

COLORADO ACTIVITY PACKET



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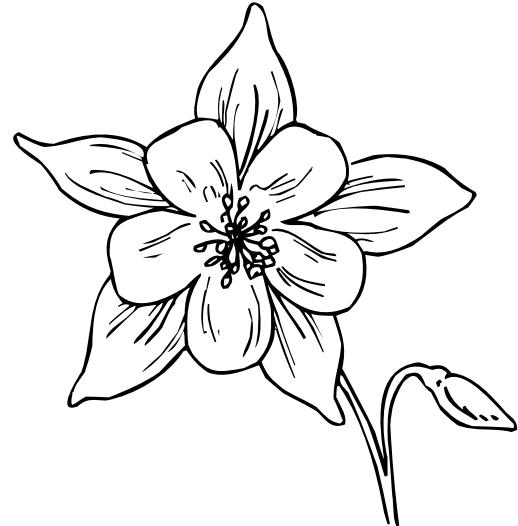
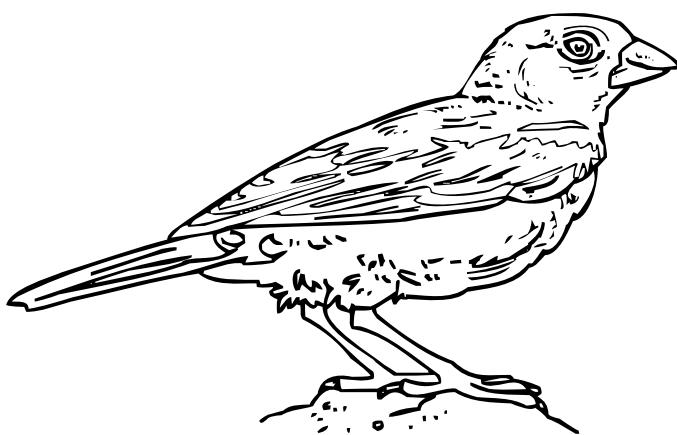
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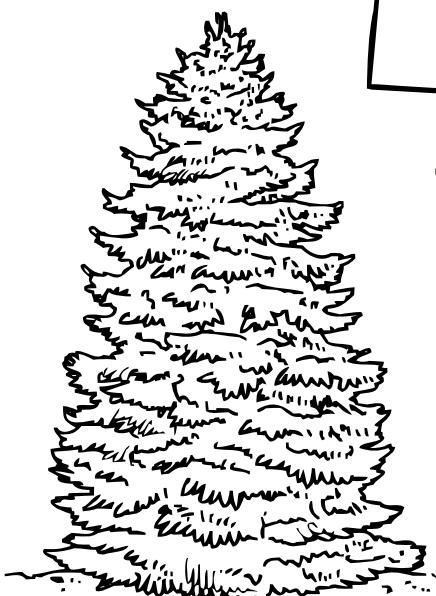


