

A map of the Southeastern United States, showing parts of Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. Major cities like Atlanta, Anniston, Dothan, Pensacola, and Tallahassee are labeled. An orange circle with an airplane icon is placed near Atlanta. A red banner is overlaid on the map.

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U.S. GEOGRAPHY

GRADES 3-6



Independent, Open & Go Geography Curriculum

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Introduction

Daily Skill Building: U.S Geography is appropriate for elementary students and best suited to grades 3-6. Over the course of this school year, your students will learn facts about all 50 states.

Each week, your student will research facts about two states and fill in their notebook, do map work, and write a research paper.

NOTE: The 5th day research paper is optional since it may be too advanced for younger students.

Additional map work and review worksheets are included in the Appendix.

RESOURCE PACK

A great resource for finding the information needed is the **Daily Skill Building: U.S. Geography Resource Pack** that comes with this unit. In it, you'll find printable charts that include key information about each state, printable state fact cards and state map cards, and answer keys for the additional map work and worksheets found at the end of **Daily Skill Building: U.S Geography**.

These answer keys and resources include all information needed except the three largest cities in each state.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR FACT-FINDING:

- www.50states.com – This resource lists the largest cities among many other additional facts.
- <https://www.seterra.com> – This site includes hundreds of fun geography map quizzes.
- <https://homeschoolgiveaways.com/2020/05/50-states-resources/> - 50 States Resources – Songs & videos to learn the states & capitals.
- *Desk Atlas of the United States*



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Week 1 Day 1

STATE: ALABAMA

Statehood: _____

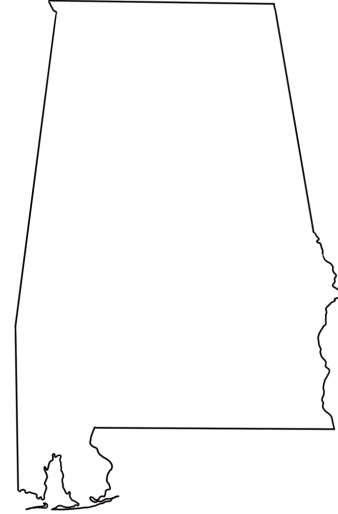
Capital: _____

Nickname: _____

Abbreviation: _____

Time Zone: _____

Region: _____



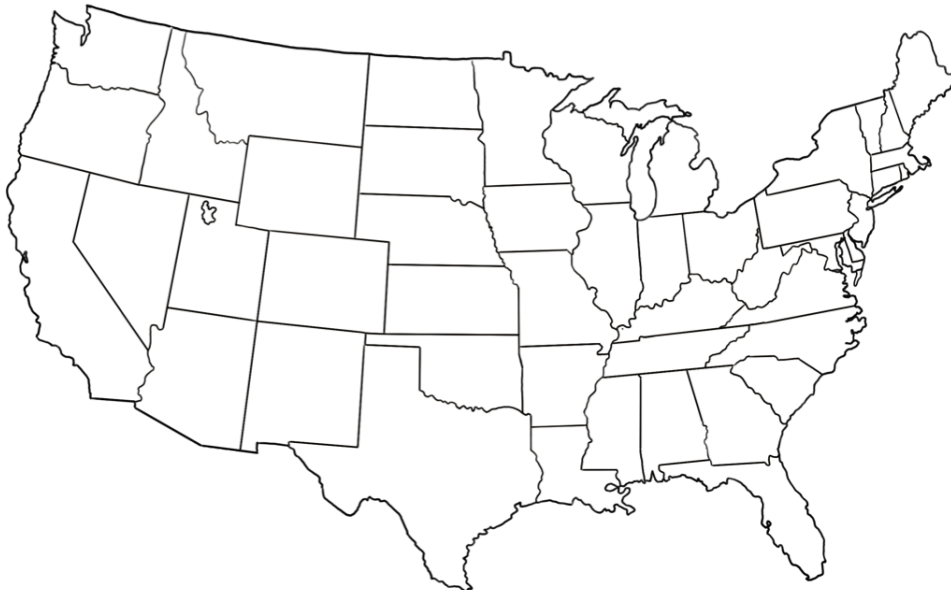
Put a star on the state capital and label it.

Map Work:

1. Find Alabama on the map and trace it red.
2. Label the border states.
3. What are three of the largest cities? Add them to the map key on the right in order from largest to smallest. Mark them on the map with the number to show location.

Map Key

1	
2	
3	





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Week 1 Day 2

STATE: ALABAMA

Agriculture:

Industry:

Look up the following for Alabama, and use the space below to draw or paste a picture of each.

State Tree	State Flower	State Bird
Name: _____ 	Name: _____ 	Name: _____

Draw and color or paste a picture of the state flag.



