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1st State to join the Union on December 7, 1787.

Fun Facts:

With a land area of 1,948 square miles, Delaware is the 2nd smallest state.

Delaware has a higher population of chickens than people.

Dover is America's longest-serving state capital.

The First State

State Tree



American Holly



Blue Hen

State Capital



Dover

Dover

State Flower



Peach Blossom



Grey Fox





2nd State to join the Union on December 12, 1787.

Fun Facts:

Pennsylvania is where the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were debated and signed.

Pennsylvania is the only one of the original 13 colonies that does not border the Atlantic Ocean.

Harrisburg began as a trading post around 1718.

The Keystone State

State Tree



Eastern Hemlock





Ruffed Grouse

State Capital



Harrisburg

State Flower



Mountain-Laurel

State Mammal



White-Tailed Deer

Harrisburg





3rd State to join the Union on December 18, 1787.

Fun Facts:

New Jersey has the highest population density in the US, making it the most crowded.

New Jersey is known as the "Diner Capital of the World", with about 500 diners throughout the state.

Trenton hosted the first professional basketball game in 1896.

The Garden State

State Tree



Northern Red Oak





American Goldfinch

State Capital



Trenton

Trenton

State Flower



Common Blue Violet



Horse





4th State to join the Union on January 2, 1788.

Fun Facts:

Georgia is home to one of the oldest state parks in the country – Indian Springs State Park.

In 1945, Georgia became the first state to change the legal age to vote from 21 to 18.

The capitol building is gilded with 43 ounces of locally mined gold.

The Peach State

State Tree



Live Oak





Brown Thrasher

State Capital



Atlanta

Atlanta

State Flower



Cherokee Rose

State Fruit



Peach





5th State to join the Union on January 9, 1788.

Fun Facts:

Connecticut is home to Scoville Memorial Library – the first publicly funded library in the US.

The world's first nuclear powered submarine was built in Connecticut.

The Hartford Courant is the oldest continuously published newspaper in the US.

The Constitution State

State Tree



White Oak





American Robin

State Capital



Hartford

State Flower



Mountain-Laurel

State Insect



Praying Mantis





SACH

STON



6th State to join the Union on February 6, 1788.

Fun Facts:

Massachusetts is one of the 13 original colonies.

Massachusetts is home to the America's first University – Harvard.

Boston has seen many firsts including the first public park, subway system and telephone call.

The Bay State

State Tree



American Elm



Black-Capped Chickadee

State Capital



Boston

Boston

State Flower



Mayflower

State Insect



Ladybug





7th State to join the Union on April 28, 1788.

Fun Facts:

Maryland is often referred to as "America in Miniature" due to the variety in its terrain.

Maryland is one of two states that gave up some of its land to help form the Nation's capital in 1790.

Annapolis once served as the capital of the US (1783 – 1784).

The Old Line State

State Tree



White Oak



Baltimore Oriole

State Capital



Annapolis

State Flower



Black-Eyed Susan

State Butterfly



Baltimore Checkerspot



outh Carolina



8th State to join the Union on May 23, 1788.

Fun Facts:

The Palmetto State

State Tree



Sabal Palm





Carolina Wren

State Capital



Columbia

Columbia

State Flower



State Insect



Yellow Jasmine Carolina Mantid





9th State to join the Union on June 21, 1788.

Fun Facts:

New Hampshire was originally named North Virginia.

New Hampshire has the shortest coastline of any coastal state in the U.S. – Only about 18 miles.

In 1787, the alarm clock was invented in Concord by Levi Hutchins.

The Granite State

State Tree



Paper Birch



Purple Finch

State Capital



Concord

State Flower



Purple Lilac

State Insect



Ladybug







10th State to join the Union on June 25, 1788.

Fun Facts:

Virginia is the birthplace of 8 US presidents! That's more than any other state.

Virginia is home to the first English settlement in the U.S. – Jamestown.

Richmond entered the 20th century with one of the world's first successful electric streetcar systems.

Old Dominion

State Tree



Flowering Dogwood



Northern Cardinal

State Capital



Richmond

Richmond

State Flower



Flowering Dogwood

State Butterfly



Tiger Swallowtails





11th State to join the Union on July 26, 1788.

Fun Facts:

New York is home to the Federal Reserve Bank which houses the largest amount of gold in the world.

In 1905, the very first pizza restaurant in the U.S. opened in New York.

