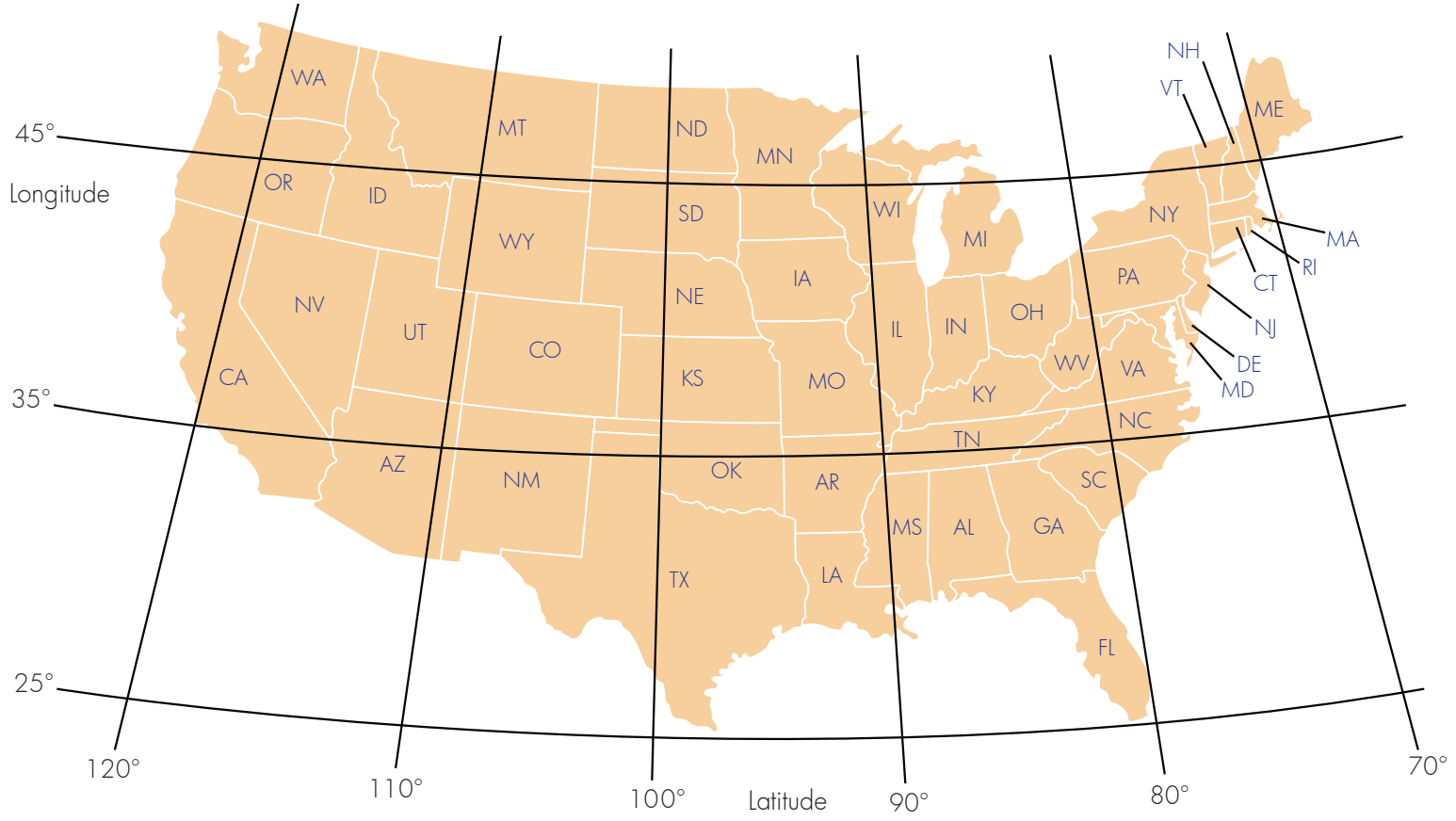
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# Answer Sheet

## State Coordinates

Can you name the states located at the coordinates given below?




