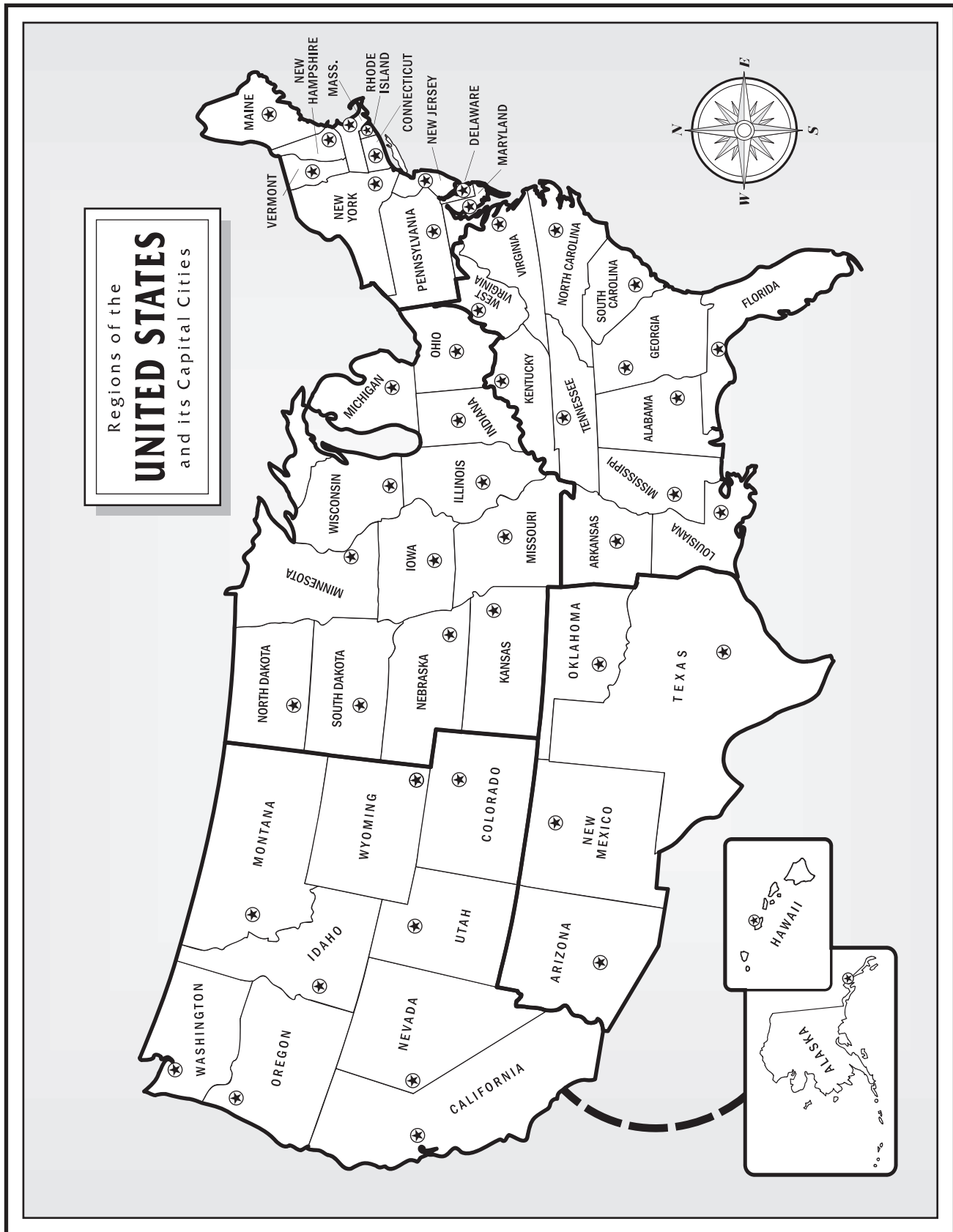


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# State Name and Region Map



# The Mountain States *(cont.)*



## Nevada

Circle the region where Nevada is located:

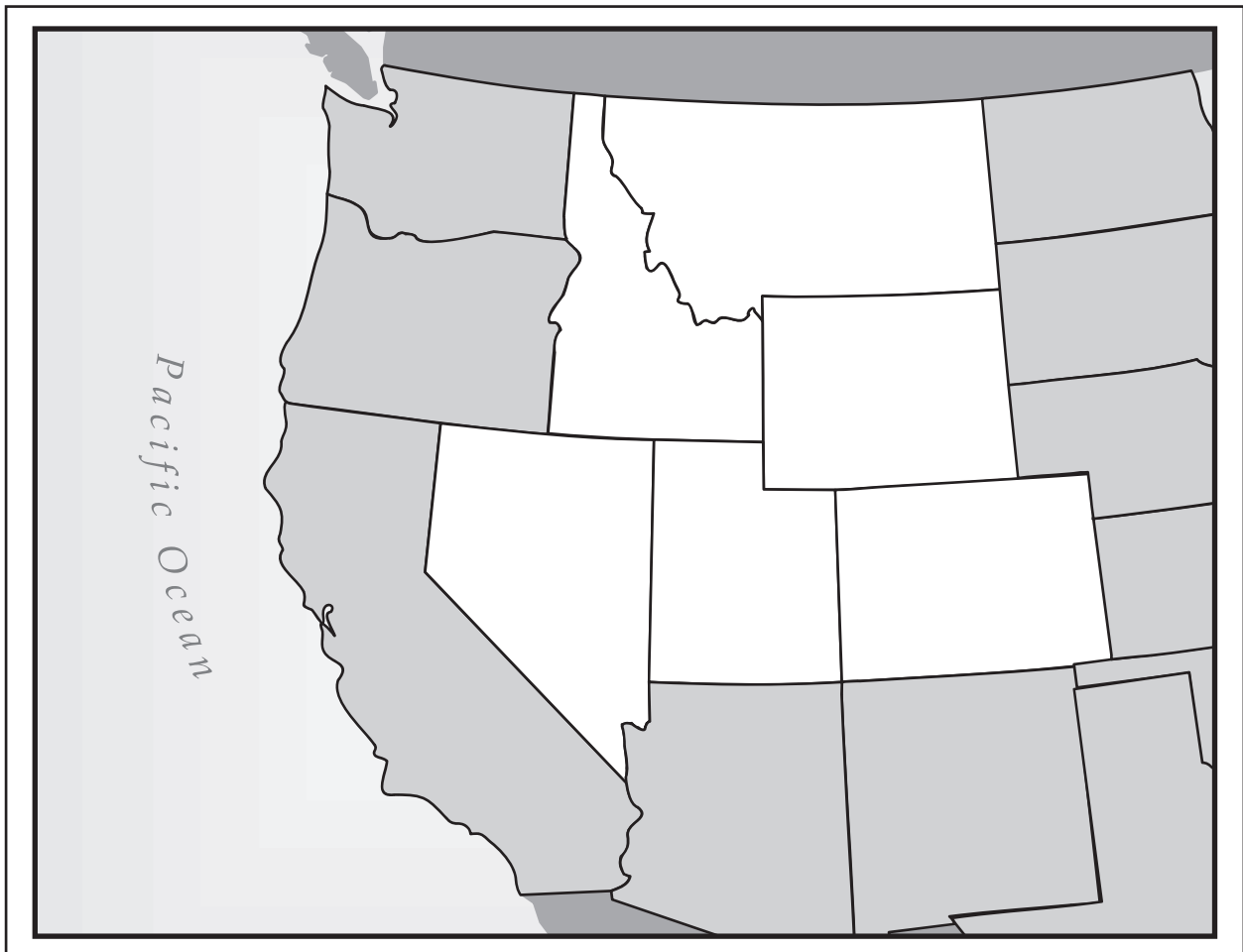
**West • Southwest • Midwest • Northeast • Southeast**

Nevada's capital is **Carson City**. Nevada became a state on October 31, 1864. Nevada was the 36th state.

Label and color Nevada on the map below.

Write *Carson City, Nevada* on the line below.

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- Carson City was named for Kit Carson. Carson was an American frontiersman.
  - Nevada is the driest state. It has over 160 mountain ranges. When one geographer looked at a Nevada map, he saw all its mountain ranges. He said the map, “looked like an army of caterpillars crawling toward Mexico.”



# Introducing Your State *(cont.)*



Other basic introductory facts include a state's official bird, tree, and flower. Some states have official insects, rocks, and animals. A page listing this information should be part of your introduction. You may choose to draw or copy pictures for this page.

You may choose to follow the sample page below as a guide, or you may write up the information in paragraph form.