Albany is the oldest city in New York.

The Empire State

State Tree



Sugar Maple





Eastern Bluebird

State Capital



Albany

State Flower



Rose



Beaver







12th State to join the Union on November 21, 1789.

Fun Facts:

North and South Carolina were originally one territory.

In 1903, the Wright brothers completed the first successful powered airplane flight in NC.

Raleigh is known as the "City of Oaks" due to the vast number of Oak Trees that line the streets.

The Tar Heel State

State Tree



Pine



Northern Cardinal

State Capital



Raleigh

Ralei

State Flower



Flowering Dogwood

State Insect



Honeybee





13th State to join the Union on May 29, 1790.

Fun Facts:

Rhode Island is the smallest U.S. state by area.

All Rhode Island residents are within about 30 miles of the water.

Providence is the most populous city in Rhode Island.

Little Rhodie

State Tree



Red Maple



Rhode Island Red

State Capital



Providence

State Flower



Common Blue Violet



Harbor Seal







14th State to join the Union on March 4, 1791.

Fun Facts:

Vermont is the largest producer of maple syrup in the US, with about 2.5 million gallons a year!

Vermont was the first state to join the Union after the 13 colonies.

Montpelier is the least populated capital city in the US with only about 8,000 residents.

The Green Mountain State

State Tree



Sugar Maple

State Bird



Hermit Thrush

State Capital



Montpelier

State Flower



Red Clover

State Mammal



Morgan Horse

Montpelier





15th State to join the Union on June 1, 1792.

Fun Facts:

Kentucky is home to the world's longest cave system - Mammoth Cave National Park.

October 19th is National Kentucky Day.

Frankfort is home to the Kentucky First Lady Doll Collection, located inside the Capitol building.

The Bluegrass State

State Tree



Tulip Tree



Cardinal

State Capital



Frankfort

State Flower



Giant Goldenrod



Gray Squirrel







16th State to join the Union on June 1, 1796.

Fun Facts:

Tennessee is tied with Missouri for having the most neighbors. Each borders 8 other states.

If you go to Lookout Mountain, you can see seven of those states.

President James K. Polk is buried on the grounds of the Capitol Building in Nashville.

The Volunteer State

State Tree



Tulip Tree





Mockingbird

State Capital



Nashville

State Flower



Irises



Raccoon







17th State to join the Union on March 1, 1803.

Fun Facts:

Ohio is the birthplace of 7 U.S. presidents – Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, McKinley, Taft & Harding.

Ohio was the first U.S. state to use police cars (wagons).

50% of the U.S. lives within a 500mile radius of Columbus.

The Buckeye State

State Tree



Ohio Buckeye



Cardinal

State Capital



Columbus

State Flower



Carnation

State Mammal



White-Tailed Deer







18th State to join the Union on April 30, 1812.

Fun Facts:

Louisiana is home to the world's longest bridge over water – Lake Pontchartrain Causeway which is 24 miles long.

Louisiana is known as the birthplace of jazz.

The Capitol building is the tallest in the U.S., standing at 450 feet.

The Pelican State

State Tree



Bald Cypress





Eastern Brown Pelican

State Capital



Baton Rouge

State Flower



Magnolia

State Butterfly



Gulf Fritillary







19th State to join the Union on December 11, 1816.

Fun Facts:

Indiana means "Land of Indians". There are over 12 Native American tribes that contribute to Indiana's history.

Indiana is the world's largest producer of popcorn.

Indianapolis was not the original capital. Until 1825, Corydon was the capital of Indiana.

The Hoosier State

State Tree



Tulip Tree



Cardinal

State Capital



Indianapolis

State Flower



Peony

State Insect



Firefly

Indianapolis





20th State to join the Union on December 10, 1817.

Fun Facts:

Approximately 62% of Mississippi's land is forest. That's about 19.2 million acres!

Mississippi leads the nation in catfish production. Belzoni is considered the catfish capital of the world.

Jackson sits on top of an extinct volcano.

The Magnolia State

State Tree



Magnolia





Northern Mockingbird

State Capital



Jackson

Jackson

State Flower



Magnolia

State Insect



Honeybee





21st State to join the Union on December 3, 1818.

Fun Facts:

Softball got it's start in Illinois, beginning as a sport called "indoor baseball".

Illinois is where the world's first modern skyscraper was built in 1885.

Illinois has had six capitol buildings. The current one resides in Springfield.