Lark Bunting

**Rocky Mountain
Columbine**

Denver
★

Colorado



Colorado Blue Spruce

The Rocky Mountain State

State license plate



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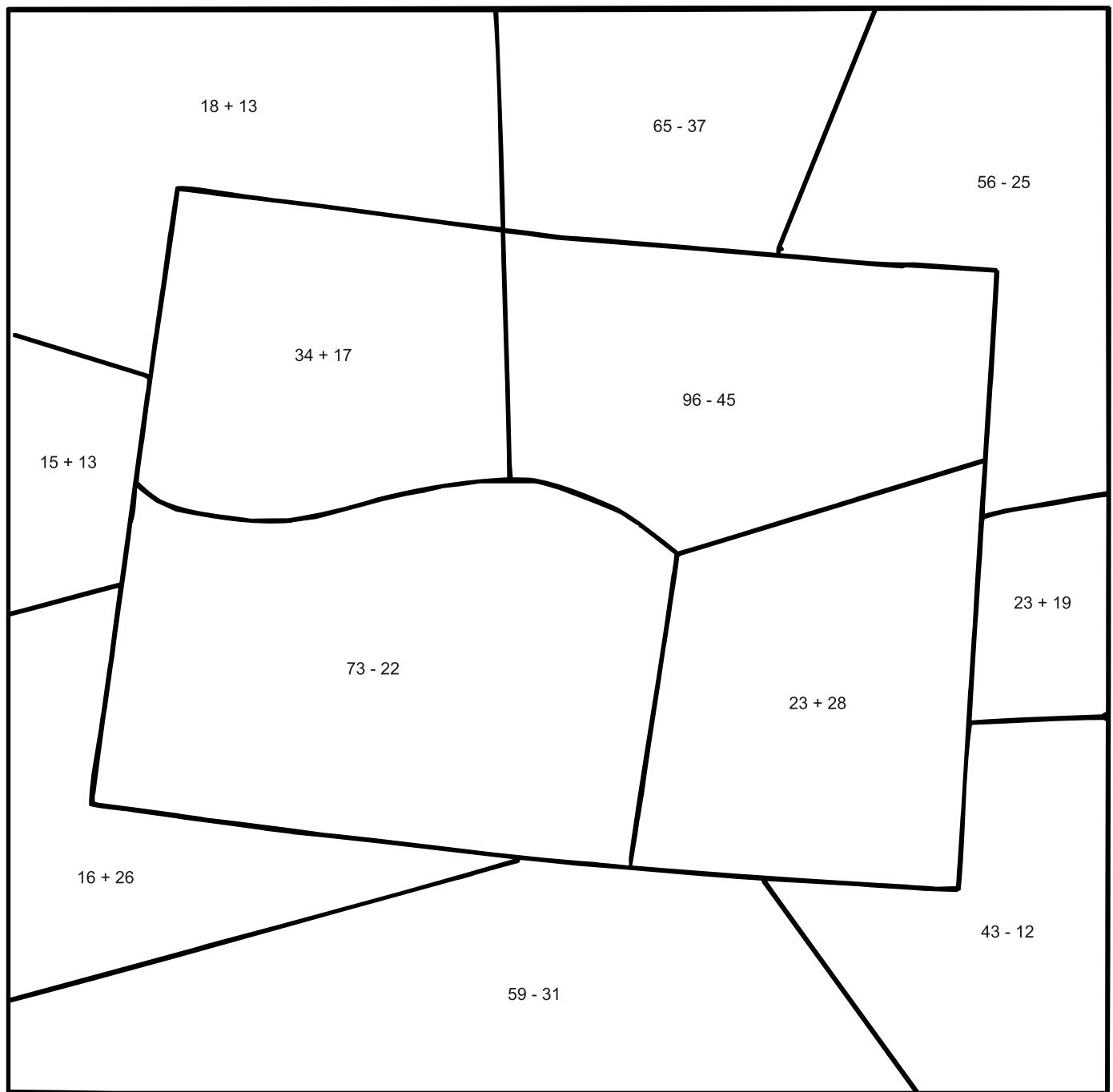