1. This location is at 37° north and 105° west: Colorado

2. This location is at 27° north and 82° west: Florida

3. This location is at 44° north and 75° west: New York

4. This location is at 38° north and 91° west: Missouri

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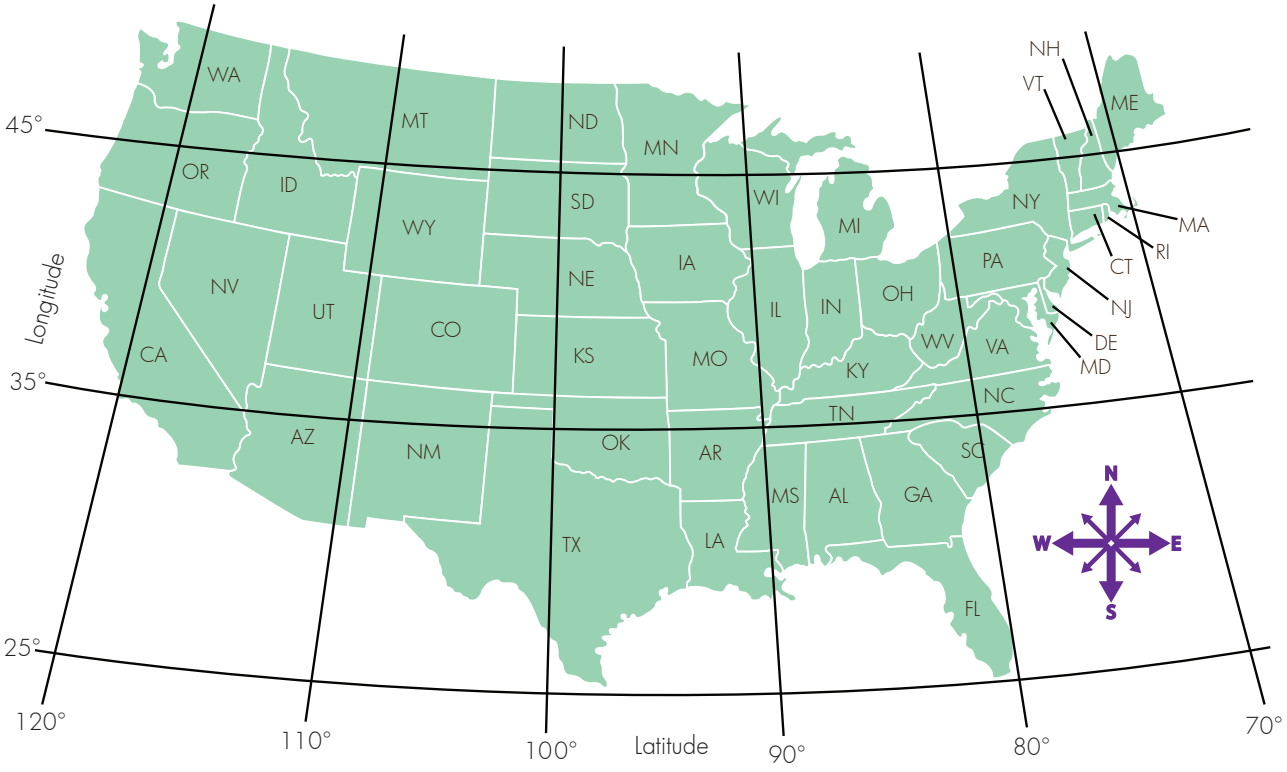
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# Answer Sheet

# State Scavenger Hunt

Zach and Ronnie are on a state scavenger hunt.
Use the clues below to help them find the states they're looking for!




1. Start in Wyoming. Move one state north and then 3 states to the east. What state are you in? Wisconsin

2. Start in Alabama. Move one state north. Follow the 35° latitude line west 4 states. What state are you in? New Mexico

3. Start in east Michigan. Move to the state that is south and east. Move one state northeast. Then go one more state north. What state are you in? New York

4. Start in South Dakota. Follow the 100° longitude line 2 states south. Go 2 states west. Then go to the bordering northwest state. What state are you in? Idaho

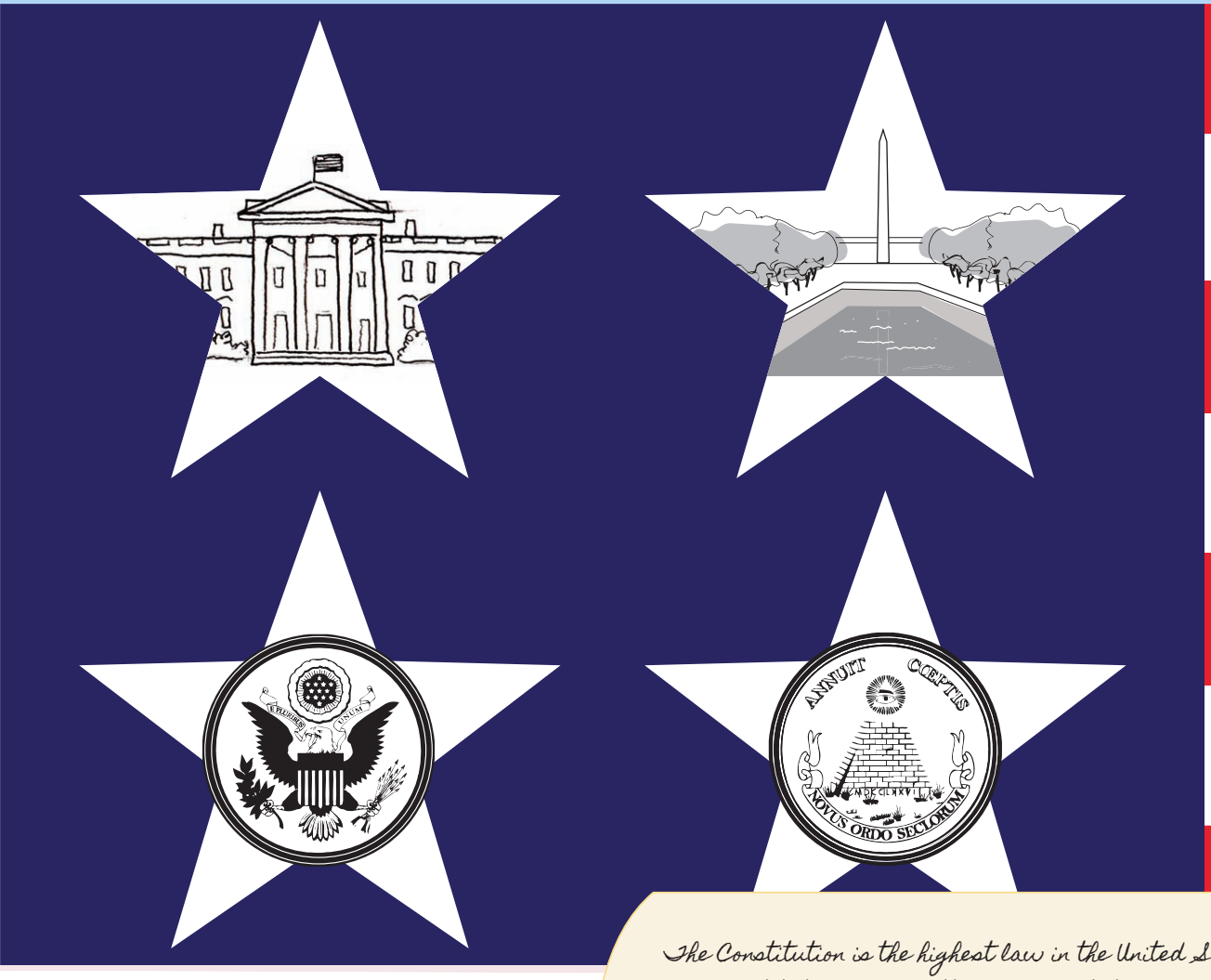
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# National Treasures:
## People, Places, and Things

4th Grade




The Constitution is the highest law in the United States. The Constitution was written in 1787, but it has changed through "amendments" passed by the states. The first ten amendments describe the rights of all Americans. They are called The Bill of Rights. The Constitution also describes the three main branches of government: Legislative, Judicial, and Executive.

