

## ATC Center's 52 weeks of Letter Learning, State Facts, Native Culture & Guide sheet

### 1. Alabama

- **State Bird:** Yellowhammer (also known as Northern Flicker)
- **State Flower:** Camellia
- **Capital:** Montgomery
- **Common Culture:** Football (Roll Tide!), BBQ, and Civil Rights history
- **Native Tribe:** Creek Indians
- **Native Culture and Crafts:** Creek Indians were known for their intricate pottery and basket weaving. Create a basket weaving craft with different colored paper strips
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, Red-tailed Hawk, and Eastern Wild Turkey
- **State Food Delicacy:** BBQ Pork and Biscuits
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a football helmet and play a game of backyard football.
- **History:** Alabama was the 22nd state to join the Union on December 14, 1819. It was an important state during the Civil War and played a crucial role in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** The Port of Mobile is the only saltwater port in the state and Alabama is home to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, where the Space Camp program is held.

### 2. Alaska

- **State Bird:** Willow Ptarmigan
- **State Flower:** Forget-Me-Not
- **Capital:** Juneau
- **Common Culture:** Fishing, Hunting, and Ice Fishing
- **Native Tribe:** Eskimo

- **Native Culture and Crafts:** Tlingit, Haida, and Yupik people were known for their totem poles and elaborate wooden masks. Create a cardboard totem pole with pictures or symbols that represent you and your family.
- **Native Animals:** Moose, Bald Eagle, and Beluga Whale
- **State Food Delicacy:** Salmon and Reindeer Sausage
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make an igloo and pretend to go ice fishing or dog sledding.
- **History:** Alaska was purchased from Russia on March 30, 1867 and became the 49th state in the Union on January 3, 1959.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Alaska is the largest state in the United States and is known for its stunning natural beauty, including the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) and glaciers.

### 3. Arizona

- **State Bird:** Cactus Wren
- **State Flower:** Saguaro Cactus Blossom
- **Capital:** Phoenix
- **Common Culture:** Southwestern Cuisine, Hiking, and Grand Canyon National Park
- **Native Tribe:** Navajo
- **Native Culture and Crafts:** Hopi and Navajo people were known for their intricate pottery and woven blankets. Create a dreamcatcher craft using a hoop, string, and feathers.
- **Native Animals:** Desert Bighorn Sheep, Gila Monster, and Roadrunner
- **State Food Delicacy:** Fry Bread and Prickly Pear Cactus Fruit
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a saguaro cactus and pretend to go on a hike in the Grand Canyon.

- **History:** Arizona became the 48th state in the Union on February 14, 1912. It was a territory before becoming a state.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Arizona is known for its hot and dry climate, with temperatures sometimes reaching up to 120 degrees in the summer. It is also home to one of the world's Seven Natural Wonders, the Grand Canyon.

## 4. Arkansas

- **State Bird:** Mockingbird
- **State Flower:** Apple Blossom
- **Capital:** Little Rock
- **Common Culture:** Rice, Soybeans, and Delta Blues
- **Native Tribe:** Quapaw
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** **Learn** about the Quapaw tribe and try making a dreamcatcher, a traditional Native American craft believed to bring good dreams.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Bald Eagle, and Arkansas Razorback
- **State Food Delicacy:** Fried Catfish and Biscuits
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a fishing rod and pretend to go fishing in a river.
- **History:** Arkansas became the 25th state in the Union on June 15, 1836.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Arkansas is known for being the leading producer of rice and soybeans in the United States, and is also home to several blues music festivals, such as the Arkansas Blues & Heritage Festival.

## 5. California

- **State Bird:** California Quail
- **State Flower:** California Poppy
- **Capital:** Sacramento

- **Common Culture:** Hollywood, Technology, and Agriculture
- **Native Tribe:** Miwok, Maidu, and Costanoan
- **Native Culture and Craft:** The Tongva tribe of California had a rich culture that included basket weaving, songs, and creation stories. A cultural craft that can be practiced is creating a woven basket using traditional techniques.
- **Native Animals:** Black Bear, Mountain Lion, and Gray Whale
- **State Food Delicacy:** Avocado Toast and In-N-Out Burger
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a movie camera and act out scenes from famous movies.
- **History:** California became the 31st state in the Union on September 9, 1850 and was the site of the famous gold rush of 1849.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** California is known for being a leader in technology and entertainment, with Silicon Valley and Hollywood located within its borders. It's also the largest agricultural producer in the US, growing a variety of crops including almonds, grapes, and strawberries.

## 6. Colorado

- **State Bird:** Lark Bunting
- **State Flower:** Rocky Mountain Columbine
- **Capital:** Denver
- **Common Culture:** Outdoor recreation, Agriculture, and Mining
- **Native Tribe:** Ute and Arapaho
- **Native Culture and Craft:** The Ute tribe of Colorado had a rich culture that included hunting, storytelling, and beadwork. A cultural craft that can be practiced is creating beaded jewelry using traditional techniques.
- **Native Animals:** Bighorn Sheep, Elk, and Pronghorn
- **State Food Delicacy:** Green Chile and Bison Burgers

- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a tent and pretend to go camping in the mountains.
- **History:** Colorado became the 38th state in the Union on August 1, 1876 and was the site of several important events in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including the Pikes Peak Gold Rush and the creation of Rocky Mountain National Park.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Colorado is known for its stunning mountains and outdoor recreation opportunities, and is also a leading producer of livestock, crops, and minerals in the US.

## 7. Connecticut

- **State Bird:** American Robin
- **State Flower:** Mountain Laurel
- **Capital:** Hartford
- **Common Culture:** Insurance, Manufacturing, and Ivy League Education
- **Native Tribe:** Mohegan and Pequot
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Bald Eagle, and Eastern Coyote
- **State Food Delicacy:** Lobster Rolls and Apfelkuchen
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a briefcase and pretend to work at an insurance company.
- **History:** Connecticut became the 5th state in the Union on January 9, 1788 and played a significant role in the American Revolution.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Connecticut is the birthplace of the frisbee and is home to the world's largest horse show, the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

## 8. Delaware

- **State Bird:** Blue Hen Chicken

- **State Flower:** Peach Blossom
- **Capital:** Dover
- **Common Culture:** Farming, shipping, and history
- **Native Tribe:** Lenape (Delaware)
- **Native Culture:** The Lenape tribe was a sedentary people who relied on hunting, fishing, and agriculture for survival. They also had a rich oral tradition, with storytelling and songs playing an important role in their culture.
- **Native Culture and Craft:** The Lenape tribe of Delaware had a rich culture that included a matrilineal social structure, storytelling, and pottery making. A cultural craft that can be practiced is creating pottery using traditional techniques.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Red Fox, and Wild Turkey
- **State Food Delicacy:** Scrapple and Soft Pretzels
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a simple fishing rod and practice casting.
- **History:** Delaware was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution on December 7, 1787, making it the first state in the Union.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Delaware is known for its beaches and is home to the DuPont company, which was founded in 1802 and revolutionized the chemical industry.

## 9. Florida

- **State Bird:** Mockingbird
- **State Flower:** Orange Blossom
- **Capital:** Tallahassee
- **Common Culture:** Beaches, theme parks, and retirees
- **Native Tribe:** Seminole
- **Native Culture:** The Seminole tribe is known for their unique blend of Native American, African, and Spanish cultures. They were skilled farmers and hunters, and are also famous for their colorful patchwork clothing.

- **Native Animals:** Alligator, Manatee, and North American River Otter
- **State Food Delicacy:** Key Lime Pie and Conch Fritters
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a beach scene with sand and seashells, or create a patchwork Seminole doll.
- **History:** Florida became the 27th state in the Union on March 3, 1845. It played a major role in the Civil War as a Confederate state and was a hub of activity during the Space Race.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Florida is the only state in the contiguous United States with a tropical climate and is home to the Kennedy Space Center, where many American space missions were launched.

## 10. Georgia

- **State Bird:** Brown Thrasher
- **State Flower:** Cherokee Rose
- **Capital:** Atlanta
- **Common Culture:** Peaches, Peanuts, and the Civil Rights Movement
- **Native Tribe:** Creek Indians
- **Native Culture:** The Creek Indians were a sophisticated people who lived in permanent villages and had a complex political and social system. They were skilled farmers and also traded with other tribes.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and Red-tailed Hawk
- **State Food Delicacy:** Peaches and Peanut Butter
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a model of a Creek Indian village.
- **History:** Georgia was the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution on January 2, 1788, becoming the fourth state in the Union. It played an important role in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, with leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and John Lewis calling it home.

- **Two Detailed Facts:** Georgia is known for its historic landmarks, including the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.

## 11.Hawaii

- **State Bird:** Nene (Hawaiian Goose)
- **State Flower:** Yellow Hibiscus (Pua Aloalo)
- **Capital:** Honolulu
- **Common Culture:** Surfing, Hula, and Lei Making
- **Native Tribe:** Native Hawaiians (Kanaka Maoli)
- **Native Animals:** Hawaiian Monk Seal, Nene Goose, and Hawaiian Hoary Bat
- **State Food Delicacy:** Poke (Cubed raw fish dish) and Spam Musubi (Fried Spam and Rice)
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a Lei by stringing together flowers or leaves and use it in a Hula dance performance.
- **History:** Hawaii was annexed by the United States as its 50th state on August 21, 1959. It has a rich and diverse cultural heritage with a mix of Polynesian, American, and Asian influences.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Hawaii is the only state in the U.S. that grows coffee and is also the only state with an official language besides English, Hawaiian.
- **Native Tribe Culture:** Native Hawaiians have a rich cultural heritage and history, including hula dancing and lei making. They also have a strong connection to the ocean and surfing is an important part of their culture. To showcase this, one can make a surfboard out of paper or cardboard and decorate it with Hawaiian designs.

## 12.Idaho

- **State Bird:** Mountain Bluebird



- **State Flower:** Syringa (Mock Orange)
- **Capital:** Boise
- **Common Culture:** Outdoor recreation, such as skiing, hiking, and fishing
- **Native Tribe:** Nez Perce
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Nez Perce tribe and try making a beaded necklace or a woven basket, traditional Native American crafts.
- **Native Animals:** American Elk, Gray Wolf, and Bighorn Sheep
- **State Food Delicacy:** Potatoes, huckleberries, and trout
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a fishing rod and pretend to catch a fish in a lake or stream.
- **History:** Idaho became the 43rd state in the Union on July 3, 1890.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Idaho is known as the "Potato State" and is home to Sun Valley, a famous ski resort.

### 13. Illinois

- **State Bird:** Cardinal
- **State Flower:** Native Violet
- **Capital:** Springfield
- **Common Culture:** Agriculture, particularly corn and soybeans, and Abraham Lincoln history
- **Native Tribe:** Miami and Illinois
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Miami and Illinois tribes and try making a feathered headband, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and Eastern Gray Squirrel
- **State Food Delicacy:** Corn on the cob, popcorn, and deep-dish pizza •

- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a farmer hat and pretend to be a farmer harvesting crops.
- **History:** Illinois became the 21st state in the Union on December 3, 1818.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Illinois is known as the "Land of Lincoln," due to its association with Abraham Lincoln, and is home to several major companies, such as McDonald's and Caterpillar.

## 14.Indiana

- **State Bird:** Cardinal
- **State Flower:** Peony
- **Capital:** Indianapolis
- **Common Culture:** Basketball, Auto Racing, and Agriculture
- **Native Tribe:** Miami Tribe
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Miami tribe and try making a beaded necklace, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and Indiana Bat
- **State Food Delicacy:** Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwich
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a basketball hoop and play a game of one-on-one.
- **History:** Indiana became the 19th state in the Union on December 11, 1816.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Indiana is known for its auto racing heritage, with the Indianapolis 500 being the largest single-day sporting event in the world, and is also a major producer of corn, soybeans, and hogs.

## 15.Iowa

- **State Bird:** Eastern Goldfinch
- **State Flower:** Wild Rose
- **Capital:** Des Moines

- **Common Culture:** Agriculture, Football, and College Wrestling
- **Native Tribe:** Meskwaki Tribe
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Meskwaki tribe and try making a drum, a traditional Native American musical instrument.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, American Bald Eagle, and Ring-necked Pheasant
- **State Food Delicacy:** Sweet Corn and Pork Chops
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a football helmet and play a game of backyard football.
- **History:** Iowa became the 29th state in the Union on December 28, 1846.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Iowa is known for being a leading producer of corn, soybeans, and pork, and is also home to the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, a well-respected college sports program.

## 16. Kansas

- **State Bird:** Western Meadowlark
- **State Flower:** Sunflower
- **Capital:** Topeka
- **Common Culture:** Agriculture and College Basketball
- **Native Tribe:** Kaw Nation
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Kaw Nation and try making a beaded bracelet, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, American Bald Eagle, and Prairie Chicken
- **State Food Delicacy:** Smoked Brisket and Baked Beans
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a basket and play a game of pickup basketball.
- **History:** Kansas became the 34th state in the Union on January 29, 1861.

- **Two Detailed Facts:** Kansas is known for being a major producer of wheat, corn, and cattle, and is also home to the University of Kansas Jayhawks, a successful college basketball program.

## 17. Kentucky

- **State Bird:** Kentucky Cardinal
- **State Flower:** Goldenrod
- **Capital:** Frankfort
- **Common Culture:** Horse racing, Bourbon, and College Basketball
- **Native Tribe:** Shawnee
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Shawnee tribe and try making a beaded necklace, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Red Fox, and Gray Squirrel
- **State Food Delicacy:** Hot Brown sandwich and Burgoo stew
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a horseshoe and pretend to participate in a horse race.
- **History:** Kentucky became the 15th state in the Union on June 1, 1792.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Kentucky is known for being the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, and is also home to several distilleries producing the famous Bourbon whiskey.

## 18. Louisiana

- **State Bird:** Eastern Brown Pelican
- **State Flower:** Magnolia
- **Capital:** Baton Rouge
- **Common Culture:** Jazz, Mardi Gras, and Cajun Cuisine
- **Native Tribe:** Houma

- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Houma tribe and try making a Mardi Gras mask, a traditional craft made for the famous festival.
- **Native Animals:** American Black Bear, Alligator, and Nutria
- **State Food Delicacy:** Jambalaya and Gumbo
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a musical instrument and pretend to participate in a jazz performance.
- **History:** Louisiana became the 18th state in the Union on April 30, 1803.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Louisiana is known for its distinctive architecture, including the colorful shotgun and creole cottages, and is also home to the largest rural historic district in the United States, the Cane River Creole National Historical Park.

## 19. Maine

- **State Bird:** Black-capped Chickadee
- **State Flower:** White Pine Cone and Tassel
- **Capital:** Augusta
- **Common Culture:** Lobster, Lighthouses, and Fall Foliage
- **Native Tribe:** Passamaquoddy
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Passamaquoddy tribe and try making a birch bark basket, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Moose, and Snowshoe Hare
- **State Food Delicacy:** Lobster and Whoopie Pies
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a lighthouse and pretend to guide ships to safety.
- **History:** Maine became the 23rd state in the Union on March 15, 1820.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Maine is known for its picturesque rocky coastline and iconic lighthouses, and is also the largest producer of blueberries in the United States.

## 20. Maryland

- **State Bird:** Baltimore Oriole
- **State Flower:** Black-eyed Susan
- **Capital:** Annapolis
- **Common Culture:** Crabs, Sailing, and Naval History
- **Native Tribe:** Piscataway
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Piscataway tribe and try making a Potomac River cane, a traditional Native American craft made from river reeds.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, Delmarva Peninsula, and Chesapeake Bay Retriever
- **State Food Delicacy:** Crab Cakes and Old Bay Seasoning
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a sailboat and pretend to sail on the Chesapeake Bay.
- **History:** Maryland became the 7th state in the Union on April 28, 1788.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Maryland is known for being the birthplace of the U.S. Naval Academy and the Star-Spangled Banner, the national anthem of the United States, was written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812 in Baltimore.

## 21. Massachusetts

- **State Bird:** Black-capped Chickadee
- **State Flower:** Mayflower
- **Capital:** Boston
- **Common Culture:** Tea, Revolution, and Boston Red Sox
- **Native Tribe:** Wampanoag

- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Wampanoag tribe and try making a basket, a traditional Native American craft used for gathering and storage.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, American lobster, and American black bear
- **State Food Delicacy:** Clam Chowder and Boston Baked Beans
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a teapot and have a pretend tea party while learning about the Boston Tea Party.
- **History:** Massachusetts became the 6th state in the Union on February 6, 1788.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Massachusetts is known for being the birthplace of the American Revolution and being home to the famous Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox.

## 22. Michigan

- **State Bird:** American Robin
- **State Flower:** Apple Blossom
- **Capital:** Lansing
- **Common Culture:** Cars, Lakes, and Football
- **Native Tribe:** Anishinaabe
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Anishinaabe tribe and try making a birch bark basket, a traditional Native American craft used for gathering and storage.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and American Bald Eagle
- **State Food Delicacy:** Coney Dogs and Cherry Pie
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a car and pretend to drive on the Great Lakes.

- **History:** Michigan became the 26th state in the Union on January 26, 1837.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Michigan is known for being the home of the American automotive industry and being home to several football programs, including the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

## 23. Minnesota

- **State Bird:** Loon
- **State Flower:** Pink and White Lady's Slipper
- **Capital:** Saint Paul
- **Common Culture:** Ice Hockey, Fishing, and Snowmobiling
- **Native Tribe:** Dakota Sioux and Ojibwe
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Dakota Sioux tribe and try making a beaded bracelet or dreamcatcher.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Bald Eagle, and Grey Wolf
- **State Food Delicacy:** Walleye and Wild Rice Soup
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a hockey stick and pretend to play ice hockey.
- **History:** Minnesota became the 32nd state in the Union on May 11, 1858.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Minnesota is the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" with over 11,000 lakes, and the state is known for hosting the famous Ice Fishing Contest on Lake Mille Lacs each year.

## 24. Mississippi

- **State Bird:** Mockingbird
- **State Flower:** Magnolia
- **Capital:** Jackson



- **Common Culture:** BBQ, Blues Music, and Civil Rights history
- **Native Tribe:** Choctaw
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Choctaw tribe and try making a beaded necklace or dreamcatcher.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Bald Eagle, and Mississippi Kite
- **State Food Delicacy:** BBQ Pork and Biscuits
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a guitar and pretend to play the blues.
- **History:** Mississippi became the 20th state in the Union on December 10, 1817.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Mississippi is known as the birthplace of blues music, and the state was also a key player in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

## 25. Missouri

- **State Bird:** Bluebird
- **State Flower:** Hawthorn
- **Capital:** Jefferson City
- **Common Culture:** BBQ, Jazz Music, and Lewis & Clark Expedition
- **Native Tribe:** Osage
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Osage tribe and try making a beaded bracelet or dreamcatcher.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Bald Eagle, and Missouri Fox Trotter
- **State Food Delicacy:** BBQ Ribs and Fried Catfish
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a canoe and pretend to explore the Missouri River.

- **History:** Missouri became the 24th state in the Union on August 10, 1821.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Missouri is home to the starting point of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, and the state is known for hosting several jazz music festivals, such as the St. Louis Jazz Festival.

## 26. Montana

- **State Bird:** Western Meadowlark
- **State Flower:** Bitterroot
- **Capital:** Helena
- **Common Culture:** Hunting, Fishing, and Scenic Beauty
- **Native Tribe:** Blackfeet, Crow, Gros Ventre, Salish, and Kootenai
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Native American tribes in Montana and try your hand at beading, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** Grizzly Bear, Gray Wolf, and Bison
- **State Food Delicacy:** Huckleberry Pie
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Create a camping tent and go on a pretend camping adventure.
- **History:** Montana became the 41st state in the Union on November 8, 1889.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Montana is known for its scenic beauty, including the Rocky Mountains and Glacier National Park, and is also home to the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, where the Battle of Little Bighorn took place.

