

● **GENERAL QUESTIONS** ●

The five most common surnames in the US are (in alphabetical order). Which is the most common?

- a) Brown
- b) Johnson
- c) Jones
- d) **Smith** (then Johnson, Williams, Jones, and Brown)
- e) Williams.

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How many stars are there on the American flag?

- a) **50**
- b) 51
- c) 52

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How many stars were there on the first American flag that had stars and stripes?

- a) 1
- b) **13**
- c) 15

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How many stripes are there on the American flag?

13

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At first, the US added a star and a stripe for each new state. How many stripes were on the flag, when they decided that there were too many stripes, and that the flag would have the original number?

- a) 13
- b) **15**
- c) 28

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The Pilgrims arrived in Massachusetts in 1620. Did the first group of African servants arrive in Virginia before or after that date?

Before (in 1619)

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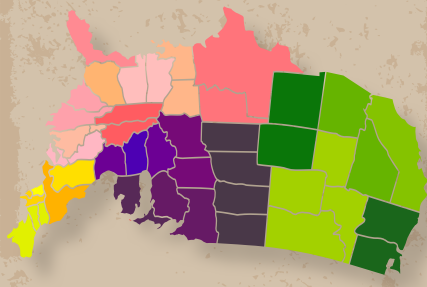
One World Trade Center, also called the Freedom Tower, is the tallest building in the US. (541 m) What city is it in?

- a) **New York**
- b) Chicago
- c) Houston

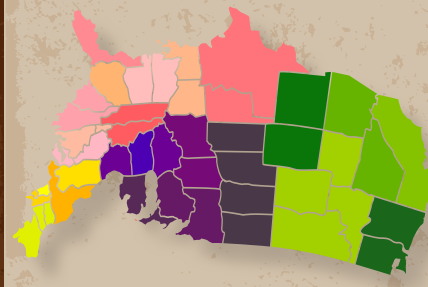
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The nickname of the third largest city in the US is «Second City», because it used to be number two in population. Which city is it?

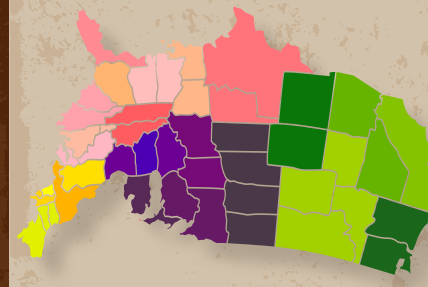
- a) **Chicago**
- b) Boston
- c) Philadelphia



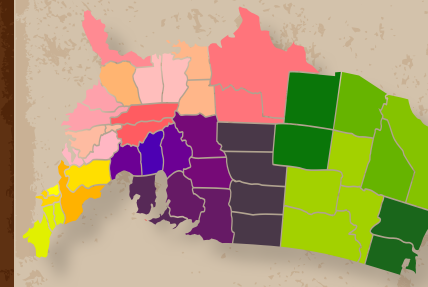
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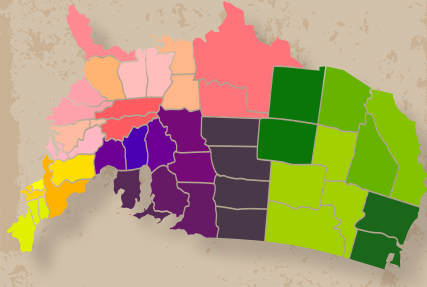
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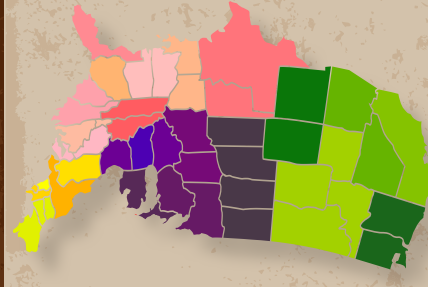
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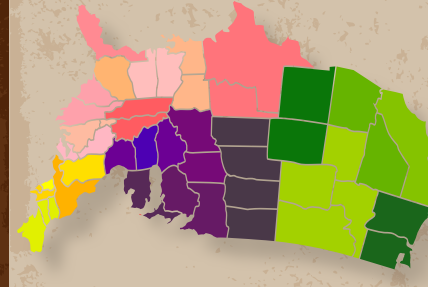
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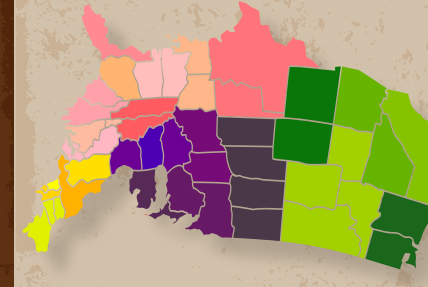
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Which city is called the
«City of Angels»?