The Prairie State

State Tree



White Oak



Cardinal

State Capital



Springfield

State Flower



Common Blue Violet

State Butterfly



Monarch

Springfield





22nd State to join the Union on December 14, 1819.

Fun Facts:

The Yellowhammer State

State Tree



Longleaf Pine





State Capital



Montgomery

State Flower



Camellia

State Mammal



Black Bear

Montgomery

Northern Flicker





23rd State to join the Union on March 15, 1820.

Fun Facts:

Maine is the largest lobster producing state in the US.

There are over 4,000 islands off the coast of Maine. Only 15 of those are populated year-round.

Augusta was not always the capital. Portland held that title until 1827.

The Pine Tree State

State Tree



Eastern White Pine





Black-Capped Chickadee

State Capital



Augusta

State Flower



White Pinecone



Moose







24th State to join the Union on August 10, 1821.

Fun Facts:

The word Missouri comes from a Native American word meaning "town of the large canoe"

The first successful parachute jump occurred in Missouri in 1912.

Jefferson City was named for the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson.

The Show Me State

State Tree



Flowering Dogwood





Eastern Bluebird

State Capital



Jefferson City

State Flower



Hawthorn Blossom

State Mammal



Missouri Mule

Jefferson City





25th State to join the Union on June 15, 1836.

Fun Facts:

Arkansas's state flag has 25 stars to symbolize it becoming the 25th state.

Arkansas is home to one of only two diamond mining sites in the US.

Little Rock was named by French explorer Jean Baptiste Bernard after a small rock edging the river.

The Wonder State

State Tree



Loblolly Pine





Northern Mockingbird

State Capital



Little Rock

State Flower



Apple Blossom

State Insect



Honeybee



Michigan

NICHIGA



26th State to join the Union on January 26, 1837.

Fun Facts:

Michigan has more miles of freshwater shoreline than any other state in the nation.

In 1879, the city of Detroit became the first ever city to use phone numbers.

Lansing was not Michigan's first capital. Detroit originally held that title.

The Great Lakes State

State Tree



Eastern White Pine





American Robin

State Capital



Lansing

Lansing

State Flower



Apple Blossom

State Stone



Petoskey Stone





27th State to join the Union on March 3, 1845.

Fun Facts:

Florida's coastline, coming in at 1,350 miles, is the longest in the continental US.

Florida has the 3rd most lakes in the US, with more than 7,500.

The name Tallahassee comes from a Muskogean word meaning "Old Fields" or "Old Towns".

The Sunshine State

State Tree



Palmetto





Mockingbird

State Capital



Tallahassee

Tallahassee

State Flower



Orange Blossom

State Shell



Horse Conch





28th State to join the Union on December 29, 1845.

Fun Facts:

Texas has more counties (254) than any other state in America!

Want to go fast? Texas has the highest speed limit in the country. 85 miles per hour!

Austin has the largest urban bat population. Around 1.5 million bats live under the Congress Ave Bridge.

The Lone Star State

State Tree



Pecan Tree





Northern Mockingbird

State Capital



Austin

Austin

State Flower



Bluebonnet



Texas Longhorn





29th State to join the Union on December 28, 1846.

Fun Facts:

lowa is the only state bordered by two parallel major river systems – The Mississippi and The Missouri.

The first electronic digital computer was invented in Iowa.

The dome of the Capitol building contains approximately 100 ounces of 23 ³/₄ karat gold.

The Hawkeye State

State Tree



Bur Oak





American Goldfinch

State Capital



Des Moines

State Flower



Prairie Rose

State Rock



Geode







30th State to join the Union on May 29, 1848.

Fun Facts:

Wisconsin is home to the first house ever to be lit by electricity in 1882 the Hearthstone Historic House.

Wisconsin has more dairy cattle per square mile than any other state.

Madison is 1 of 2 US cities built on an isthmus (basically a land bridge).

The Badger State

State Tree



Sugar Maple





American Robin

State Capital



Madison

Madison

State Flower



Common Blue Violet



Badger





31st State to join the Union on September 9, 1850.

Fun Facts:

California is home to the world's largest tree. "General Sherman" is a Sequoia that stands 275 ft tall and is 36 ft in diameter.

California is the highest populated state in the US with approximately 39 million people.

Sacramento is known as America's Farm-to-Fork capital.