Colorado stamp - 13 cents

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Colorado State Quarter





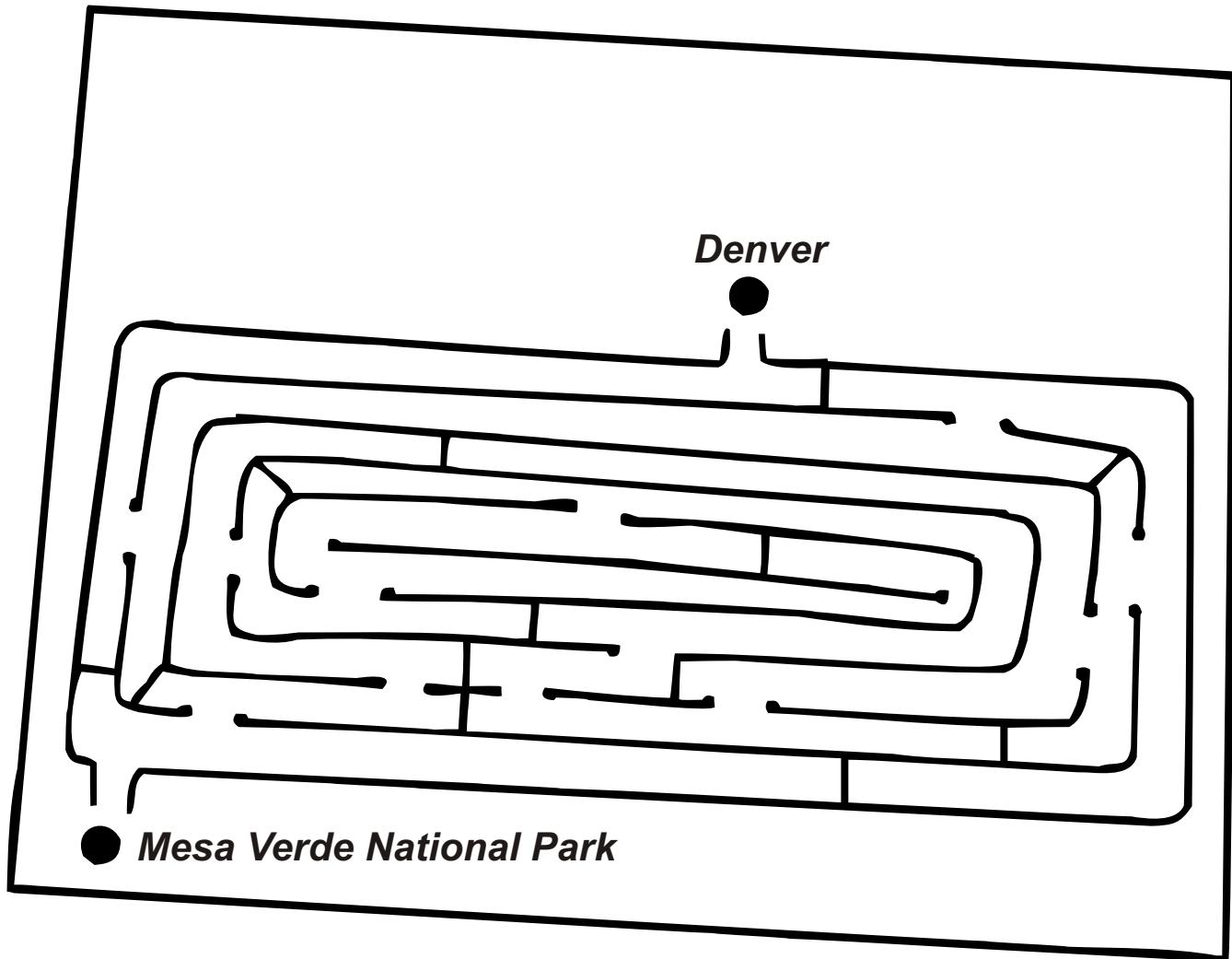
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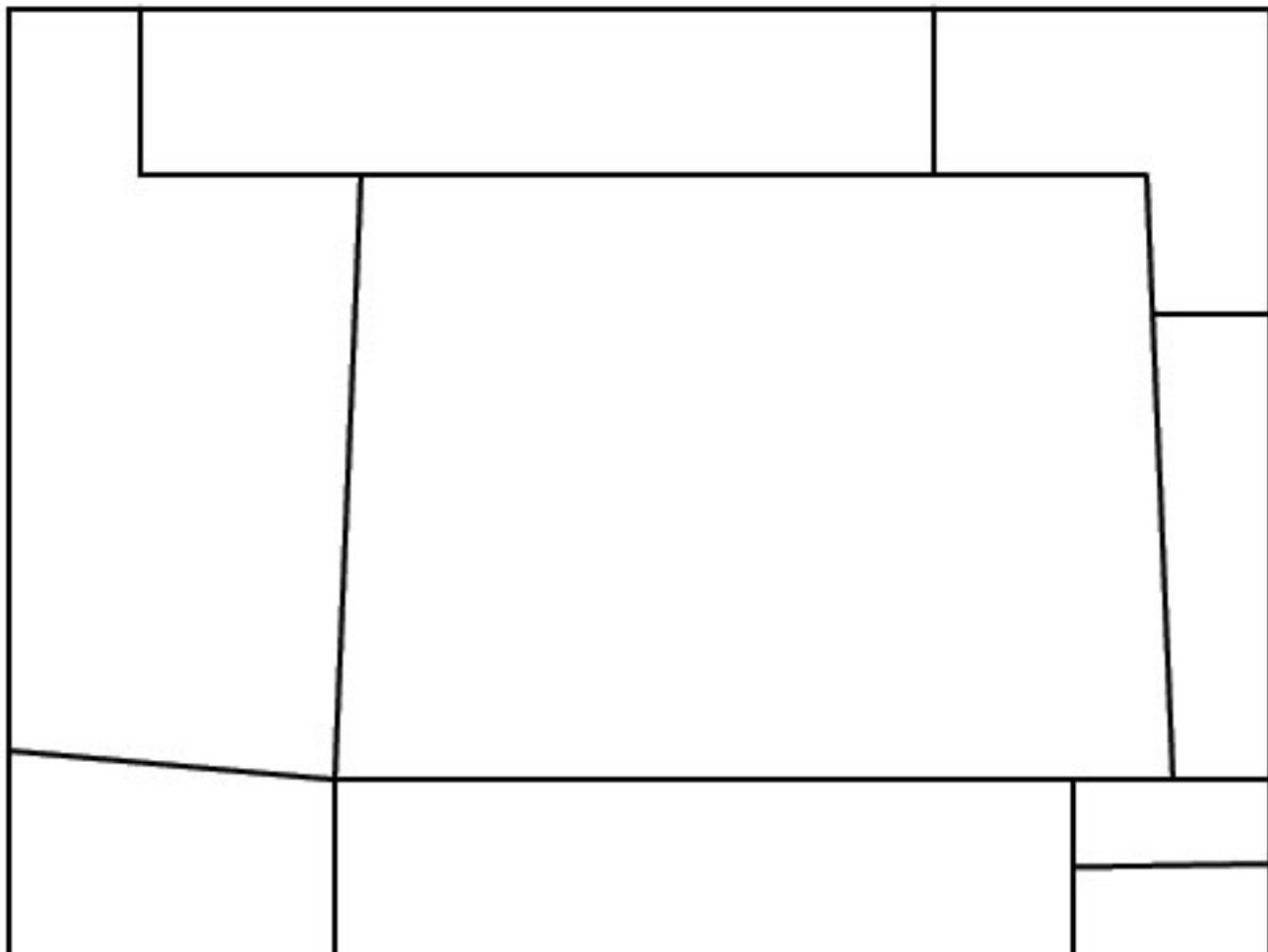
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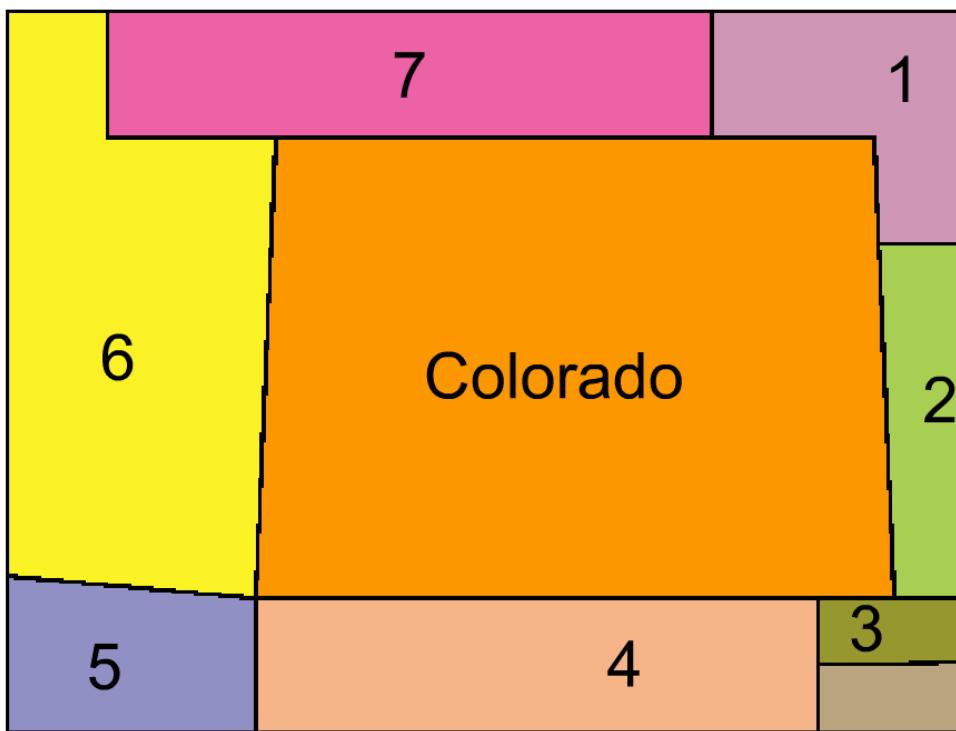
Colorado - The Rocky Mountain State



Colorado Printable Outline Map



Colorado Label-me Map – Bordering States



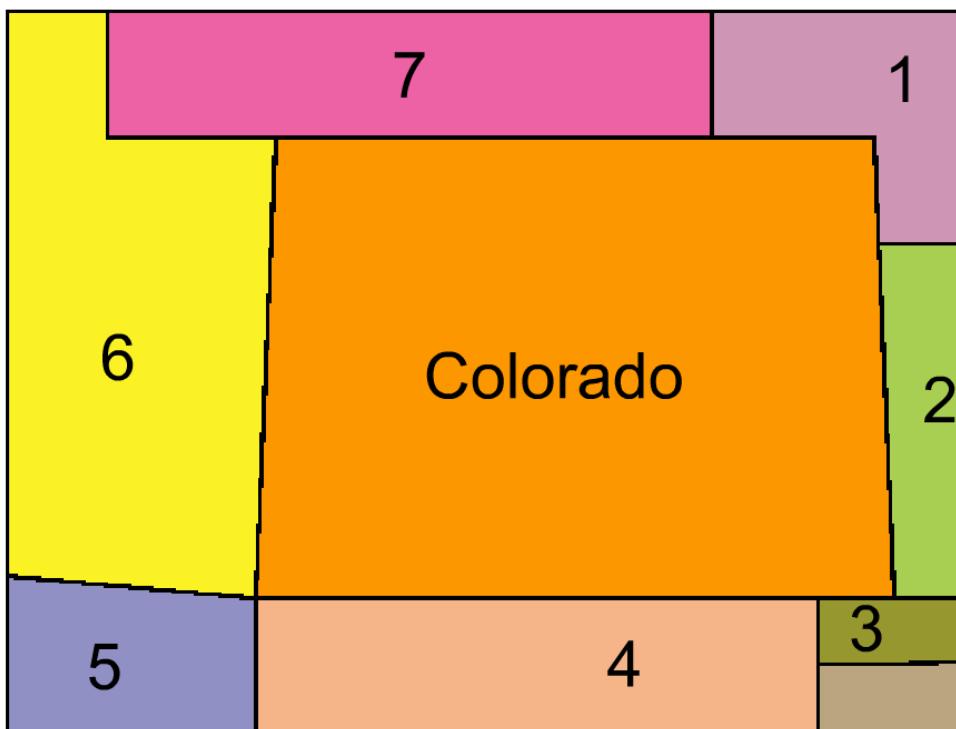
Colorado Labels

New Mexico
Utah
Kansas
Arizona
Oklahoma
Wyoming
Nebraska

Labels:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.
7.

Colorado Label-me Map – Bordering States



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New Mexico

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Nebraska

Labels:

1. Nebraska
2. Kansas
3. Oklahoma
4. New Mexico
5. Arizona
6. Utah
7. Wyoming

Comparing and Contrasting Colorado and Arizona

Name: _____

Colorado

California, located in the western United States, became America's 38th state on August 1st, 1876. Because it became a state on America's 100th birthday year, it is nicknamed the Centennial State. It is also called the Rocky Mountain State. Nearly six million people live in Colorado. Colorado, which is shaped like a rectangle, borders Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Kansas. It is one of the Four Corner States. Its capital and largest city is Denver. Two great American landforms converge in Colorado: The Great Plains and Rocky Mountains. The eastern part of Colorado is made up mostly of plains and grasslands, whereas central and western Colorado feature the towering Rocky Mountain Range. Southwestern Colorado is mostly desert. Colorado is famous for its many ski resort towns including Vail, Aspen, and Breckinridge.

Arizona

Arizona, located in the southwestern portion of the United States, became a state on February 14, 1912. It was America's 48th state! It is one of the four corner states, and shares borders with California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. It shares its southern border with Mexico. Arizona's capital and largest city is Phoenix, which has more than two million people. Arizona now has almost seven million people! Arizona is home to the Grand Canyon, which is one of the nation's most popular natural attractions. The Grand Canyon was carved by the ancient Colorado River, which flows through the northern part of Arizona. Much of southern Arizona is covered by the Sonoran Desert, which includes groves of giant Saguaro cacti!

Which facts belong in each category?

Borders Wyoming

Located in the southwestern United States

Has more people

Became a state first

Has famous ski resort towns

Has the Grand Canyon

The capital city and the largest city are different

Borders Mexico

Has two nicknames

Is one of the four corner states

Colorado

Both

Arizona

Neither

Answers:

Colorado

Borders Wyoming
Became a state first
Has famous ski resort towns
Has two nicknames

Both

Is one of the four corner states

Arizona

Located in the southwestern United States
Has more people
Has the Grand Canyon
Borders Mexico

Neither

The capital and largest city are different

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Utah

Utah, one of the four corner states, is located in the western United States. It became America's 45th state on January 4th, 1896. Utah is nicknamed the Beehive State to honor its hard-working people. Today, the state is home to over three million people. Utah borders Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Idaho. Salt Lake City is Utah's capital and largest city. It was built on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, the largest saltwater lake in the Western Hemisphere. Utah features breathtaking scenery. It has five national parks including the world-famous Zion and Arches National Parks. Visitors from throughout the world come to see the colorful rock formations, cliffs, and mountain vistas. Utah's western half is mostly desert. Utah is also famous for its world-class ski resorts.

Which facts belong in each category?

Its nickname honors its hard-working people
Located in the western United States
Has more people
Became a state first
The western part of the state is mostly desert
Has grasslands
The capital city is the largest city are the same
Borders Texas
Became a state on America's 100th birthday
Is one of the four corner states

Colorado

Both

Utah

Neither

Answers:

Colorado

**Has more people
Became a state first
Has grasslands
Became a state on America's 100th birthday**

Both

**Located in the western United States
The capital and largest city is the same
Is one of the four corner states.**

Utah

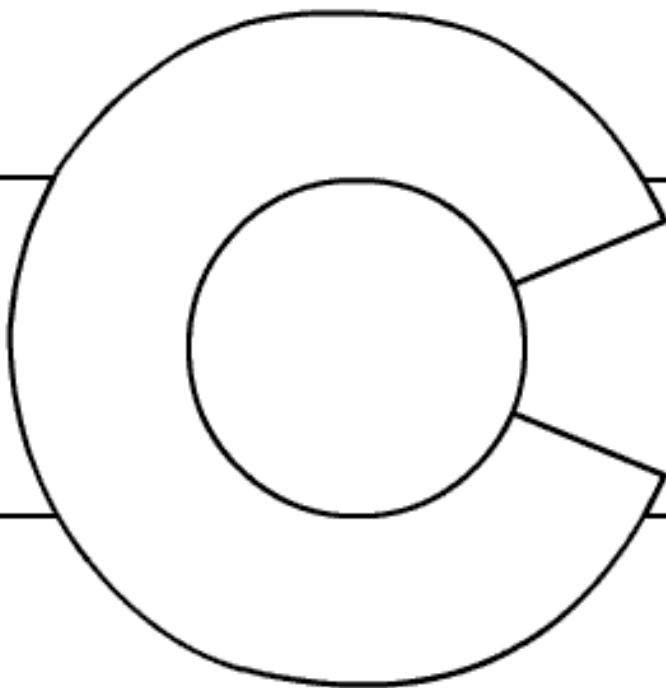
**Its nickname honors its hard working people
The western part of the state is mostly desert**

Neither

Borders Texas



Colorado Flag Outline



The Great Plains

The Great Plains is a huge, mostly treeless area of prairie and grasslands in the middle of the United States. It includes parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Texas, Oklahoma, and all of Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas. Its industries include farming, ranching and manufacturing. Huge rivers such as the Missouri, Arkansas, and Platte, flow through the heart of the Great Plains. These rivers and their wetlands are important habitats for many kinds of migrating birds such as ducks, geese, cranes, and gulls.

The Great Plains area is the native home of the American bison. Millions once roamed the plains before they were settled in the 1800s. The number of bison, however, fell drastically by 1900 until there were only a few hundred left. Prairie dogs, badgers, coyotes, and burrowing owls are among the wildlife that live in the Great Plains. The area is sometimes called "Tornado Alley" because most of the nation's tornadoes occur here.

1. What would I NOT expect to see much of in the Great Plains?

- A. Grasslands
- B. Forests
- C. Farms
- D. Wildlife

2. What is NOT true about the American bison?

- A. They roamed Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas before the Great Plains were settled
- B. There were more bison before settlement of the Great Plains than in 1900
- C. Prairie dogs and coyotes could be found in the same places as bison
- D. By 1900, the number of bison went up

3. What does “drastically” mean as used below?

The number of bison, however, fell drastically by 1900 until there were only a few hundred left.

- A. The number of bison fell a lot
- B. The number of bison fell a little bit
- C. The number of bison stayed about the same
- D. The number of bison fell to none

4. The Great Plains...

- A. has small rivers.
- B. includes parts of Kansas and Nebraska.
- C. includes all of Wyoming and Colorado.
- D. often gets tornadoes.

Oh Beautiful! In Pictures

The American classic “*Oh Beautiful!*” was originally penned by Katharine Lee Bates atop Pike’s Peak in Colorado in 1893. It was set to music by composer Samuel Ward. The song celebrates America’s many beautiful landscapes. Some have suggested it should replace the current National Anthem. In the spaces provided below, draw American landscape scenes that correspond to the words.

Oh Beautiful, for spacious skies	For Amber Waves of Grain	For Purple Mountains Majesty
Above the fruited plain!	America! America!	God Shed His Grace on thee
And Crown thy good	With Brotherhood	From Sea to Shining Sea!

TYRANNOSAURUS REX Reading Comprehension

The Tyrannosaurus rex, also known as T. rex, was one of the largest land predators to have ever lived. The T. rex could grow to 40 feet in length (a little longer than a school bus) and could stand 13 feet tall at the hips (about three feet taller than a basketball hoop). It lived in what is now western North America and may have even been partly covered in feathers.

The Tyrannosaurus rex was a fearsome predator with strong jaws and up to 60 teeth. Some of these teeth could grow to be almost a foot long. The T. rex was a strict carnivore (meat eater) and hunted other dinosaurs. Scientists aren't sure how fast the T. rex could run, or if it could even run at all.

In 1990, a fossil hunter found the most complete skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus rex ever found! It was sold to a museum for eight million dollars, the highest amount ever paid for dinosaur fossils.

1.) Compared to a basketball hoop, the Tyrannosaurus rex was...

- a.) shorter.
- b.) longer.
- c.) taller.
- d.) lighter.

5.) Which is NOT true about the Tyrannosaurus rex?

- a.) It ate other dinosaurs.
- b.) Some of its teeth were a foot long.
- c.) A skeleton sold for eight million dollars.
- d.) Compared to other land predators, it was actually small.

2.) Compared to a school bus, the Tyrannosaurus rex was...

- a.) taller.
- b.) longer.
- c.) shorter.
- d.) stronger.

6.) Which of the paragraphs discusses the diet of the T. rex?

- a.) first
- b.) second
- c.) third
- d.) none of them

3.) Which of the following might also be described as a fearsome hunter?

- a.) A sparrow
- b.) Your pet hermit crab
- c.) A tiger
- d.) A baby seal

7.) The author seems to think the T. rex skeleton was _____.

- a.) expensive
- b.) fake
- c.) boring
- d.) broken

4.) What are scientists not sure of?

- a.) If the Tyrannosaurus rex ate plants
- b.) If the Tyrannosaurus rex could run
- c.) If the Tyrannosaurus rex had 60 teeth
- d.) Where the Tyrannosaurus rex lived

8.) Which of the following statements indicates the author is not sure about a fact?

- a.) The T. rex lived in what is now western North America.
- b.) The T. rex was a carnivore.
- c.) The T. rex may have been partly covered by feathers.
- d.) The T. rex could grow to 13 feet tall at the hips.