Los Angeles

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Only one state is named
after an American and he
was a president. Which
one?

Washington

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Which river's name
(probably) means «Father
of Waters» in the original
Indian language?

- a) The Ohio
- b) The Missouri
- c) The Mississippi

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Which western state's
name means «red colored»?

- a) Colorado
- b) Idaho
- c) Arizona

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Which US state has the
same name as a former
French province?

Maine

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Washington, DC became
the capital in the 1790s.
What was the first capital
of the US?

- a) Philadelphia
- b) Boston
- c) New York City (although
Philadelphia was where the
Declaration of Independence
was proclaimed and the US
Constitution was written.)

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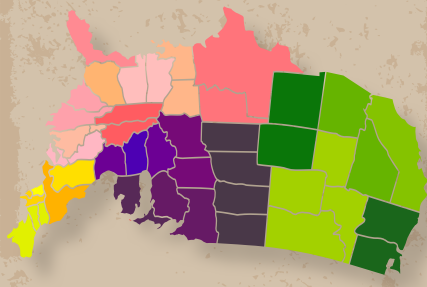
In 1940, the Pentagon
ordered engineers to
design a «low scouting
vehicle» (véhicule éclaireur).
It was called a «General
Purpose» vehicle, or a
«G.P.» during WWII.
What is it called today?

The Jeep (The name may be
derived from a little character
in Popeye cartoons, named
«Eugene the Jeep».)

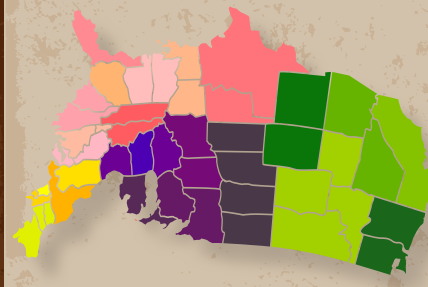
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M and M's were invented
to provide a clean way to
eat chocolate. Who were
they first produced for?

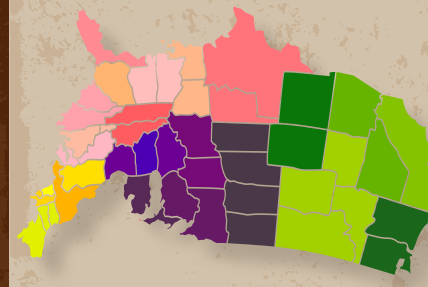
- a) schoolchildren
- b) soldiers (Mars first made them
in 1941)
- c) workers at lunch



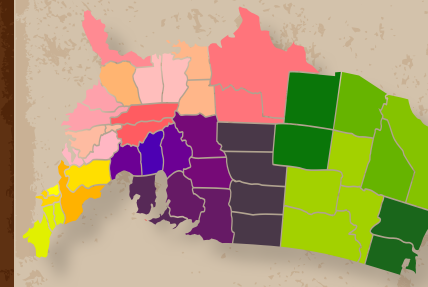
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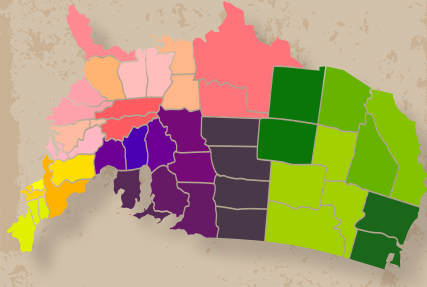
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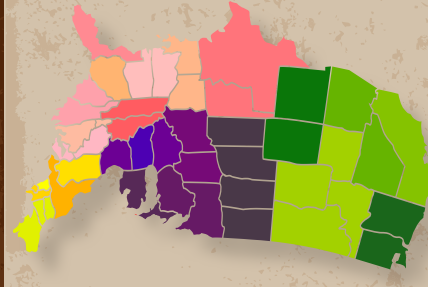
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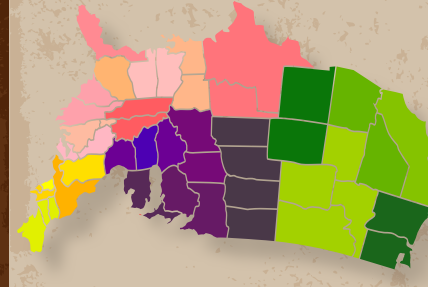
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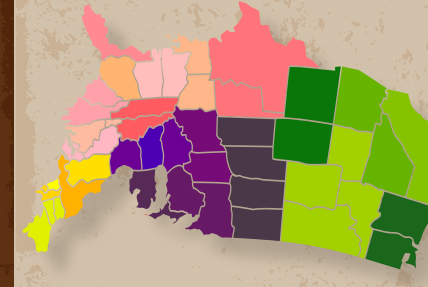
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How many states have more than 10,000,000 people (in the most recent census (2010)?