The Golden State

State Tree



Coast Redwood





Valley Quail

State Capital



Sacramento

State Flower



California Poppy

State Mammal



Grizzly Bear

Sacramento





32nd State to join the Union on May 11, 1858.

Fun Facts:

Minnesota is home to 66 state parks.

Minnesota is known for many inventions including water skis, pop-up toasters and microwave popcorn.

St. Paul has 26 miles of Mississippi riverfront – more than any other city.

Land of 10,000 Lakes

State Tree



Red Pine



Loon





St. Paul

State Flower



Showdy Lady's Slippers

State Butterfly



Monarch

St. Paul





33rd state to join the Union on February 14, 1859.

Fun Facts:

Oregon is home to the deepest lake in the U.S. – Crater Lake.

Oregon produces about 98% of America's hazelnuts.

Salem has had three Capitol buildings. The first two burnt down, but the current one has been holding strong since 1938.

The Beaver State

State Tree



Douglas Fir





Western Meadowlark

State Capital



Salem

Salem

State Flower



Oregon Grape



Beaver





34th state to join the Union on January 29, 1861.

Fun Facts:

Kansas is home to the geographic center of the contiguous US.

Kansas is estimated to have over 700 caves!

You can tour the Capitol building all the way up to the dome – 296 steps!

The Sunflower State

State Tree



Cottonwood





Western Meadowlark

State Capital



Topeka

Topeka

State Flower



Sunflower

State Insect



Honeybee




35th State to join the Union on June 20, 1863.

Fun Facts:

West Virginia is responsible for approximately 14% of America's coal production.

West Virginia is home to The Coal House – the only home in the world made entirely of coal.

Charleston has the largest population of all West Virginian cities.

The Mountain State

State Tree



Sugar Maple





Northern Cardinal

State Capital



Charleston

State Flower



Rhododendron



Black Bear







36th State to join the Union on October 31, 1864.

Fun Facts:

Nevada originates from a Spanish word meaning "snow-covered".

Nevada is considered the driest state in the US, averaging only about 7 inches of rain per year.

Carson City was named after frontier legend Kit Carson.

The Silver State

State Tree



Bristlecone Pine



Mountain Bluebird

State Capital



Carson City

Carson City

State Flower



Big Sagebrush



Desert Bighorn Sheep





37th State to join the Union on March 1, 1867.

Fun Facts:

Nebraska is known for it's farming and agricultural production. Nearly 92% of it's land is made up of farms and ranches.

Nebraska is home to the world's largest indoor rainforest – Lied Jungle located at the Henry Doorly Zoo.

Lincoln houses the world's largest collection of elephant skeletons.

The Cornhusker State

State Tree



Eastern Cottonwood





Western Meadowlark

State Capital



Lincoln

Lincoln

State Flower



Goldenrod



White-Tailed Deer





38th State to join the Union on August 1, 1876.

Fun Facts:

Colorado is part of the Four States Monument – the only place in the US shared by four states.

Colorado is known as the Centennial State because it joined the Union 100 years after signing the Declaration of Independence.

Denver records an average of 300+ days of sunshine per year.

The Centennial State

State Tree



Blue Spruce





Lark Bunting

State Capital



Denver

Denver

State Flower



Rocky Mountain Columbine



Bighorn Sheep





39th State to join the Union on November 2, 1889.

Fun Facts:

Dakota comes from the Sioux Indian word for "friend".

North Dakota is home to the National Buffalo Museum which has a buffalo statue that stands 26 ft high and 45 ft long.

The Capitol building in Bismarck is the tallest building in the state.

The Peace Garden State





American Elm





Western Meadowlark

State Capital



Bismarck

State Flower



Prairie Rose



Horse







40th State to join the Union on November 2, 1889.

Fun Facts:

South Dakota is home to a mountain with the highest peak in the US east of the Rockies – Black Elk Peak (AKA – Harney Peak).

It is also home to Mount Rushmore – featuring the faces of four US presidents carved into it.

Pierre was named after French fur trader Pierre Chouteau, Jr in 1880.

The Mount Rushmore State

State Tree



White Spruce

State Bird



Ring-Necked Pheasant

State Capital



Pierre

Pierre

State Flower



American Pasque



Coyote





41st State to join the Union on November 8, 1889.

Fun Facts:

Montana is home to more elk, deer and antelope than humans.

Triple Divide Peak in Glacier National Park is the only location in the world with a triple divide allowing water to flow in to the Atlantic, Pacific and Artic oceans.