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# Introduction




This workbook has five sections:

1. **Section one is flags, a good way to start.**
2. **Section two is national landmarks or physical structures.**
3. **Section three is national treasures (not buildings).**
4. **Section four is the U.S. Constitution.**
5. **Section five is related to national treasures.**

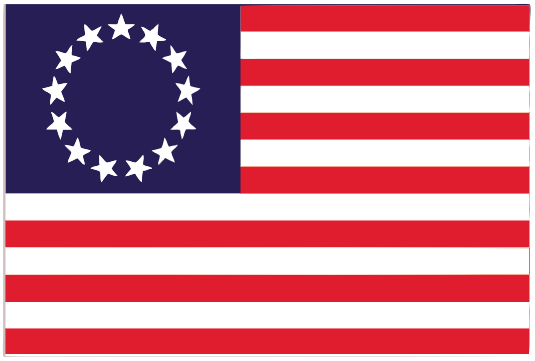
While this workbook introduces kids to the U.S. Constitution and even the amendments we understand kids aren't going to grasp all of the vocabulary in those documents. It's merely to show them that such important documents exist.

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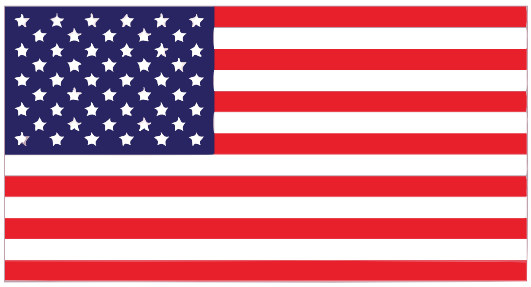
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# NATIONAL SYMBOLS
# THE FLAG

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage and answer the following questions.



COLONIAL FLAG



CURRENT AMERICAN FLAG

The U.S. flag has undergone many changes since the first original flag in 1777. Before the official flag there had been many different flags that were popular in different colonies, but the Betsy Ross Flag was the first official national standard. In June 1776 George Washington asked Betsy Ross to sew a flag for the new country. He and a committee had come up with a design and requirements that it must have 13 stars and 13 stripes, each to stand for the colonies. The flag should be in red, blue and white. She designed the stars in a circle over a blue field.

On June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress passed the Flag Act, which said that the flag would be made of white and red stripes and thirteen stars on blue. The number of stars were based on the 13 colonies and more stars were added as the US grew and got more states.

1. Why are there 13 stripes?

2. What do the stars on the flag stand for?

3. How many stars did the flag originally have?

4. Who made the first official flag?

5. What colors are the flag?

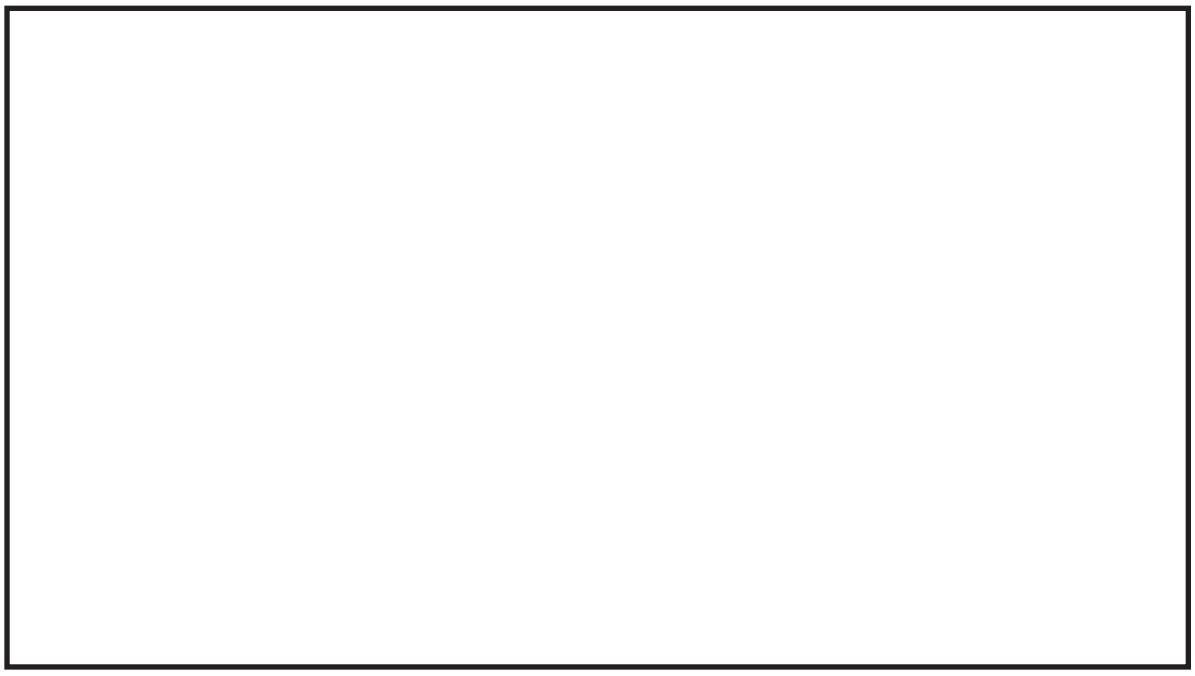
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# Old Glory

**In Colonial and early U.S. history the flag went through different designs. Draw one of the earlier versions of the flag and the current American flag below.**



Early American Flag



Current American Flag

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# What's in a Flag?

In addition to the American flag, each of the 50 states has its own flag with unique pictures, symbols and colors. Please describe two state flags, the California state flag and another state flag of your choice. Illustrate the state flag of your choice and describe the flags below.

Flag of the State of California



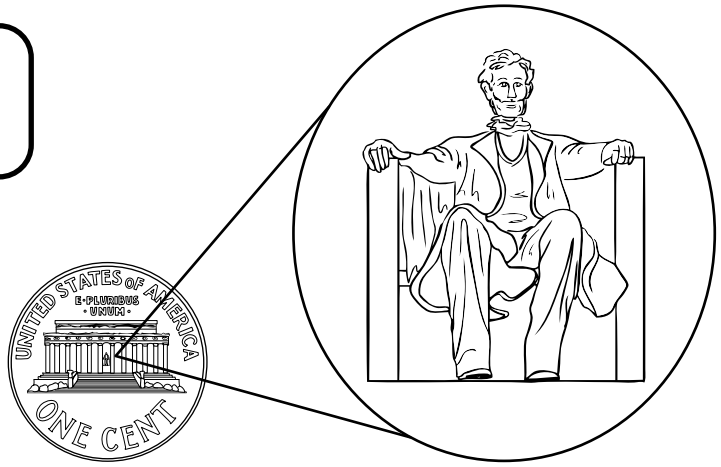

Flag of the State of _____

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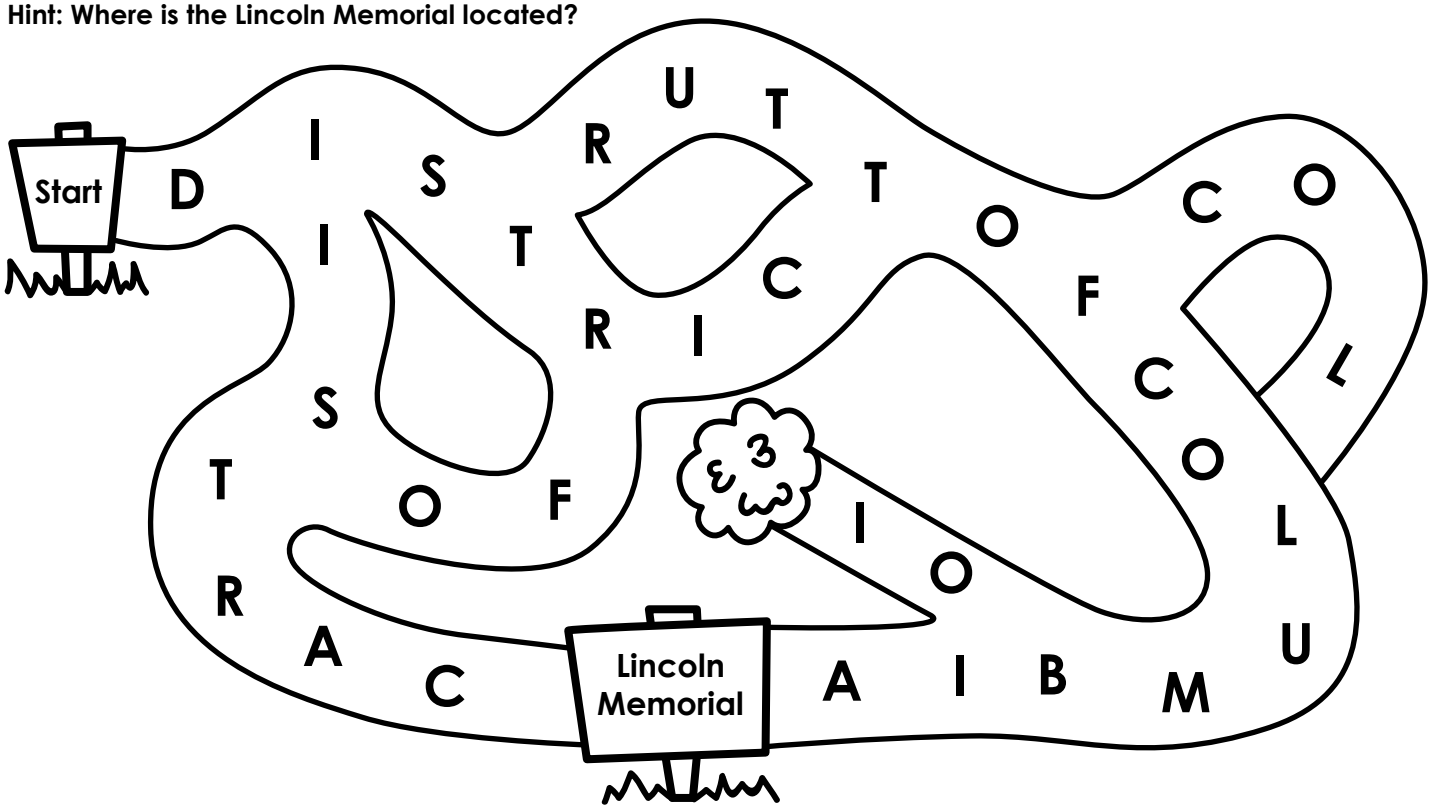
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# Washington, D.C.

The Lincoln Memorial is located in our nation's capital, the District of Columbia or Washington, D.C.. This monument has also been featured on the back of the one-cent coin.



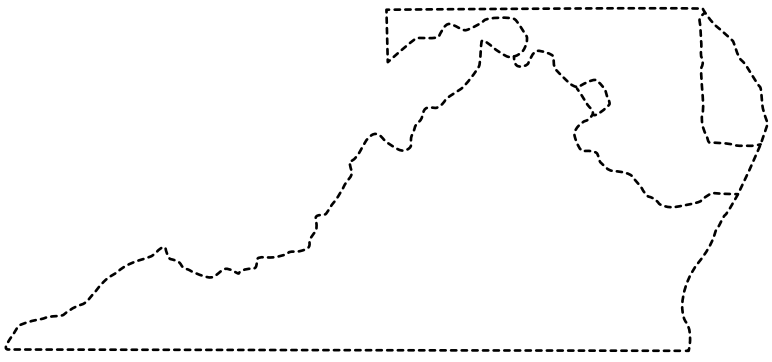

**Complete the maze!**
**Hint: Where is the Lincoln Memorial located?**




On a map, D.C. looks like it could be part of Maryland, but the nation's capital isn't part of any state. Early in U.S. history it was thought that if the capital was actually part of a state, it would give an unfair advantage to that state.

**Outline the partial map to the right and label each section with the following:**

**A - Maryland**
**B - Virginia**
**C- Washington, D.C.**
**D - Delaware**



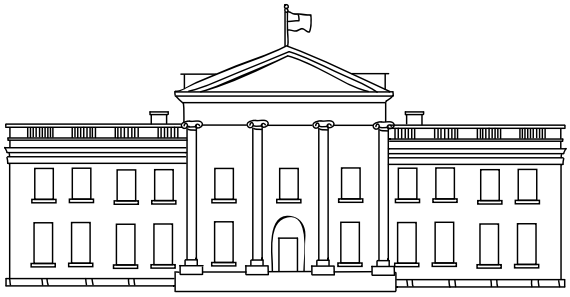
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# The White House

The White House is where the president and his family live while he serves as president. It's also a workplace for the president and the cabinet.

Currently it's at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C.. The first presidential house was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This was the temporary capital while buildings in Washington D.C. were being constructed. In 1800 John Adams was the first president to live in the White House. Fourteen years later British troops set fire to it during the War of 1812. The damaged parts were reconstructed. By the mid-1800s it was clear that the White House needed to be expanded to accommodate the number of people who worked with the president daily. President Theodore Roosevelt built an office and workspaces onto the back of the White House in 1902, now known as the West Wing. Since then, many presidents have had special rooms put into the house during their stay, like swimming pools, bowling alleys, and gyms!



**The White House**




**The Presidential Seal**

You learned in the previous worksheet that the capital of the United States is located in the District of Columbia. You also learned that the District of Columbia is not part of any state because it represents the whole country, not just parts of the country.

**Why do you think it is a good idea that the President of the United States lives in the White House in the District of Columbia instead of his or her own house in another state?**

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# WASHINGTON MONUMENT

# THE OBELISK




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# The Library of Congress

The Library of Congress is in Washington D.C.. President John Adams signed a bill in 1800 that created the Library of Congress as a library for members of Congress, with only books that they might need for their work. However, during the War of 1812 the small library was destroyed in a fire set by British troops during an invasion. An **avid** reader, former president Thomas Jefferson donated his collection of books to re-establish the library. Jefferson believed that all subject matter was important for the **legislature**, not just what seemed obvious for the work of Congress. The practice of collecting books on all kinds of subjects has gone on since. This is reflected by the library's **comprehensive** collection of books. The Library of Congress began collecting **copyrighted** books. When they ran out of space in the Capitol, a new building was built on the National Mall in 1886. It still stands there today. The library also researches American life, documenting and keeping multimedia records of unique cultures, societies and ways of life in the United States.

**Vocabulary**

**avid -** *having enthusiastic or dedicated interest for something*

**legislature -** *a group of people who make laws*

**comprehensive -** *thorough, extensive*

**copyrighted -** *protected by law from being copied without permission or credit*




**The Library of Congress Seal**

## Review Questions:

1. The United States is one of the largest countries in the world with connections to many other countries who we buy products from, who we sell products to, and who we aid and interact with. Why is it important for the United States to keep copies of books on all subjects in the Library of Congress?

2. Your town probably has a library, as most towns do. What do you think is different about the Library of Congress from other libraries?

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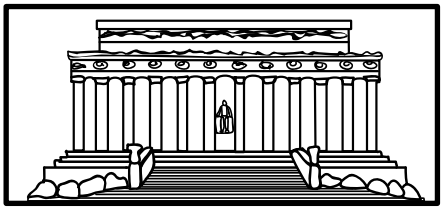
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# The Lincoln Memorial Fun Facts

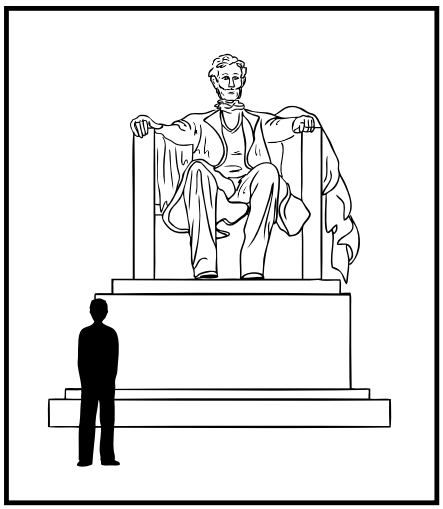
**What do you know about the Lincoln Memorial? Take this short quiz. If you're not sure about an answer, make your best guess. At the end, read the fun facts to learn more about this spectacular American landmark. Test a friend or family member's knowledge next!**

## Test Your Knowledge

1. Who does this memorial honor?
2. What famous ancient building is the memorial modeled after?
3. What two famous speeches are written on the walls inside the monument?
4. How many columns surround the building of the monument?
5. Who made a famous speech from the steps of the monument in 1963?



- The Lincoln Memorial honors Abraham Lincoln.
- The statue of Lincoln sitting is 19-feet (5.8-meters) tall.
- The memorial was modeled after the Parthenon in Athens, Greece.
- Lincoln was the 16th President of the United States from 1861 to 1865.



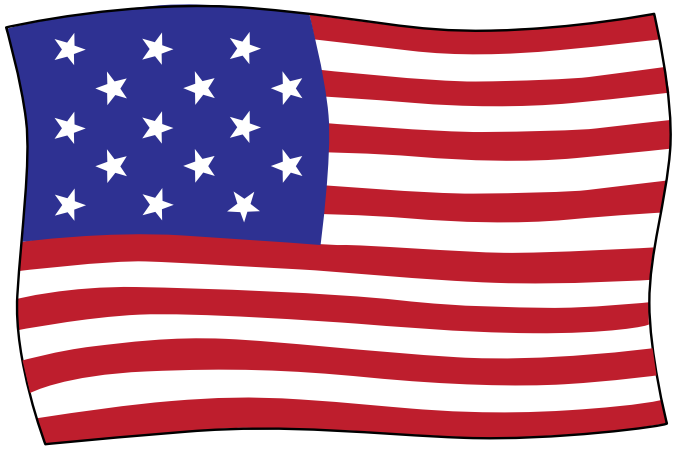
- Written on the walls inside the monment are the words of the Gettysburg Address and his Second Inagural Address.
- There are 36 columns that wrap around the building, each 44-feet (13.4-meters) high, one for each state in the Union in 1860, the year in which Lincoln was elected.
- In 1963, on the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in front of more than 200,000 people.

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# The Star Spangled Banner

The Star-Spangled Banner is the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write a poem that he later set to music. During the War of 1812, Key was detained on a British ship. He saw the flag still raised and flying early in the morning after a major battle at Fort McHenry, and was inspired to write a poem about his experience. During the Civil War, the song became popular with Union troops and supporters. It was made our official national anthem in 1931. The actual "star-spangled banner," a 30-foot-tall flag that he saw from the ship is on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.



1. Why do you think the sight of the flag that morning inspired Francis Scott Key to write a poem that is now our National Anthem?

2. What other songs do you think would make a good national anthem?

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# NATIONAL SYMBOLS
## America the Beautiful



"America the Beautiful" is an American patriotic song. It is a popular and beloved American patriotic song and has been proposed from time to time to replace "The Star Spangled Banner" as the national anthem.

O beautiful for _____ _____,
For amber waves of _____ ,
For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited _____!
**America!** _____ **!** God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with _____
From sea to shining sea! O beautiful for _____,
Whose stern impassion'd stress,
A thoroughfare for _____ beat, Across the _____.
_____ **! America!**
God mend thine ev'ry flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy _____ in law. O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife, Who more than self their country lov'd,
And mercy more than life. America! America!
May _____ thy gold refine, Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine. O beautiful for _____
That sees beyond the years, Thine _____ gleam
Undimmed by human tears. **America! America!**
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From _____ to _____ _____.

answers: spacious skies, grain, plain, America, brotherhood, pilgrim feet, freedom, wilderness, America, liberty, God, patriot dream, alabaster cities, sea to shining sea

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# NATIONAL SYMBOLS
# THE GREAT SEAL

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage and answer the following questions.

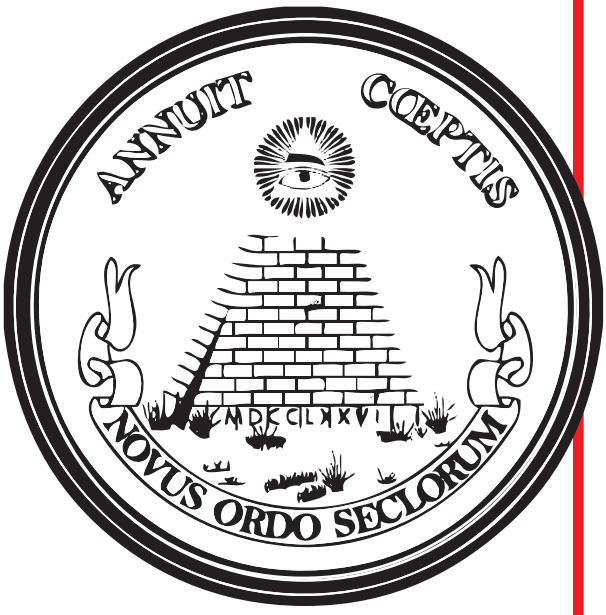
The Great Seal of the United States is used on documents of high importance. The front of the Seal is used as the coat of arms of the U.S. It shows up on documents such as U.S. passports. Both sides are shown on the one-dollar bill.

The front of the seal has a shield, blue with red and white stripes. The eagle is behind it and holds a bundle of 13 arrows, for the original states, and an olive branch, to symbolize the U.S. has a "strong desire for peace, but will always be ready for war." In its beak, the eagle clutches a scroll with the motto E Pluribus Unum (Out of Many, One). Above the eagle are 13 stars on a blue field.

On the reverse is an unfinished pyramid topped with an eye in a triangle, known as the Eye of Providence. There are two mottos: Annuit Cœptis and Novus Ordo Seclorum. The first means that the Eye of Providence "approves our undertakings" and the second means "a new order of ages."




FRONT




BACK

1. What is the Great Seal?

2. What are some items that are on the front and/or back of the Seal?

3. How many arrows are there and what do they stand for?

4. What does the olive branch stand for?

5. What does the eye in the triangle stand for?

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# The Constitution

**We the people** of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



The Constitution is the highest law in the United States. The Constitution was written in 1787 and has changed through "amendments" passed by the states. The first ten amendments describe the rights of all Americans. They are called The Bill of Rights.

The Constitution also describes the three main branches of government and their responsibilities. The judicial branch explains and interprets the law. This branch includes judges and the Supreme Court. The legislative branch makes the laws. It is made up of senators and state representatives—Congress. The executive branch makes sure the law is followed. This branch is headed up by the President of the United States, Vice President and executive officers.

**Fill in the blanks to the following sentences about the above passage.**

1. The constitution was written in _____.
2. States can change it by passing an _____.
3. The three main branches of government are: _____, _____, and _____.

**Why do you think the Constitution is important?**

_____

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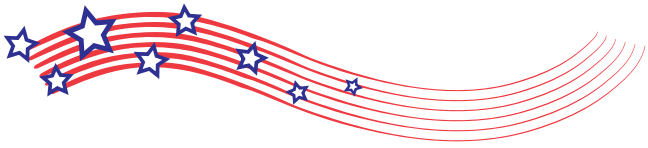
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# The Bill of Rights



When the leaders of the newly formed United States finished writing the Constitution, their work wasn't done. The thirteen states had to agree to it. The thirteen states wanted to add a set of amendments describing the rights of all people. The rights, called the Bill of Rights, were added to the Constitution in 1791.

Here we will learn about the First Amendment and the Fourth Amendment. Read each amendment then give your opinions.

## Amendment I

***Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.***

**a. *People have the right to practice any kind of religion.***

In the space below describe why you like living in a country that allows all kinds of different religions.

**b. *People have the right to say or publish what they want without the government reviewing it first.***

In the space below describe why you like living in a country that allows freedom of speech.



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**c. *People have the right to form groups and protest things that are happening in the country that they don't like.***

In the space below describe why you like living in a country that allows people to disagree with politicians and other people.

## *Picture This*

Now that you have read about the First Amendment, how would you illustrate it? Use the summary below to help you.

### *Amendment I*

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# *Amendment IV*

***The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.***

Why do you think this amendment is so important?

## *Picture This*

How would you illustrate the Fourth Amendment? Use the summary below to help you.

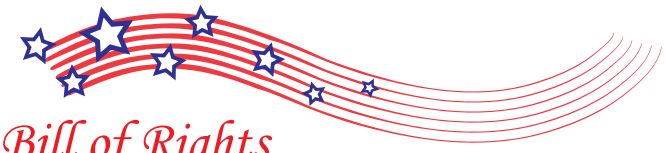
### *Amendment IV*

***Other people cannot search you or your belongings without a good reason approved by a judge. They can only search your home if they prove to a judge that you might have committed a crime.***

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# Amendments 11-27



## The Amendments After the Bill of Rights

Look up the amendments that have been added to the Constitution after the Bill of Rights. Amendment 11 was added in 1795, while Amendment 27 was added in 1992. **Read each amendment and pick out the word or words that you think best describes what it's about. What words seem important for that amendment?**

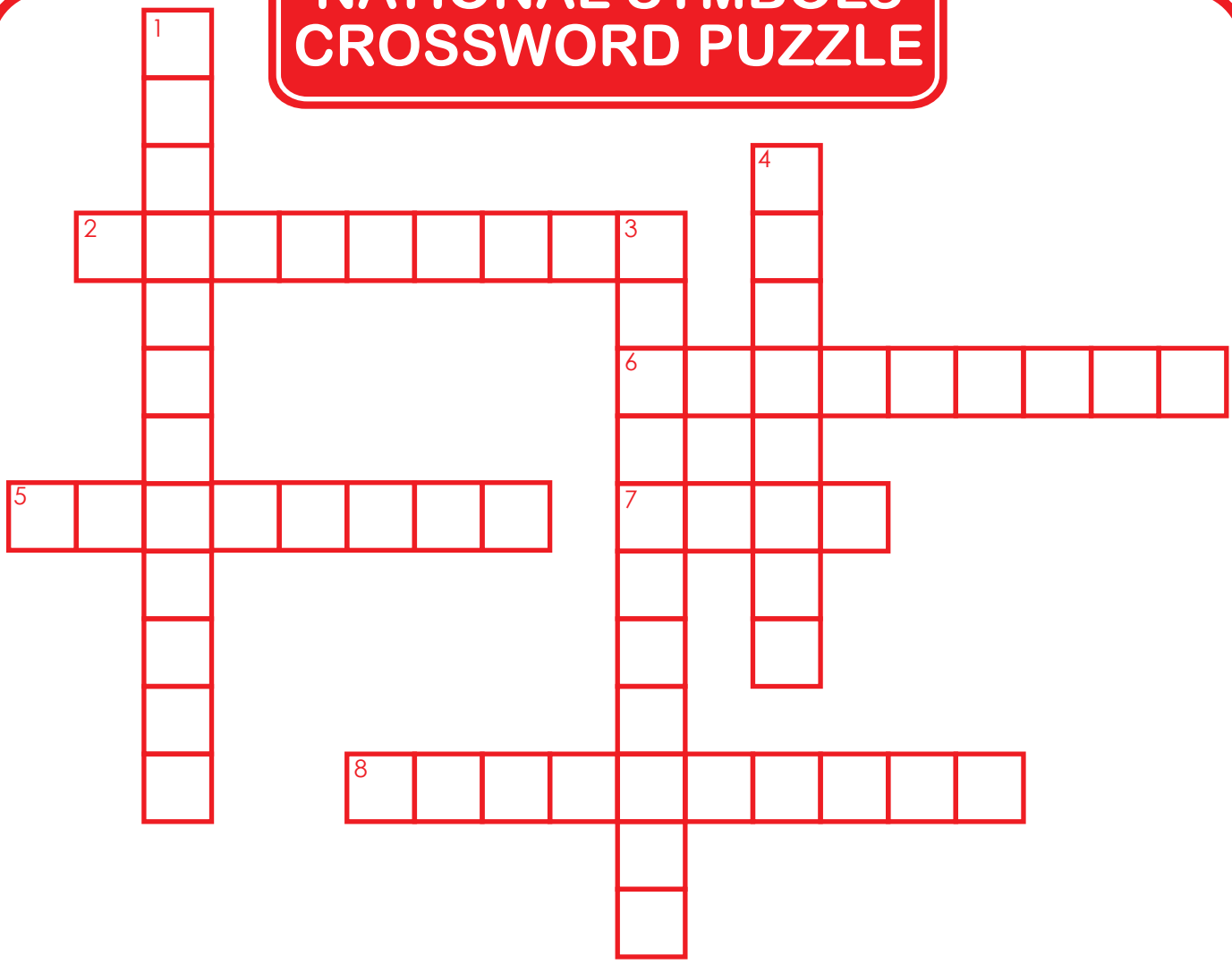
Note that some amendments exist to repeal, or take back, past amendments or practices.

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# NATIONAL SYMBOLS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



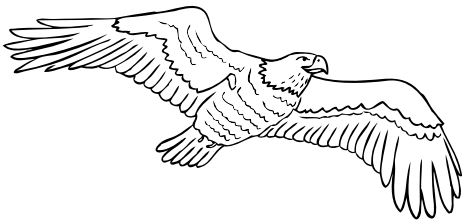

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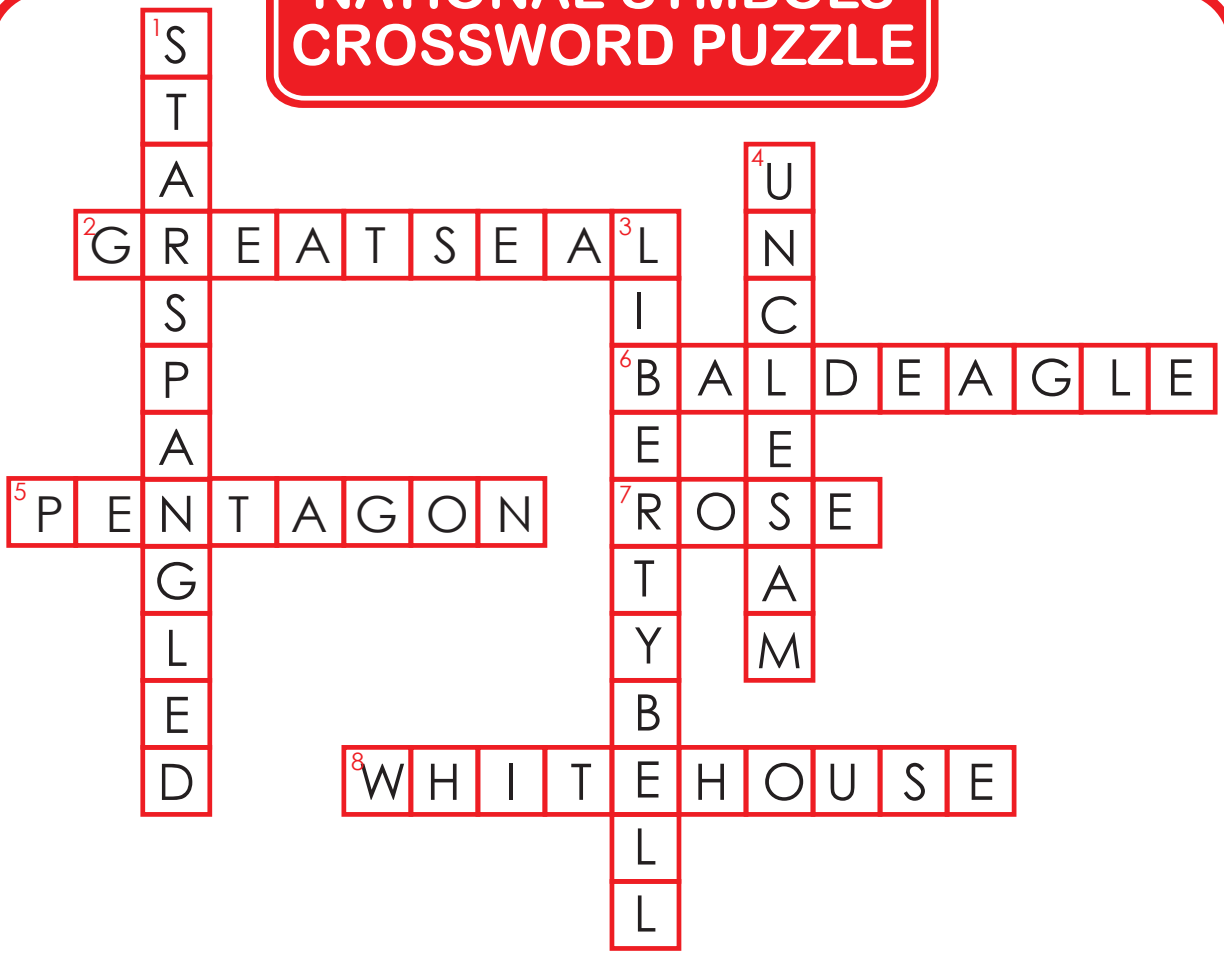
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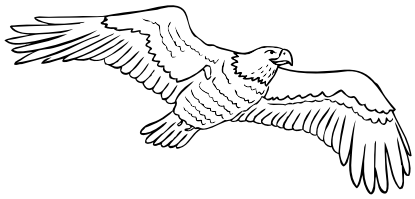
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