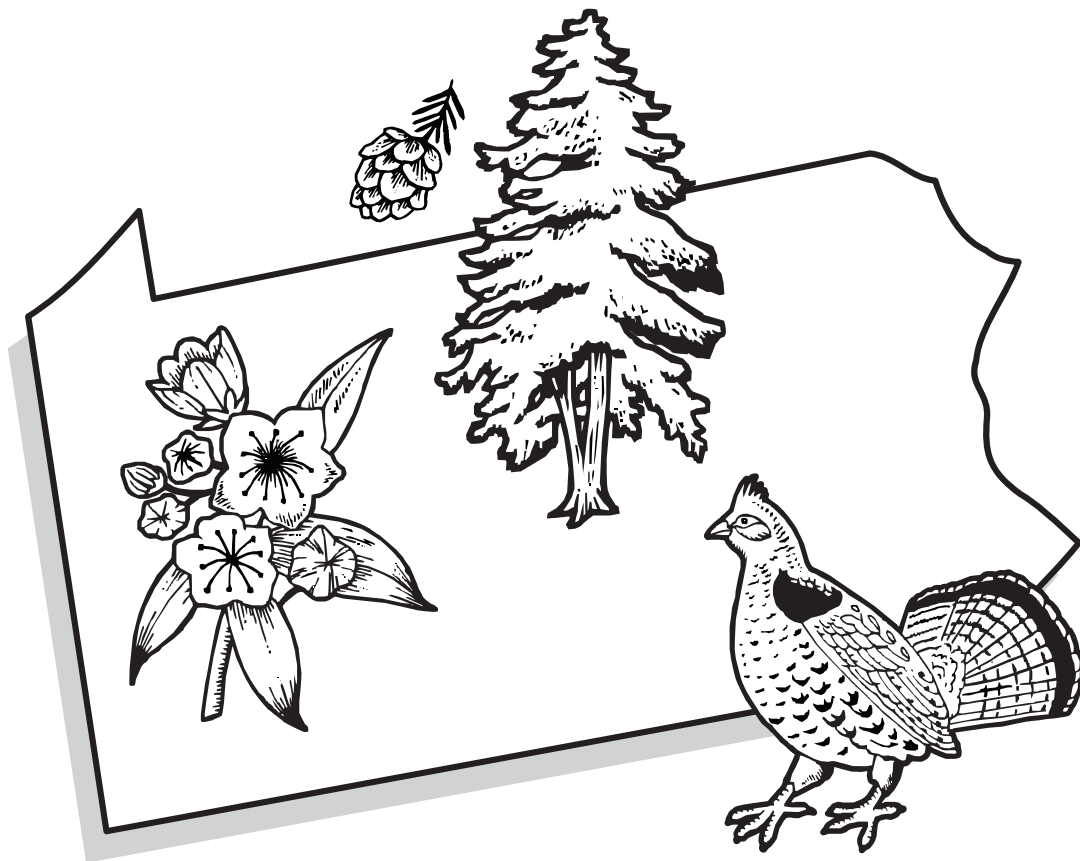
State name: Pennsylvania

State flower: Mountain laurel

State bird: Ruffed grouse

State insect: Firefly

State tree: Hemlock



## *Internet Search*

**Key words:** (state name), (specific information looking for)

Examples: Iowa state facts, Maine state flag

# Geography



This section of your report should include two parts. The first part should include a description of the physical geography of your state.

- \* What is the state's area and how does it rank in size compared to other states?
- \* Are there prairies, mountains, deserts?
- \* What is its highest or lowest point?
- \* Are there rivers or other bodies of water?

The second part of this section should be a state map that shows the physical features described above.

## Examples:

- \* Iowa has an area of 56,275 square miles (145,753 square kilometers). Its area makes it the 25th largest state.
- \* The Appalachian and Allegheny Mountains run through West Virginia. Mountains, hills, and steep, narrow valleys crisscross the state.
- \* California has the highest and lowest points in the continental U.S. The peak of Mt. Whitney, at 14,494 ft. (4418 m), is its highest point. Its lowest point is Badwater in Death Valley. It is 282 ft. (86 m) below sea level.
- \* Four of the five Great Lakes border Michigan. The names of the lakes are Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie. Rivers flowing through Michigan include the Grand, Kalamazoo, Escanaba, Manistee, and St. Joseph Rivers.



## Internet Search

**Key words:** (state name), geography, physical features, landmarks, area, rank in size

# Climate and Weather

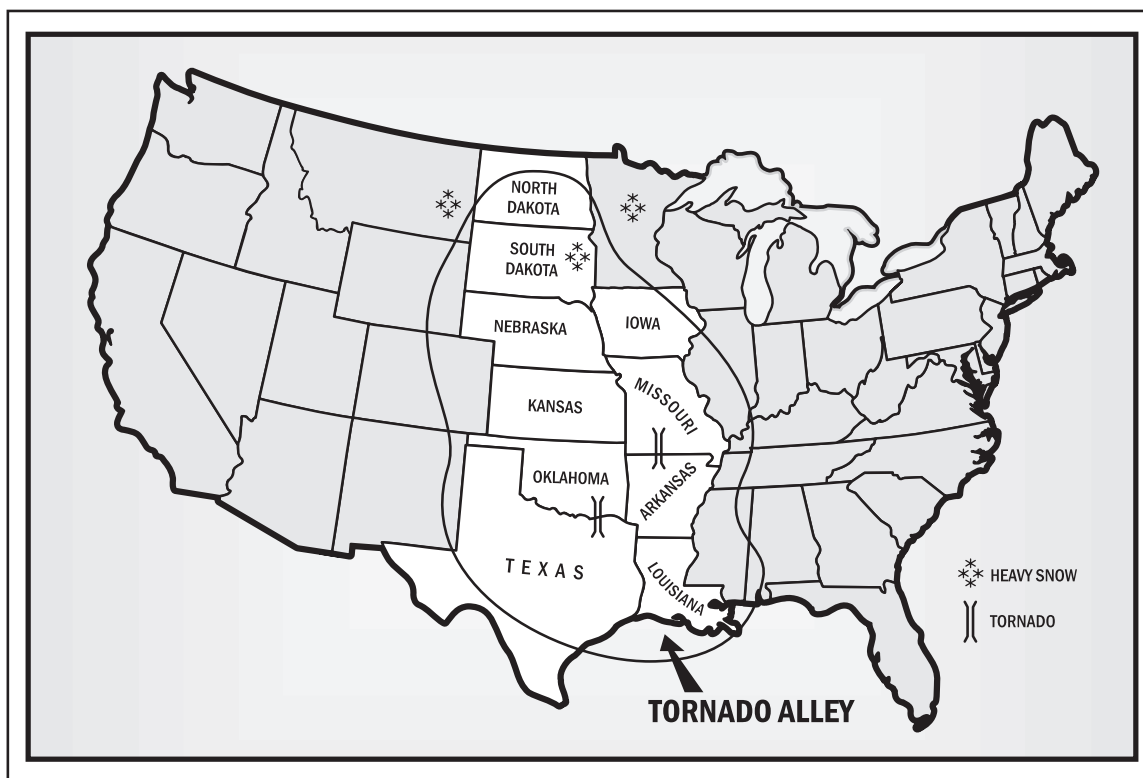


Each state has its own climate and weather. Your report should contain weather information that includes the following:

- \* high temperatures
- \* low temperatures
- \* average rainfall and/or snowfall
- \* risk of severe weather outbreaks such as tornadoes, hurricanes, blizzards

## Examples:

- \* South Dakota has four distinct seasons. During the summers, the average high temperature throughout the state is close to 90°F (32°C). At times the temperature can climb above 100°F (38°C) for weeks at a time. Summer nights, even when it is very hot, will often cool to about 60°F (16°C).
- \* The record low temperature in New Hampshire was -47°F (-44°C). This temperature was recorded at the Mount Washington Observatory in 1934.
- \* It rains an average of 220 days a year in Juneau, Alaska. There, the average yearly rainfall is 54 inches (137 cm) a year.
- \* Nebraska has a high risk of tornados. Nebraska is located in what is sometimes called “Tornado Alley.” Tornados are born from strong thunderstorms. In Tornado Alley, intense thunderstorms occur when cold, dry air from Canada meets the warm, wet air from the Gulf of Mexico.



## Internet Search

**Key words:** (state name), temperature, climate, weather

# Economy



The economy has to do with the production of goods and services and how these goods and services are distributed. It has to do with how these goods and services are bought and used. Each state has a different economy. Some states have an economy that relies more on tourists than others. Some states have an economy that relies more on agricultural products than others. Some states have an economy that relies more on manufactured products than others.

When reporting on a state's economy, you may choose to include the following:

- \* list items manufactured
- \* agricultural products grown
- \* minerals mined
- \* other important economic activities
- \* Make a pie chart showing how much each of these activities contributes to the economy compared to other activities.

## Examples:

- \* These goods are manufactured in Illinois: machinery, food products, chemicals, metal products, electronics, transportation equipment, metals, rubber and plastics, scientific instruments, paper products, stone, clay, glass products, furniture, and clothing.
- \* Agricultural products produced in Montana include cattle, wheat, barley, hay, sugar beets, and milk.
- \* Oil and gas are drilled in Oklahoma.
- \* Shipping, tourism, printing, and publishing play an important role in Minnesota's economy.



## Internet Search

**Key words:** (state name), economy, exports, agriculture, manufacturing, industry, mining