Helena was founded by accident in 1864 while searching for gold.

The Treasure State

State Tree



Ponderosa Pine





Western Meadowlark

State Capital



Helena

Helena

State Flower



Bitterroot



Grizzly Bear





42nd State to join the Union on November 11, 1889.

Fun Facts:

Washington is the only state to be named after a president. Can you guess which one?

Washington is home to several bridges made exclusively for squirrels. The first was made in 1963 and named "Nutty Narrows".

Olympia (nickname: Oly) is the 22nd largest city in WA.

The Evergreen State

State Tree



Western Hemlock





American Goldfinch

State Capital



Olympia

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State Flower



Pacific Rhododendron



Olympic Marmot





43rd state to join the Union on January 4, 1896.

Fun Facts:

Idaho is known as the Gem State because it produces 72 types of precious and semi-precious stones.

Idaho is home to Shoshone Falls which is about 45 ft taller than Niagara Falls.

The capitol building in Boise is heated by geothermal energy from the hot springs below.

The Gem State

State Tree



Western White Pine



Mountain Bluebird

State Capital



Boise

Boise



Syringa

State Butterfly



Monarch





44th state to join the Union on July 10, 1890.

Fun Facts:

Wyoming is the least populated state with 578,000 people.

It was given its nickname, the Equality State, because it was the first state to give women the right to vote.

In the 1880's, Cheyenne was one of the wealthiest cities in the world due to its cattle industry and the Gold Rush.

The Equality State

State Tree



Plains Cottonwood





Western Meadowlark

State Capital



Cheyenne

State Flower



Indian Paintbrush



Bison







45th state to join the Union on January 4, 1896.

Fun Facts:

Utah got its name from the Ute Indians and means "people of the mountains".

Utah is one of the four corner states along with Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico which all meet up at a single point.

The mountains near Salt Lake City average over 500 inches of snow per year.

The Beehive State

State Tree



Quaking Aspen





California Gull

State Capital



Salt Lake City

State Flower



Sego Lily

State Mammal



Elk

Salt Lake City





46th state to join the Union on November 16, 1907.

Fun Facts:

Oklahoma is named the Sooner State because of people who tried to sneak in and make land claims "sooner" than they were allowed.

The first tornado warning occurred in Oklahoma in 1948.

Oklahoma City has one of the world's largest livestock markets.

The Sooner State

State Tree



Redbud





Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher





Oklahoma City

State Flower



Oklahoma Rose



Buffalo







47th state to join the Union on January 6, 1912.

Fun Facts:

New Mexico is where the world's first nuclear bomb was detonated.

New Mexico is a bilingual state. Nearly 1/3 of families in the state speak Spanish at home.

Santa Fe is the oldest capital city in the United States.

Land of Enchantment

State Tree



Pinyon Pine



Great Roadrunner

State Capital



Santa Fe

Santa Fe

State Flower



Yucca

State Insect



Tarantula Hawk Wasp





48th state to join the Union on February 14, 1912.

Fun Facts:

Arizona's Sonoran Desert is the ONLY place on Earth where the Saguaro cactus grows.

Arizona is home to 22 national parks and monuments.

Phoenix is the largest state capital in the US by population with nearly 1.7 million people.

The Grand Canyon State

State Tree



Palo Verde





Cactus Wren

State Capital



Phoenix

Phoenix

State Flower



Saguaro White Blossom

State Reptile



Rattle Snake





49th state to join the Union on January 3, 1959.

Fun Facts:

Alaska is the largest state in the US by area. It is larger than TX, CA & MT combined!

There are a total of 240 days in Alaska that offer the chance to see the northern lights.

Juneau is the only U.S. capital that is inaccessible by car. You must take a plane or boat to get there.

The Last Frontier

State Tree



Sika Spruce



Willow Ptarmigan

State Capital



Juneau

Juneau

State Flower



Alpine Forget-Me-Not

State Dog



Alaskan Malamute





50th state to join the Union on August 21, 1959.

Fun Facts:

Hawaii is the only state in the US to have two official languages – English and Hawaiian.

Hawaii's state fish is the Humuhumunukunukuapuaa which means "triggerfish with a snout like a pig".

Honolulu is home to the only royal palace in the US - Iolani Palace.

The Aloha State

State Tree



Candlenut



Nene

State Capital



Honolulu

State Flower



Yellow Hibiscus



Monk Seal





September 22nd

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