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Week 1 Day 3

STATE: ALASKA

Statehood: _____

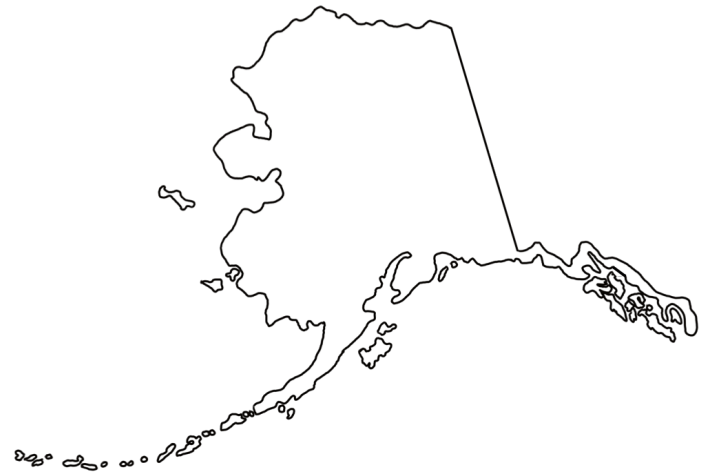
Capital: _____

Nickname: _____

Abbreviation: _____

Time Zone: _____

Region: _____



Put a star on the state capital and label it.

Map Work:

1. Find Alaska on the map and trace it red.
2. Label the border states.
3. What are three of the largest cities? Add them to the map key on the right in order from largest to smallest. Mark them on the map with the number to show location.

Map Key

1	
2	
3	





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Week 1 Day 4

STATE: ALASKA

Agriculture:

Industry:

Look up the following for Alaska, and use the space below to draw or paste a picture of each.

State Tree	State Flower	State Bird
Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____

Draw and color or paste a picture of the state flag.



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Week 1 Day 5

RESEARCH PAPER

Pick one of the states you learned about this week and write a research paper on one of the following topics: a famous person, a popular landmark or a historical event. (You can use notebook paper if you need additional space.)

State:

Topic:

Sources used:



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Week 2 Day 1

STATE: ARIZONA

Statehood: _____

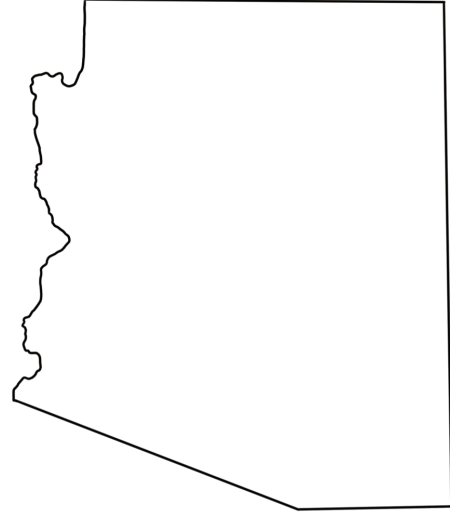
Capital: _____

Nickname: _____

Abbreviation: _____

Time Zone: _____

Region: _____



Put a star on the state capital and label it.

Map Work:

1. Find Arizona on the map and trace it red.
2. Label the border states.
3. What are three of the largest cities? Add them to the map key on the right in order from largest to smallest. Mark them on the map with the number to show location.

Map Key

1	
2	
3	





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Week 2 Day 2

STATE: ARIZONA

Agriculture:

Industry:

Look up the following for Arizona, and use the space below to draw or paste a picture of each.

State Tree	State Flower	State Bird
Name: _____ 	Name: _____ 	Name: _____

Draw and color or paste a picture of the state flag.



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Week 2 Day 3

STATE: ARKANSAS

Statehood: _____

Capital: _____

Nickname: _____

Abbreviation: _____

Time Zone: _____

Region: _____

Put a star on the state capital and label it.



Map Work:

1. Find Arkansas on the map and trace it red.
2. Label the border states.
3. What are three of the largest cities? Add them to the map key on the right in order from largest to smallest. Mark them on the map with the number to show location.

Map Key

1	
2	
3	





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Week 2 Day 4

STATE: ARKANSAS

Agriculture:

Industry:

Look up the following for Arkansas, and use the space below to draw or paste a picture of each.

State Tree	State Flower	State Bird
Name: _____	Name: _____	Name: _____

Draw and color or paste a picture of the state flag.



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Week 2 Day 5

RESEARCH PAPER

Pick one of the states you learned about this week and write a research paper on one of the following topics: a famous person, a popular landmark or a historical event. (You can use notebook paper if you need additional space.)

State:

Topic:

Sources used: