

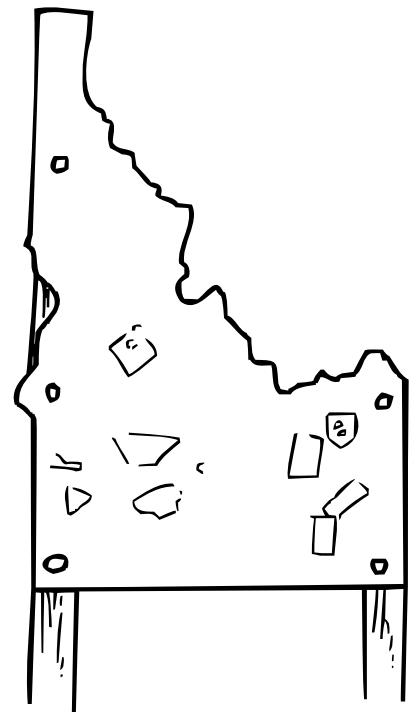
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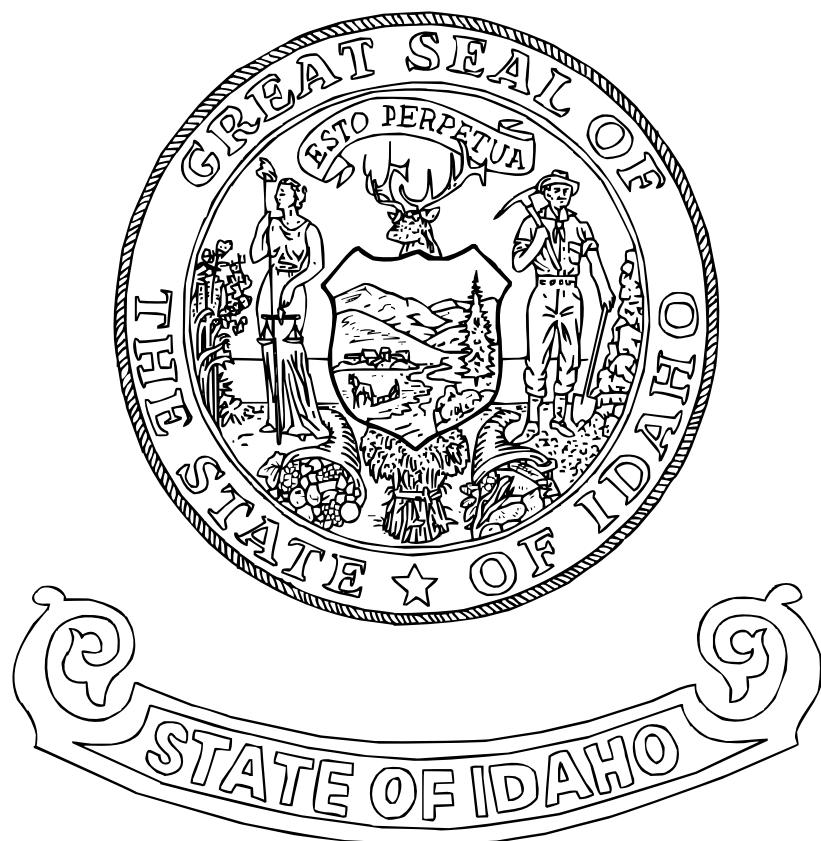


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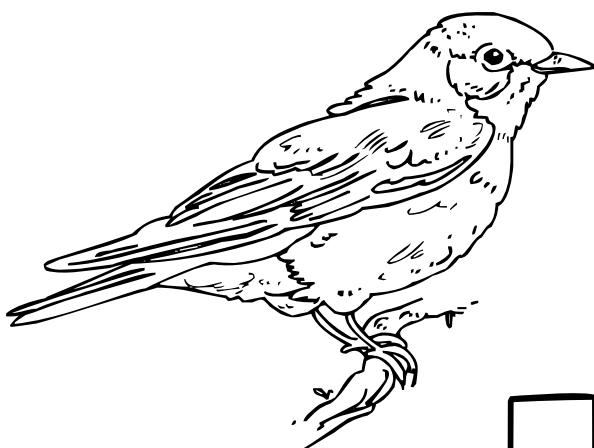
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Idaho State Quarter





**IDAHO**



**Mountain Bluebird**



**Syringa**



**Idaho**



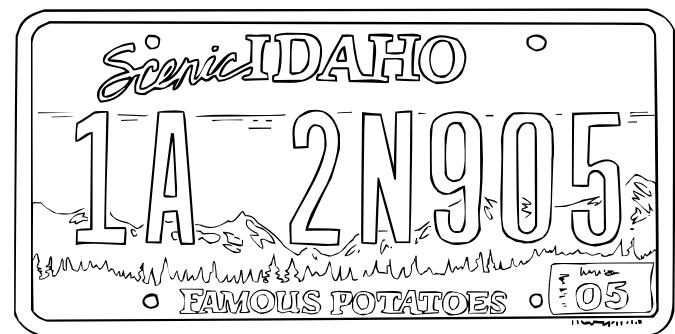
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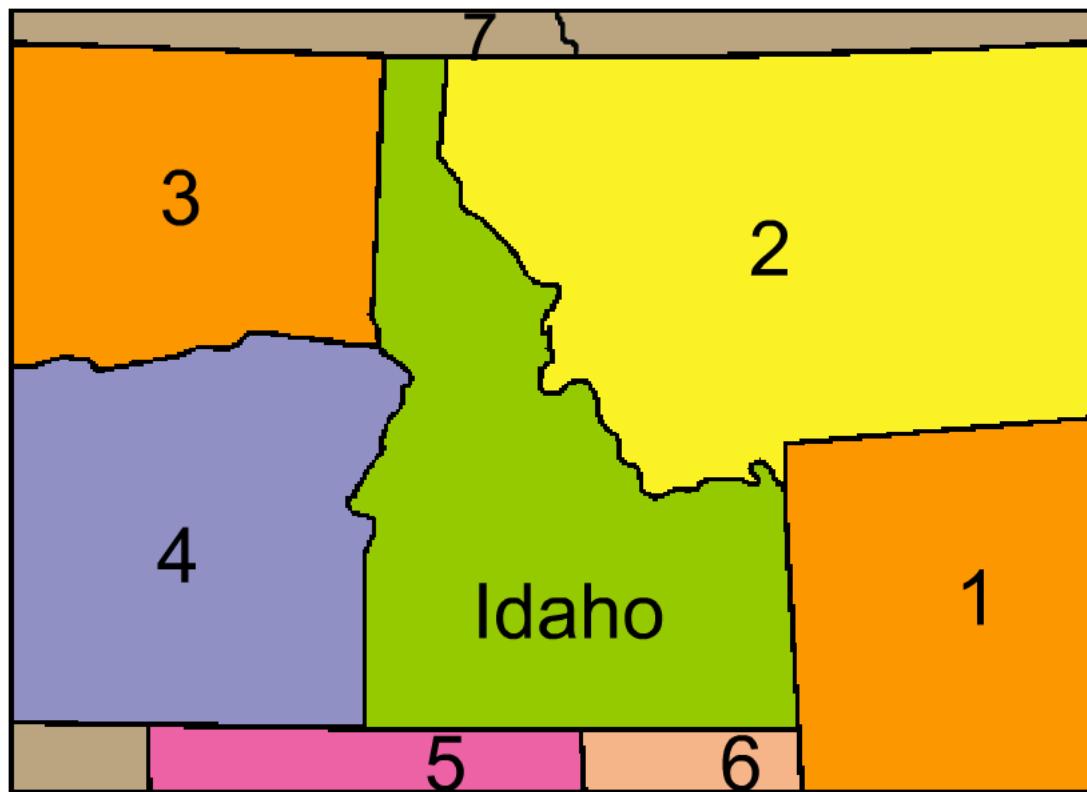
**Western White Pine**

**The Gem State**

**State license plate**

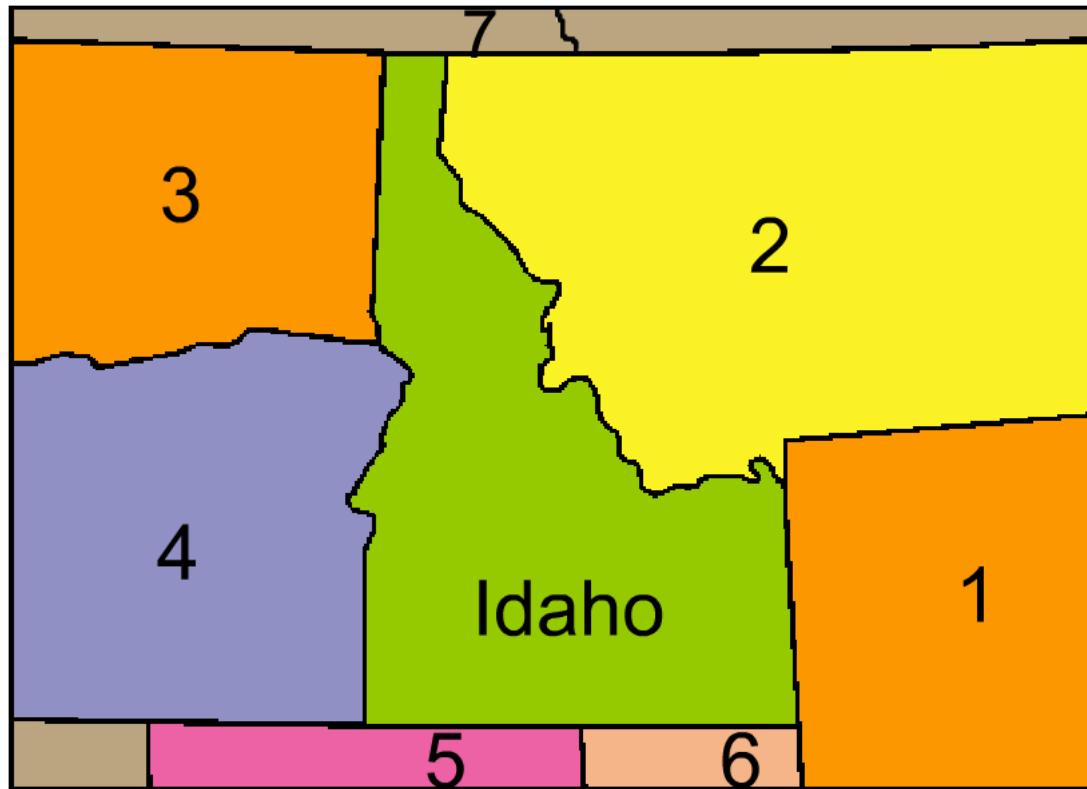


Idaho Label-me Map – Bordering States and Bodies of water



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Idaho Label-me Map – Bordering States and Bodies of water



**Labels**

Wyoming
Washington
Utah
British Columbia (Canada)
Nevada
Montana
Oregon

1. Wyoming
2. Montana
3. Washington
4. Oregon
5. Nevada
6. Utah
7. British Columbia (Canada)

Bluebirds Reading Comprehension

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Eastern Bluebird



Western Bluebird



Mountain Bluebird

Bluebirds are among the most well-known and popular groups of birds in North America. They are members of the thrush family and are thus related to robins. There are three species of bluebirds: the eastern bluebird, the western bluebird, and the mountain bluebird. Bluebirds can grow to lengths of about seven inches. They weigh a couple of ounces.

**The Eastern Bluebird** – This bird is common in southeastern Canada, the eastern United States, and northern Mexico. It eats insects and berries and can be attracted to feeders with mealworms. Males are sky blue above and orange below. Females are similar to males but paler in coloration. Eastern bluebirds nest in tree cavities but can be attracted to man-made nest boxes. They are usually found in open areas with scattered trees, including suburban neighborhoods. The eastern bluebird is the state bird of New York and Missouri.

**The Western Bluebird** – The western bluebird is similar to the eastern bluebird. It is found mostly in the western United States and northern Mexico. Like the other bluebirds, the western bluebird nests in tree cavities or man-made nest boxes. Unlike the other bluebirds, however, western bluebirds prefer forests rather than open areas. Males look like male eastern bluebirds except they have orange on their backs. Females are more grayish than males.

**The Mountain Bluebird** – The mountain bluebird is found in western North America. Unlike the western bluebird however, it can be found as far north as Alaska and northern Canada. The mountain bluebird is found in alpine meadows and open areas. It often feeds by catching insects in mid-air. Males are dazzling blue above and lighter blue below. Males are told from other bluebirds by a lack of orange on the underparts. Female mountain bluebirds are largely gray with hints of blue. Mountain bluebirds nest in tree cavities and man-made nest boxes. The mountain bluebird is the state bird of Idaho and Nevada.

- 1. Which is NOT something all three bluebirds have in common?**
  - A. Females have duller colorations than males
  - B. All are state birds of at least one state
  - C. All bluebirds are related to robins
  - D. All will nest in man-made boxes
  
- 2. How is the mountain bluebird dissimilar to the other bluebirds?**
  - A. It lacks orange on its underparts
  - B. It prefers open area habitats
  - C. It nests in tree cavities
  - D. It is about seven inches in length
  
- 3. What do the mountain bluebird and eastern bluebird have in common?**
  - A. They are both found in the same parts of the United States.
  - B. They both hunt insects in mid-air
  - C. They both prefer open area habitats
  - D. They both have similar colorations
  
- 4. Which is NOT true?**
  - A. Two of the three bluebirds live in the same kinds of habitats
  - B. Two of the three bluebirds live primarily in the western part of North America
  - C. All three sometimes nest in tree cavities
  - D. All three will catch insects in flight
  
- 5. Which could be a title for this passage?**
  - A. Bluebirds of the Western United States
  - B. Comparing and Contrasting the Three Bluebirds Species
  - C. Bluebird Conservation
  - D. Attracting Bluebirds to Your Yard

## Fact or Fiction?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



### IDAHO The Gem State



**Capital:** Boise  
**Population:** 1,429,096 (39th)  
**Area:** 83,574 sq. miles (14th)  
**Date of Union Entry:**  
 7/3/1890 (43)  
**Bird:** Mountain Bluebird  
**Tree:** Western white pine  
**Motto:** "Esto perpetua" - May it Endure Forever  
**Flower:** Syringa  
**Highest Point:** Borah Peak - 12,662 feet  
**Largest City:** Boise  
**Attractions:** Craters of the Moon, Lewis and Clark NHT

	FACT	FICTION
Idaho is NORTH of Nevada and Utah		
Oregon is WEST of Idaho		
Montana is EAST of Washington		
Boise is NORTHEAST of Twin Falls		
The Oregon Trail is in SOUTHERN Idaho		
Lewiston is NORTHEAST of Pocatello		
Pocatello is NORTHWEST of Twin Falls		
The Salmon River is SOUTH of the Snake River		

**Answers:**

	<b>FACT</b>	<b>FICTION</b>
Idaho is NORTH of Nevada and Utah	X	
Oregon is WEST of Idaho	X	
Montana is EAST of Washington	X	
Boise is NORTHEAST of Twin Falls		X
The Oregon Trail is in SOUTHERN Idaho	X	
Lewiston is NORTHEAST of Pocatello		X
Pocatello is NORTHWEST of Twin Falls		X
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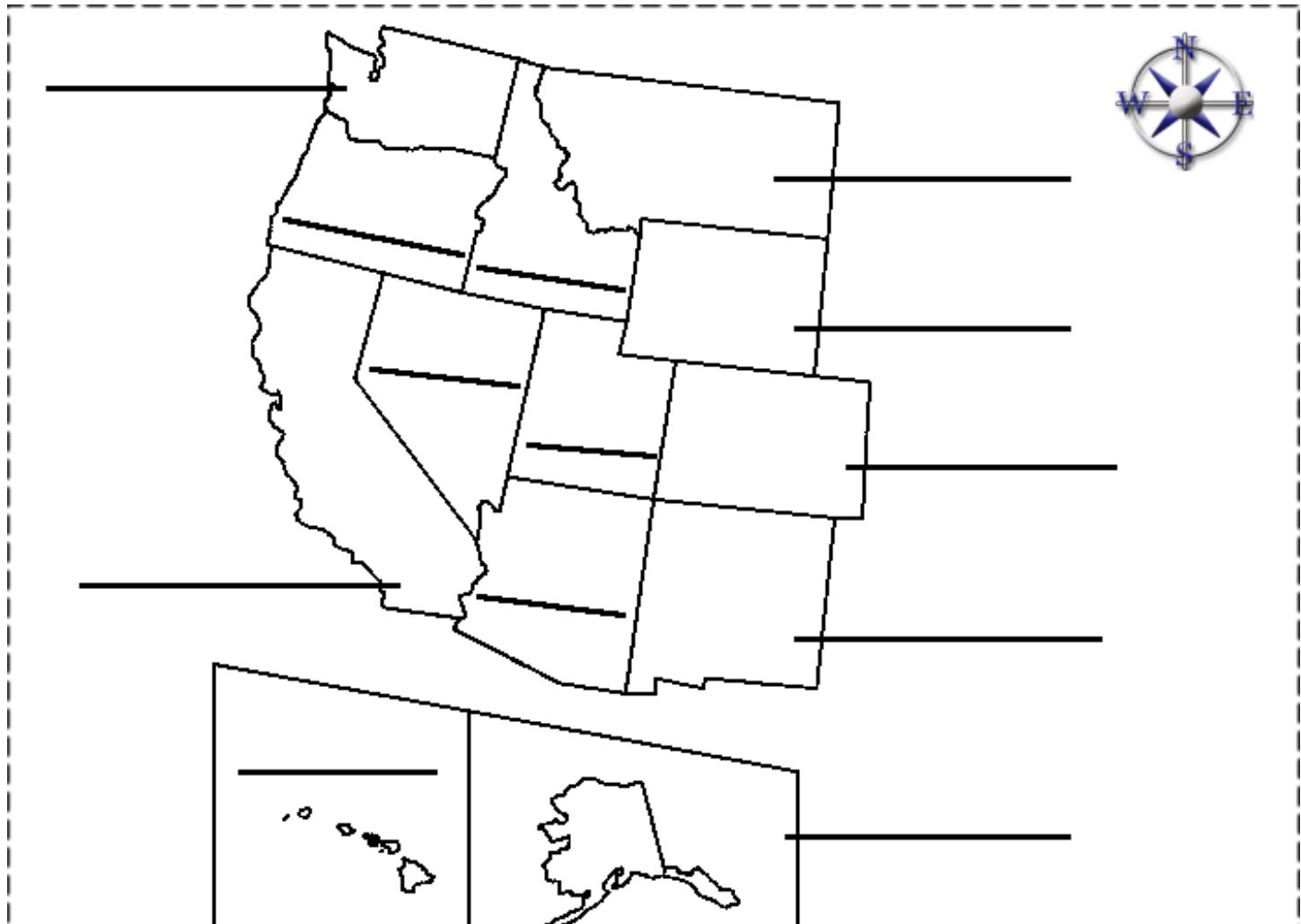
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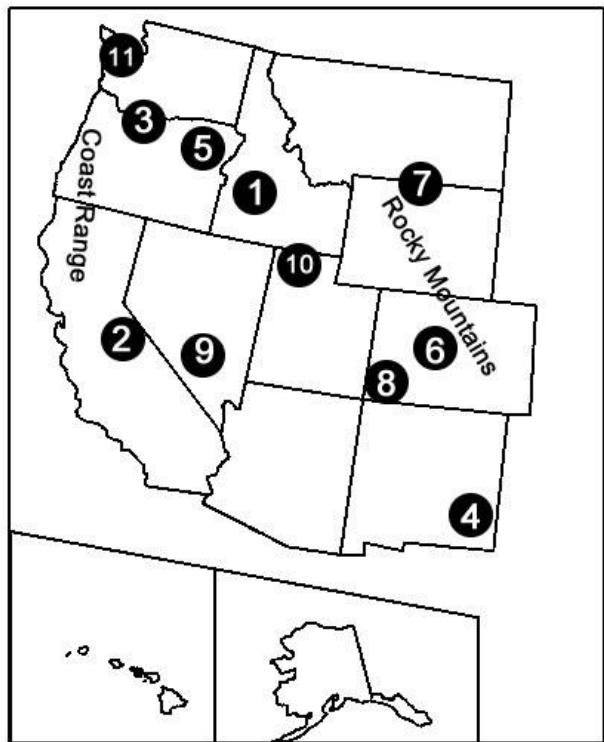
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Western States Label Map



Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers that correspond to the various ranges.

## Western Ranges



- 1.) The Cascades Range is located in Washington state and Oregon. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.) The Monitor Range is entirely within in the state of Nevada. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.) The Sacramento Range is located in eastern New Mexico. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4.) The Bitterroot Range is located in southern Idaho. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5.) The Wasatch Range is located in northern Utah. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.) The Blue Mountains are located in northeastern Oregon. These mountains are represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.) The Olympic Range is located in western Washington. These mountains are represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8.) The Bighorn Range is located on the Montana/Wyoming border. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9.) The Sierra Nevada Range is located in eastern California. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10.) The San Juan Mountains are located in southwestern Colorado. These mountains are represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11.) The Sangre de Cristo Range is located in central Colorado. It is represented by number \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answers:**

1.) 3  
2.) 9  
3.) 4  
4.) 1  
5.) 10  
6.) 5  
7.) 11  
8.) 7  
9.) 2

10.) 6  
11.) 8

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Sacagawea - **29** cents

## What did she look like?

Did you know there are no known pictures of Sacagawea? The images that you may have seen of her, on the United States \$1 coin, or, 29 cent postage stamp, are simply educated guesses of what she looked like. Look at the commemorative images of her below and craft your own picture of her.

	
U.S. Dollar Coin	U.S. Postage Stamp
	
Sacagawea Statue	Your Picture



## Lewis and Clark – “The Climb”

In the late of Summer of 1805, Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery had made it to the Lemhi Pass in Idaho. Lewis expected to see the passage that had tantalized explorers for several centuries – the Northwest Passage, a waterway that led straight to the Pacific Ocean. After nearly a year of traveling through the wilderness, Lewis's expectations were dashed when all he saw were endless tall peaks – not the Northwest Passage or Pacific Ocean. His final destination was still hundreds of miles away.

**As Miley Cyrus once said “Ain’t about what’s waitin’ on the other side..It’s the climb.”**

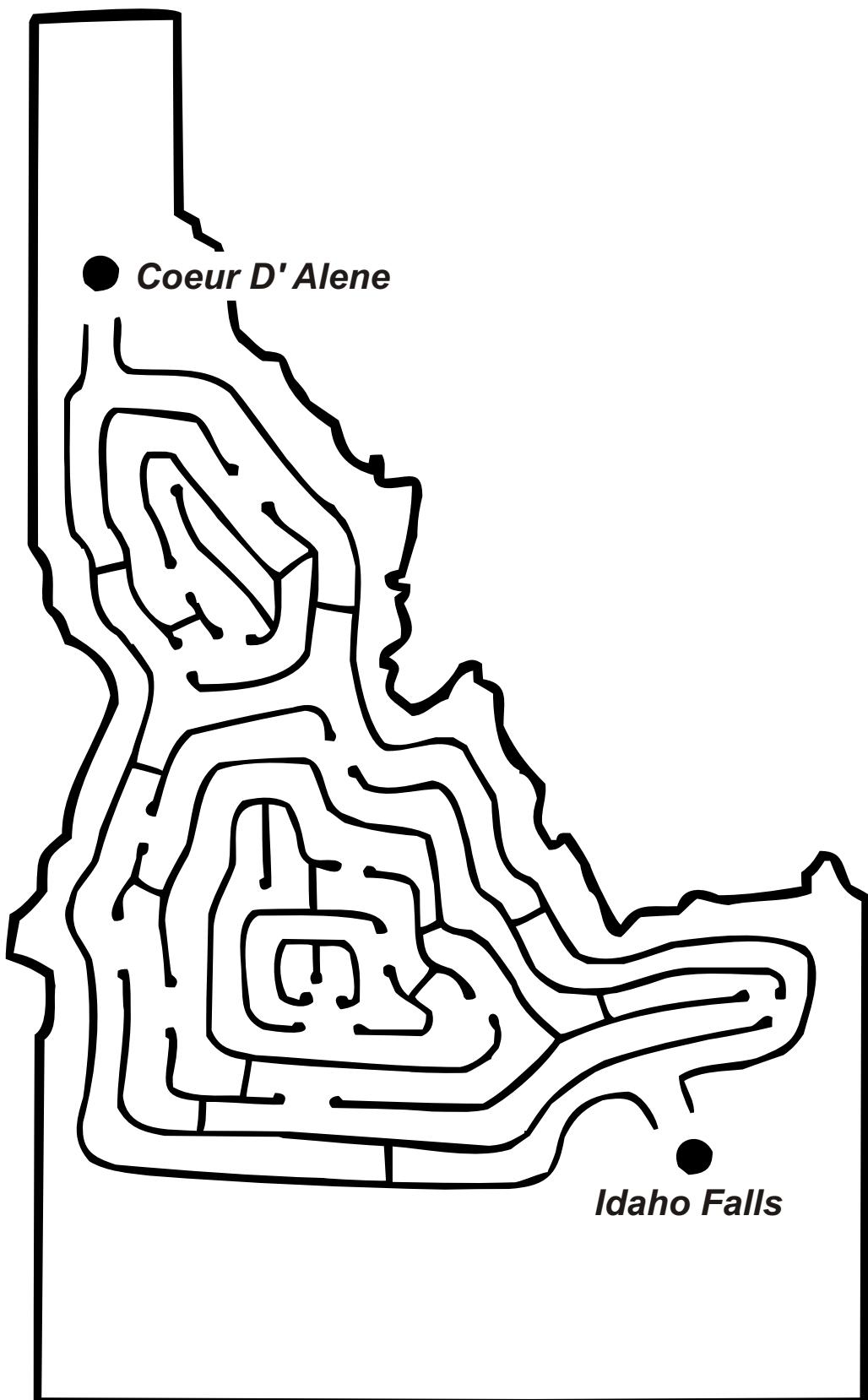
Think about a time when you had to make the climb; when you worked really hard to complete an assignment, make a team, or reach a goal, and when you thought you were there, you realized there was so much more work to do. Describe your climb and what you learned from making it.



## A Dynamic Duo

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark personified teamwork through the duration of their legendary expedition. Both men had qualities that complemented one another. For example, Lewis was an excellent and fair leader, a prolific writer, and a skilled outdoorsman. Clark excelled at making maps and finding his way through difficult or unfamiliar terrain. Together, their actions and decisions had much to do with the expedition only losing one person in the entire voyage (and Charles Floyd died of a burst appendix). Can you think of other dynamic duos in literature, television, the movies, or sports? Draw them below and describe why they work well together.

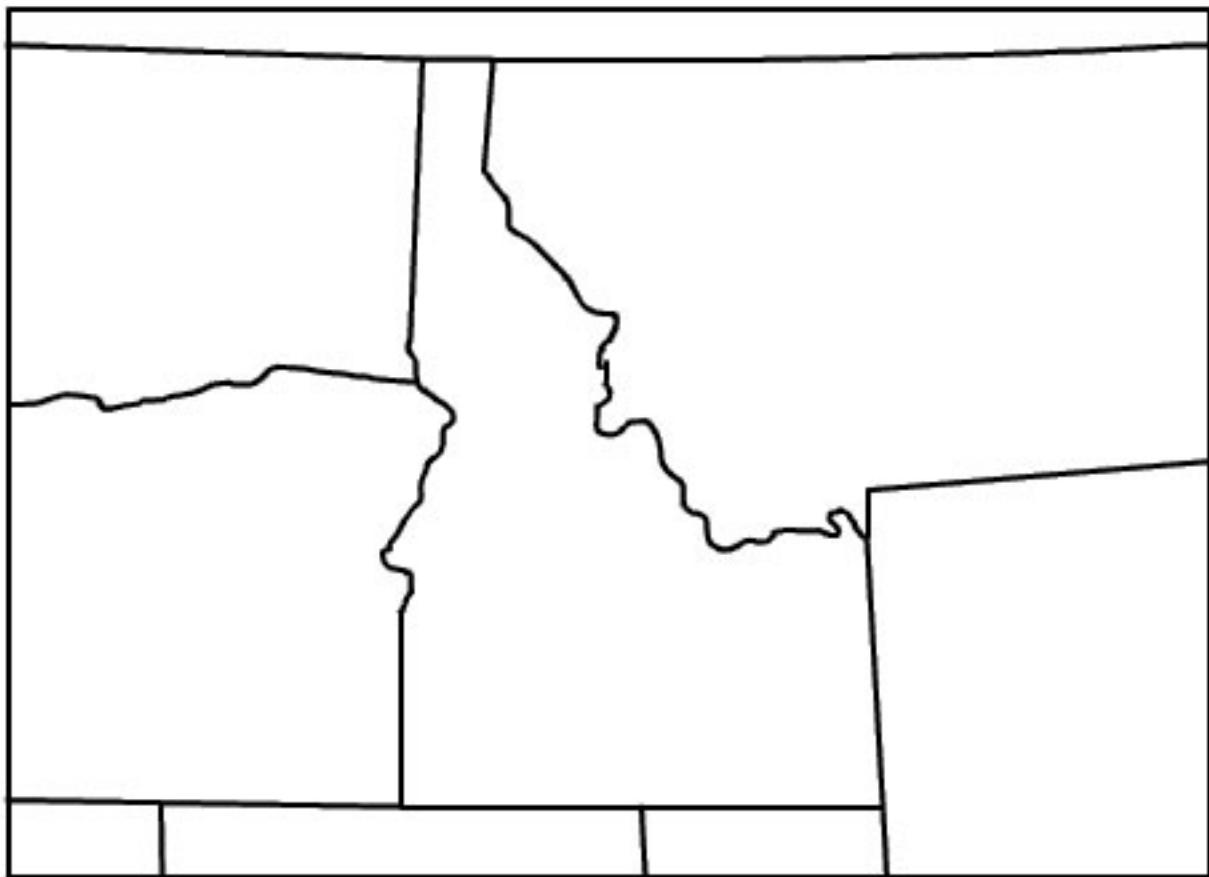
Name of the Duo	Why do they Work Well together?



**Idaho - The Gem State**



Idaho Printable Outline Map



## Comparing and Contrasting Idaho and Montana

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Idaho**

Located in the western United States, Idaho is the nation's 14<sup>th</sup> largest state. It borders six other states: Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, and Washington. It borders Canada to the north. Idaho became America's 43<sup>rd</sup> state on July 3, 1890. It is nicknamed the Gem State but is sometimes called the Panhandle State. A panhandle is a narrow, rectangular strip of land that extends from the main part of a state into another. Idaho and Oklahoma are among states with panhandles. Idaho's capital and largest city is Boise. Idaho, however, is probably best known for its potatoes. The state is responsible for about a third of all potatoes produced in America. Much of Idaho is dominated by the Rocky Mountains, although a small part of southwestern Idaho is classified as desert. Idaho is home to about 1.7 million people. The mountain bluebird is its state bird.

### **Montana**

Montana, nicknamed the Big Sky State, is America's 4<sup>th</sup> largest state. It is located in the western United States and borders North and South Dakota, Wyoming, and Idaho. It borders Canada to the north. Montana became America's 41<sup>st</sup> state on November 8, 1889. It recently passed one million people for the first time in its history. While eastern Montana features prairies and badlands, western Montana is dominated by the Rocky Mountains. Montana's Glacier National Park is one of its most popular tourist attractions. A small portion of Yellowstone National Park, which is mostly in Wyoming, spills into Montana as well. Montana, and five other states, honor the western meadowlark as state birds.

Which facts belong in each category?

**Has more than one million people**

**Became a state first**

**Is known for potatoes**

**Has a national park**

**Has more people**

**Has beaches**

**Borders Washington**

**Has more people**

**Borders Canada**

**Borders more states**

**Idaho**

**Both**

**Montana**

**Neither**

## **Answers:**

### **Idaho**

**Is known for potatoes**  
**Has more people**  
**Borders Washington**  
**Has more people**  
**Borders more states**

### **Both**

**Has more than one million people**  
**Borders Canada**

### **Montana**

**Became a state first**  
**Has a national park**

### **Neither**

**Has beaches**

## Comparing and Contrasting Idaho and Wyoming

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Wyoming**

Wyoming, nicknamed the Equality State is located in the western United States. Its capital and largest city is Cheyenne. It earned its nickname from the fact that it was the first state to elect a woman as governor. Wyoming, much like Colorado, is rectangular in shape. It borders South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah, and Nebraska. Eastern Wyoming is mostly prairies, whereas western and central Wyoming are covered by the Rocky Mountains. Yellowstone National Park, located in northwestern Wyoming, is America's oldest national park. The park sits on top of a massive caldera and is famous for its incredible beauty, wildlife, and interesting formations. Wyoming became America's 44<sup>th</sup> state on July 10, 1890. Even though it is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest state, it is America's least populous state.

Which facts belong in each category?

**Has less people**

**Became a state first**

**Borders Utah**

**Is in the Midwestern United States**

**Has the Rocky Mountains**

**Is rectangular in shape**

**Had the first woman governor**

**Has more people**

**Borders Canada**

**Is a larger state by area**

**Idaho**

**Both**

**Wyoming**

**Neither**

## Answers:

### **Idaho**

**Became a state first**

**Has more people**

**Borders Canada**

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### **Both**

**Borders Utah**

**Has the Rocky Mountains**

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### **Wyoming**

**Has less people**

**Is rectangular in shape**

**Had the first woman governor**

**Is a larger state by area**

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### **Neither**

**Is in the Midwestern United States**

## Sacagawea

Sacagawea was born sometime around 1790. She is best known for her role in assisting the Lewis and Clark expedition. She, along with her husband, were guides from the Great Plains to the Pacific Ocean and back.

Sacagawea was kidnapped from her Shoshone village by Hidatsa Indians when she was twelve years old. She was promptly sold into slavery. She was then sold to a French fur trapper by the name of Toussaint Charbonneau. The pair became married and had a son named Jean-Baptiste.

Although there are conflicting opinions concerning how important Sacagawea was to the Lewis and Clark expedition, she did serve as the interpreter and negotiator to the Shoshone tribe - that was led by her brother Cameahwait. She helped them obtain essential supplies and horses while she carried her infant son on her back. Furthermore, Sacagawea helped identify edible plants and herbs and prevented hostile relations with other tribes simply by being with the expedition. She was even more important on the return trip because she was familiar with the areas in which they were traveling and was able to guide the expedition back safely. Lewis and Clark received credit for discovering hundreds of animals and plants that Sacagawea had probably seen for years. Although she received no payment for her help, her husband was rewarded with cash and land.

Six years after the journey, Sacagawea died after giving birth to her daughter Lisette. William Clark adopted both of her children, but there are no records of Lisette. To this day, there are no reliable pictures or drawings of Sacagawea. Recently, the United States government engraved her image on the new one dollar coin. Sacagawea is buried in Lander, Wyoming.

1.) Sacagawea originally came from the \_\_\_\_\_ tribe.

- A. Shoshone
- B. Hidatsa
- C. Sioux
- D. Wyoming

2.) Sacagawea was a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. warrior
- B. princess
- C. slave
- D. spy

3.) Who was Jean-Baptiste?

- A. Sacagawea's brother
- B. Sacagawea's husband
- C. An Indian chief
- D. Sacagawea's son

4.) What does the word 'promptly' mean in the following sentence:

She was **promptly** sold into slavery.

- A. never
- B. quickly
- C. finally
- D. controversially

5.) Historians are \_\_\_\_\_ concerning how important Sacagawea was in the Lewis and Clark expedition.

- A. in agreement
- B. not in agreement
- C. sure
- D. intolerant

6.) Sacagawea DID NOT:

- A. Help translate for Lewis and Clark
- B. Help negotiate for Lewis and Clark
- C. Help Lewis and Clark find food
- D. Help Lewis and Clark plan to ambush Indians

7.) Sacagawea was given \_\_\_\_\_ for help on the Lewis and Clark expedition.

- A. cash
- B. awards
- C. land
- D. nothing

8.) Lewis and Clark saw animals that ....

- A. No one had ever seen before
- B. Had long since been forgotten
- C. Were likely known by Sacagawea and Native Americans.
- D. Were thought to be extinct

9.) There is no record of....

- A. Sacagawea's daughter
- B. Sacagawea's son
- C. Sacagawea
- D. All of the above

10.) Which of the following IS NOT known about Sacagawea?

- A. What tribe she was from
- B. The names of her children
- C. The approximate year of her birth
- D. What she looked like

**Fact or Fiction?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Below is a passage on Sacagawea. On the following page is a chart with ten statements. Indicate whether each statement is fact or fiction.

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## **Kidnapped and Sold into Marriage**

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## **On the Lewis and Clark Expedition**

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## **Death and Adoption of her Children**

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Sacagawea was a member of the Hidatsa tribe, and was kidnapped as a child by members of the Shoshone tribe.		
Sacagawea was a slave for part of her life.		
Sacagawea was sold to an English fur trapper. They had a son named Jean-Baptiste.		
There is disagreement concerning Sacagawea's actual role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.		
Sacagawea's presence within the Lewis and Clark expedition likely prevented hostile encounters with Native American groups.		
Animals and plants that Lewis and Clark were credited with "discovering" were likely known by Sacagawea and other Native Americans for a long time.		
Historians believe Sacagawea was more important in the Lewis and Clark expedition on the way to the Pacific Ocean, rather than on the return trip.		
Sacagawea and her husband received payment for their parts in the Lewis and Clark expedition.		
There are no photographs or reliable portraits of Sacagawea in existence.		

**Answers:**

	<b>FACT</b>	<b>FICTION</b>
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Sacagawea was a slave for part of her life.	X	
Sacagawea was sold to an English fur trapper. They had a son named Jean-Baptiste.		X
There is disagreement concerning Sacagawea's actual role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.	X	
Sacagawea's presence within the Lewis and Clark expedition likely prevented hostile encounters with Native American groups.	X	
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## **Sacagawea – the Unsung Hero**

An unsung hero is someone or something that is key to a successful outcome, but who gets little or no credit. For much of history, Sacagawea was simply a side note in the Lewis and Clark expedition. While historians are still in disagreement concerning her role in the epic adventure, more and more, she is seen as an integral ingredient to its overall success. Sacagawea served as the expedition's guide through much of mountain country, and also helped identify edible roots and plants for men who were often on the verge of starving. Most importantly, however, her very presence served to disarm Native peoples, enabling the expedition to communicate and trade.

Can you think of an unsung hero in movies, literature or sports? If not, think of one in your own life. Describe in detail below and discuss why and how your hero was unsung.

Name \_\_\_\_\_