## 27. Nebraska

- **State Bird:** Western Meadowlark
- **State Flower:** Goldenrod
- **Capital:** Lincoln

- **Common Culture:** Agriculture, Pioneers, and Sandhills
- **Native Tribe:** Omaha, Ponca, and Pawnee
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Native American tribes in Nebraska and try your hand at making a beaded necklace, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** American Bison, Mountain Lion, and White-tailed Deer
- **State Food Delicacy:** Runza Sandwiches
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a prairie bonnet and pretend to be a pioneer on the Oregon Trail.
- **History:** Nebraska became the 37th state in the Union on March 1, 1867.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Nebraska is known for its vast agriculture industry, including crops such as corn and soybeans, and is also home to the Sandhills, a region of rolling sand dunes.

## 28. Nevada

- **State Bird:** Mountain Bluebird
- **State Flower:** Sagebrush
- **Capital:** Carson City
- **Common Culture:** Gaming, Mining, and Lake Tahoe
- **Native Tribe:** Washoe, Northern Paiute
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Washoe tribe and their basket weaving techniques, try making a traditional Native American basket.
- **Native Animals:** Desert Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Lion, and Black Bear
- **State Food Delicacy:** Basque cuisine
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a miner's hat and pretend to search for gold.
- **History:** Nevada became the 36th state in the Union on October 31, 1864.

- **Two Detailed Facts:** Nevada is known for being the "Entertainment Capital of the World" and is also home to Lake Tahoe, which is a popular tourist destination for outdoor recreation.

## 29. New Hampshire

- **State Bird:** Purple Finch
- **State Flower:** White and Pink Lady's Slipper
- **Capital:** Concord
- **Common Culture:** Maple Syrup Production, Apples, and White Mountain National Forest
- **Native Tribe:** Abenaki
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Abenaki tribe and their traditional basket weaving techniques, try making a traditional Native American basket.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Moose, and Wild Turkey
- **State Food Delicacy:** Maple Syrup
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a maple syrup tapper and pretend to collect sap from a sugar maple tree.
- **History:** New Hampshire became the 9th state in the Union on June 21, 1788.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** New Hampshire is known for its beautiful White Mountain National Forest and is also one of the largest producers of maple syrup in the United States.

## 30. New Jersey

- **State Bird:** Eastern Goldfinch

- **State Flower:** Purple Violet
- **Capital:** Trenton
- **Common Culture:** Atlantic City, Cape May, and Boardwalks
- **Native Tribe:** Lenape
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Lenape tribe and try making a dreamcatcher, a traditional Native American craft believed to bring good dreams.
- **Native Animals:** Black Bear, White-tailed Deer, and Eastern Gray Squirrel
- **State Food Delicacy:** Pork Roll, Tomato and Cheese
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a boardwalk and pretend to play games, eat food, and take a walk along the shore.
- **History:** New Jersey became the 3rd state in the Union on December 18, 1787.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** New Jersey is known for Atlantic City and its famous boardwalk, as well as being home to many Victorian houses in Cape May.

### 31. New Mexico

- **State Bird:** Roadrunner
- **State Flower:** Yucca
- **Capital:** Santa Fe
- **Common Culture:** Spanish Colonial Architecture, Native American Pueblos, and Desolate Beauty
- **Native Tribe:** Zuni
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Zuni tribe and try making a beaded bracelet, a traditional Native American craft made using colorful glass beads and intricate patterns.
- **Native Animals:** Desert Bighorn Sheep, Black Bear, and Mexican Gray Wolf
- **State Food Delicacy:** Green Chile, Carne Adovada, and Biscochitos

- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a Native American headdress and pretend to be part of a powwow celebration.
- **History:** New Mexico became the 47th state in the Union on January 6, 1912.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** New Mexico is known for its unique blend of Spanish colonial architecture, Native American pueblos, and its desolate beauty, which makes it a popular location for film and television productions.

## 32. New York

- **State Bird:** Eastern Bluebird
- **State Flower:** Rose
- **Capital:** Albany
- **Common Culture:** Niagara Falls, Broadway Theater, and the Empire State Building
- **Native Tribe:** Mohawk
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Mohawk tribe and try making a dreamcatcher, a traditional Native American craft believed to bring good dreams.
- **Native Animals:** Black Bear, Snowshoe Hare, and Eastern Coyote
- **State Food Delicacy:** Buffalo Wings, Pizza, and Apples
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a cardboard Empire State Building and pretend to be a tourist visiting Niagara Falls.
- **History:** New York became the 11th state in the Union on July 26, 1788.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** New York is famous for its Niagara Falls, Broadway theater, and the iconic Empire State Building, and it's also the home of several renowned universities, such as Columbia, NYU, and Cornell.

## 33. North Carolina

- **State Bird:** Cardinal

- **State Flower:** Dogwood
- **Capital:** Raleigh
- **Common Culture:** Furniture making, Barbecue, and Textiles
- **Native Tribe:** Lumbee
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Lumbee tribe and try basket weaving, a traditional craft of Native American communities in North Carolina.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and American Black Bear
- **State Food Delicacy:** Barbecue, Sweet Potatoes, and Cheerwine
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a wooden chair and pretend to be a furniture maker.
- **History:** North Carolina became the 12th state in the Union on November 21, 1789.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** North Carolina is known for its furniture making industry, which is centered in the city of High Point, and its famous barbecue, which has a long history in the state and is enjoyed by many.

### 34. North Dakota

- **State Bird:** Western Meadowlark
- **State Flower:** Wild Prairie Rose
- **Capital:** Bismarck
- **Common Culture:** Farming, Oil, and Mining
- **Native Tribe:** Standing Rock Sioux
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and try beadwork, a traditional Native American craft used to create intricate designs on clothing and accessories.

- **Native Animals:** Bison, Pronghorn, and Mountain Lion
- **State Food Delicacy:** Knoephla Soup, Lefse, and Lutefisk
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a mining hat and pretend to be a miner.
- **History:** North Dakota became the 39th state in the Union on November 2, 1889.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** North Dakota is a major producer of oil and natural gas, and is also known for its rich agricultural industry, with crops such as wheat, barley, and sunflowers being grown in the state.

## 35. Ohio

- **State Bird:** Cardinal
- **State Flower:** Scarlet Carnation
- **Capital:** Columbus
- **Common Culture:** Steel, Rubber, and Rock and Roll
- **Native Tribe:** Shawnee
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Shawnee tribe and try making a corn husk doll, a traditional Native American craft made from dried corn husks.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and American Black Bear
- **State Food Delicacy:** Buckeyes, Cincinnati Chili, and Lake Erie Perch
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a rubber band guitar and pretend to be a rock star.
- **History:** Ohio became the 17th state in the Union on March 1, 1803.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Ohio is known for its steel and rubber industries, which have had a significant impact on the state's economy, and is also famous for being the birthplace of several rock and roll legends, including Elvis Presley and Chuck Berry.



## 36.Oklahoma

- **State Bird:** Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- **State Flower:** Mistletoe
- **Capital:** Oklahoma City
- **Common Culture:** Oil and Gas, Ranching, and Cowboy Culture
- **Native Tribe:** Cherokee
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Cherokee tribe and try making a traditional Cherokee basket.
- **Native Animals:** American Bison, Wild Turkey, and White-tailed Deer
- **State Food Delicacy:** Chicken Fried Steak
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Create a miniature oil rig and pretend to drill for oil.
- **History:** Oklahoma became the 46th state in the Union on November 16, 1907.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Oklahoma is one of the largest oil producing states in the country and is also home to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

## 37.Oregon

- **State Bird:** Western Meadowlark
- **State Flower:** Oregon Grape
- **Capital:** Salem
- **Common Culture:** Timber, Fishing, and Agriculture
- **Native Tribe:** Chinook
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Chinook tribe and try making a Chinook-style woven basket.
- **Native Animals:** American Black Bear, Grey Wolf, and American Elk
- **State Food Delicacy:** Marionberry Pie

- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a mini logging truck and pretend to haul logs through the forest.
- **History:** Oregon became the 33rd state in the Union on February 14, 1859.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Oregon is known for its large timber industry and is also home to Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the country.

## 38. Pennsylvania

- **State Bird:** Ruffed Grouse
- **State Flower:** Mountain Laurel
- **Capital:** Harrisburg
- **Common Culture:** Steel, Coal, and Railroad
- **Native Tribe:** Lenape
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Lenape tribe and try making a traditional Lenape-style beadwork item.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Eastern Gray Squirrel, and Eastern Coyote
- **State Food Delicacy:** Shoofly Pie
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Build a model train set and pretend to take a scenic trip through the Pennsylvania countryside.
- **History:** Pennsylvania became the 2nd state in the Union on December 12, 1787.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Pennsylvania is a major producer of steel and coal and is also home to the Liberty Bell, an iconic symbol of American independence.

## 39. Rhode Island

- **State Bird:** Rhode Island Red
- **State Flower:** Violet
- **Capital:** Providence
- **Common Culture:** Seafood, Manufacturing, and Ivy League Universities

- **Native Tribe:** Narragansett
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Narragansett tribe and try making a traditional Narragansett basket.
- **Native Animals:** Gray seal, American lobster, and New England cottontail
- **State Food Delicacy:** Clam cakes and chowder
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a lobster trap and pretend to go lobstering.
- **History:** Rhode Island was the 13th state to ratify the United States Constitution on May 29, 1790.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Rhode Island is known for being a major manufacturing state, particularly in textiles and jewelry, and for its Ivy League universities, such as Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

## 40. South Carolina

- **State Bird:** Carolina Wren
- **State Flower:** Yellow Jessamine
- **Capital:** Columbia
- **Common Culture:** Rice, Textiles, and The Lowcountry
- **Native Tribe:** Catawba
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Catawba tribe and try making a traditional Catawba pottery piece.
- **Native Animals:** Eastern wild turkey, Bottlenose dolphin, and Eastern diamondback rattlesnake
- **State Food Delicacy:** Shrimp and grits, boiled peanuts, and sweet tea
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a shrimping net and pretend to go shrimping.

- **History:** South Carolina was the 8th state to ratify the United States Constitution on May 23, 1788.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** South Carolina is known for being a major rice producing state and for its Lowcountry region, which is known for its unique culture, food, and architecture. South Carolina is also home to several historic textile mills, including the Spring Grove Plantation.

## 41.South Dakota

- **State Bird:** Ring-necked Pheasant
- **State Flower:** Pasque Flower
- **Capital:** Pierre
- **Common Culture:** Agriculture and The Black Hills
- **Native Tribe:** Oglala Sioux
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Oglala Sioux tribe and try making a traditional Sioux dreamcatcher.
- **Native Animals:** Bighorn sheep, American bison, and Black-tailed prairie dog
- **State Food Delicacy:** Chislic (small pieces of meat) and kolaches
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a prairie dog home and pretend to be a prairie dog.
- **History:** South Dakota became the 40th state in the Union on November 2, 1889.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** South Dakota is known for its large agricultural industry, particularly in the production of soybeans, corn, and wheat. It is also home to the Black Hills region, which is known for its scenic beauty, historic sites, and recreational opportunities, such as Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Crazy Horse Memorial.

## 42. Tennessee

- **State Bird:** Mockingbird
- **State Flower:** Iris
- **Capital:** Nashville
- **Common Culture:** Country Music and BBQ
- **Native Tribe:** Cherokee
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Cherokee tribe and try making a dreamcatcher, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and American Black Bear
- **State Food Delicacy:** Hot Chicken and Biscuits
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a country music stage and pretend to perform a concert.
- **History:** Tennessee was the 16th state to join the United States on June 1, 1796.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Tennessee is known for being the birthplace of blues and rock and roll, and is also home to the famous Grand Ole Opry, the world's longest running live radio show.

## 43. Texas

- **State Bird:** Mockingbird
- **State Flower:** Bluebonnet
- **Capital:** Austin
- **Common Culture:** Cowboy Culture and BBQ
- **Native Tribe:** Comanche

- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Comanche tribe and try making a beaded bracelet, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, and American Black Bear
- **State Food Delicacy:** BBQ and Tex-Mex cuisine
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a cowboy hat and boots and pretend to be a cowboy.
- **History:** Texas was an independent republic before becoming the 28th state on December 29, 1845.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Texas is known for its rich history of cowboys and the Wild West, and is also a major oil producing state.

## 44. Utah

- **State Bird:** Seagull
- **State Flower:** Sego Lily
- **Capital:** Salt Lake City
- **Common Culture:** Outdoor recreation, skiing, and history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon)
- **Native Tribe:** Ute
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Ute tribe and try making a beaded necklace, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** Mule Deer, Elk, and Mountain Lion
- **State Food Delicacy:** Fry Sauce and Funeral Potatoes
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make skis and pretend to ski down a mountain.
- **History:** Utah became the 45th state on January 4, 1896.

- **Two Detailed Facts:** Utah is known for its diverse geography and outdoor recreation opportunities, including skiing, hiking, and camping, and is also home to the headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

## 45. Vermont

- **State Bird:** Hermit Thrush
- **State Flower:** Red Clover
- **Capital:** Montpelier
- **Common Culture:** Maple Syrup Production, Skiing and Winter Sports, and Craft Beer
- **Native Tribe:** Abenaki
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Abenaki tribe and try making a birchbark basket, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** Moose, Black Bear, and Snowshoe Hare
- **State Food Delicacy:** Maple Syrup
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a sugar shack and pretend to boil maple sap into syrup.
- **History:** Vermont was admitted to the Union as the 14th state on March 4, 1791.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Vermont is known for its production of pure maple syrup, as well as its scenic countryside and rolling hills. The state is also famous for its rich history of skiing and winter sports, and is home to numerous ski resorts and mountain ranges.

## 46. Virginia

- **State Bird:** Cardinal
- **State Flower:** Dogwood
- **Capital:** Richmond

- **Common Culture:** History, peanuts, and Ham
- **Native Tribe:** Powhatan
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Powhatan tribe and try making a woven basket, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Eastern Wild Turkey, and American Black Bear
- **State Food Delicacy:** Ham and Peanut Soup
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a peanut farm and pretend to harvest peanuts.
- **History:** Virginia was one of the original 13 colonies and became the 10th state on June 25, 1788.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Virginia is known for being the birthplace of eight U.S. presidents, including George Washington, and is also home to numerous historic sites, such as Mount Vernon, Monticello, and Jamestown.

## 47. Washington

- **State Bird:** Willow Goldfinch
- **State Flower:** Coast Rhododendron
- **Capital:** Olympia
- **Common Culture:** Apples, coffee, and the Space Needle
- **Native Tribe:** Suquamish
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Suquamish tribe and try making a cedar plank mask, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** Mountain Lion, American Black Bear, and Gray Whale
- **State Food Delicacy:** Salmon and Apples



- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a coffee mug and pretend to drink coffee while visiting the Space Needle.

- **History:** Washington became the 42nd state on November 11, 1889.

- **Two Detailed Facts:** Washington is known for being the leading producer of apples in the United States, and is also home to the iconic Space Needle in Seattle.

## 48. West Virginia

- **State Bird:** Cardinal

- **State Flower:** Big Rhododendron

- **Capital:** Charleston

- **Common Culture:** Coal Mining and Whitewater Rafting

- **Native Tribe:** Shawnee

- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Shawnee tribe and try making a pottery bowl, a traditional Native American craft.

- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Wild Turkey, and Black Bear

- **State Food Delicacy:** Pepperoni Roll

- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a coal mine and pretend to mine coal.

- **History:** West Virginia became a state on June 20, 1863, as a result of the American Civil War.

- **Two Detailed Facts:** West Virginia is known for its rich history of coal mining, and is also a popular destination for whitewater rafting and outdoor adventure.

## 49. Wisconsin

- **State Bird:** Robin

- **State Flower:** Wood Violet
- **Capital:** Madison
- **Common Culture:** Cheese, Sausage, and Beer
- **Native Tribe:** Menominee
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Menominee tribe and try making a dreamcatcher, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** White-tailed Deer, Badger, and Gray Wolf
- **State Food Delicacy:** Cheese Curds
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a cheese factory and pretend to make cheese.
- **History:** Wisconsin was admitted to the Union as the 30th state on May 29, 1848.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Wisconsin is known for its production of cheese, as well as its rich brewing history and strong traditions in both sausages and beer. The state is also home to numerous lakes, forests, and scenic landscapes, making it a popular destination for outdoor recreation.

## 50. Wyoming

- **State Bird:** Western Meadowlark
- **State Flower:** Indian Paintbrush
- **Capital:** Cheyenne
- **Common Culture:** Cowboy Culture, Outdoor Adventure, and National Parks
- **Native Tribe:** Arapaho
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Arapaho tribe and try making a beaded necklace, a traditional Native American craft.
- **Native Animals:** Mule Deer, Bison, and Grizzly Bear

- **State Food Delicacy:** Buffalo Steak
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a cowboy camp and pretend to ride horses and herd cattle.
- **History:** Wyoming was admitted to the Union as the 44th state on July 10, 1890.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Wyoming is known for its rugged landscape and rich cowboy history, as well as its commitment to preserving and protecting its many national parks and wilderness areas. The state is also home to numerous outdoor recreation opportunities, including hiking, camping, and skiing.

## 51. Guam

- **State Bird:** Alicchio (Chickadee-Tanager)
- **State Flower:** Aunuenue (Rainbow)
- **Capital:** Hagåtña
- **Common Culture:** Chamorro Culture and Cuisine
- **Native Tribe:** CHamoru
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the CHamoru tribe and try making a woven mat, a traditional Chamorro craft.
- **Native Animals:** Mariana Fruit Bat, Guam Rail, and Micronesian Kingfisher
- **State Food Delicacy:** Kelaguen
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a traditional Chamorro hut and pretend to cook local cuisine.
- **History:** Guam was claimed by Spain in 1565, ceded to the U.S. in 1898, and has been an unincorporated territory of the U.S. since 1950.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Guam is known for its rich Chamorro culture and history, as well as its beautiful beaches and lush tropical landscape. The island is also a popular tourist

destination, attracting visitors from around the world with its unique culture, warm hospitality, and abundant outdoor recreation opportunities.

## 52. Puerto Rico

- **State Bird:** Reinita Mora (Mangrove Cuckoo)
- **State Flower:** Flor de Maga (Maga)
- **Capital:** San Juan
- **Common Culture:** Afro-Caribbean, Taíno, and Spanish
- **Native Tribe:** Taíno
- **Native Culture and Craft Recommendation:** Learn about the Taíno tribe and try making a coqui frog carving, a traditional Taíno craft.
- **Native Animals:** Coqui Frog, Manatee, and Puerto Rican Parrot
- **State Food Delicacy:** Lechon Asado
- **Craft or Dramatic Play Fact:** Make a Taíno village and pretend to play traditional Taíno games.
- **History:** Puerto Rico was claimed by Spain in 1493 and ceded to the U.S. in 1898. It has been an unincorporated territory of the U.S. since that time.
- **Two Detailed Facts:** Puerto Rico is known for its rich cultural heritage, blending influences from Africa, Taíno, and Spanish traditions. The island is also renowned for its beautiful beaches, lush rainforest, and vibrant music and dance scenes. It is a popular tourist destination, attracting millions of visitors each year with its rich history, warm hospitality, and unique blend of cultures.

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