



U.S. STATES

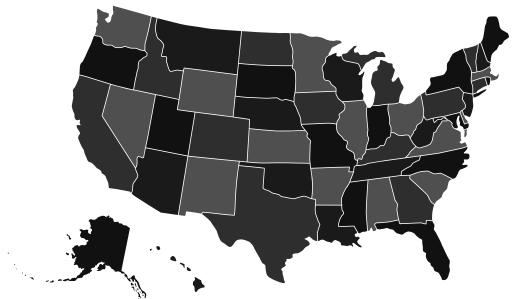
Research Card

Reader: _____ Room: _____

Select a U.S. state to research.

Research Questions:

1. Geography: How is geography important to your state? How have the physical features impacted the political features?
2. First Nations: Which Native American nations lived in what would eventually become your state? Where are these nations today?
3. History: What are the most important milestones in the history of your state? Justify your choices.
4. Contributions: How have different ethnic groups and cultures contributed to your state? Who are the three most influential people from your state? Justify your choices.
5. Government: Who is responsible for running your state? Compare and contrast the roles of federal, state, and local government.
6. Economy: What goods or services does your state specialize in producing? How is your state important to the national and global economy?
7. Current Issues: What are the most urgent social, economic, political, or environmental issues facing your state?





U.S. STATES Vocabulary

Geography

political features
physical features
capital

city

state

region

Northeast

 New England

 Mid-Atlantic

South

Southeast

 Appalachia

 South Atlantic

 Gulf

Southwest

Midwest

 Great Lakes

 Great Plains

West

 Pacific Northwest

 Rocky Mountain

climate

landforms

territory

First Nations

daily life

nation

tribe

tribal council

clan

reservation

colonization

resistance

European interaction

History

milestone

European exploration

colony

slave trade

settlement

Declaration of

 Independence

American Revolution

statehood

Westward Expansion

Underground Railroad

Civil War

industrialization

immigration

WWI

Great Depression

WWII

civil rights

Contributions

diversity

heritage

ethnicity

culture

tradition

value

visual arts

performing arts

cuisine

Government

democracy

rights and

 responsibilities

citizen

authority

executive

legislative

judicial

balance of power

representative

senator

judge/justice

president

governor

mayor

town council

Economy

wants and needs

goods and services

commerce

industry

agriculture

tourism

production

consumption

specialization

division of labor

supply and demand

scarcity

Current Issues

global warming

discrimination

food deserts

transportation

unemployment

immigration

conservation

pollution

poverty

education

alternative energy

health care