- a) 7 (CA, TX., FL, NY, IL, PA, OH)
- b) 11
- c) 15

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Maine et Loire had 800,191 people in the latest French census (2013). How many states have fewer people than the Maine et Loire in the latest US census (2010)?

- a) 1
- b) 4 (ND, AK, VT, WY)
- c) 7

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The oldest city founded by Europeans is Saint Augustine, founded by the Spanish in 1565. What state is it in today?

- a) Florida (founded there because French Huguenots had settled nearby.)
- b) New Mexico
- c) Texas

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What state's name means «land of the Indians»?

- a) Indiana
- b) Dakota
- c) Alabama

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“American Gothic” dates from the 1930s and is known to all Americans and people all over the world. What is it?

- a) A style of architecture incorporating Gothic features in modern buildings
- b) A famous painting showing a farmer and his wife in front of their farmhouse
- c) A New York museum showing examples of medieval architecture imported from Europe

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In the late 1800s, the US imported a type of snack from England. They have a distinctive shape. Nabisco has made the most popular brand of these cookies (GB= biscuits) since 1902. All Americans know them. What shape are these cookies?

- a) Circus animals
- b) Playing card suits (hearts, spades ...)
- c) Goldfish

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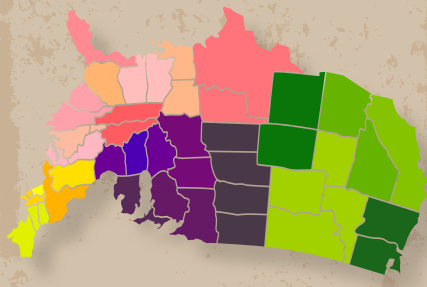
Which dessert is considered so typical of America, that when something is very, very American, people say, “That’s as American as the name of this dessert.” What is the name of this dessert?

- a) Pumpkin (= citrouille) pie
- b) Peanut butter cookies
- c) Apple Pie

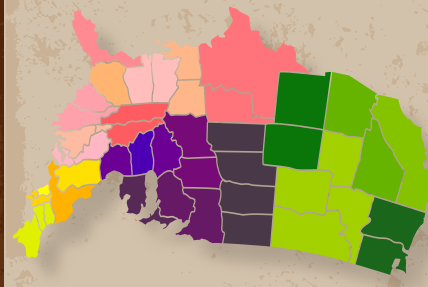
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Whose picture is on the one-dollar bill?

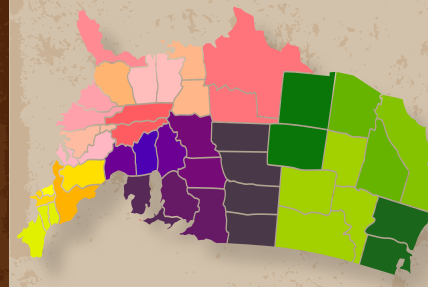
- a) George Washington
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) Thomas Jefferson



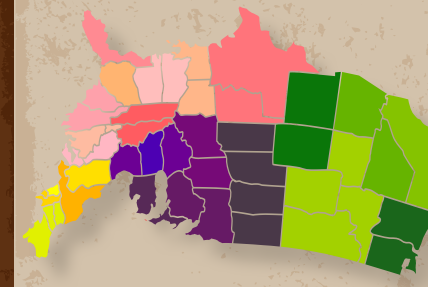
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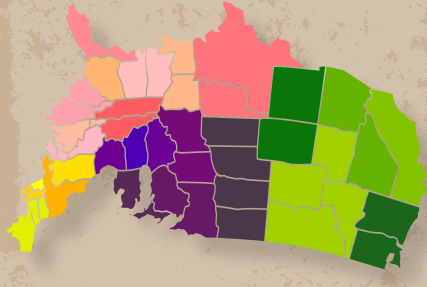
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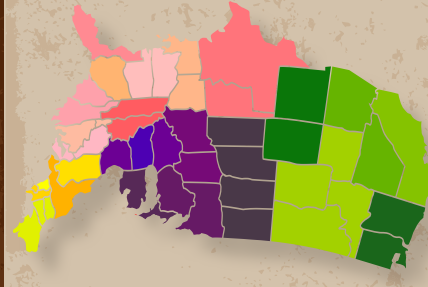
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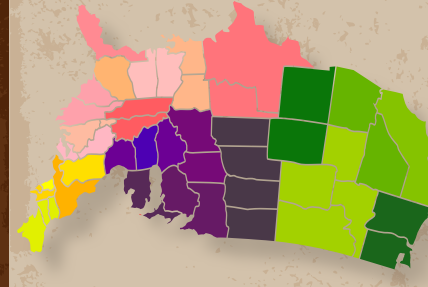
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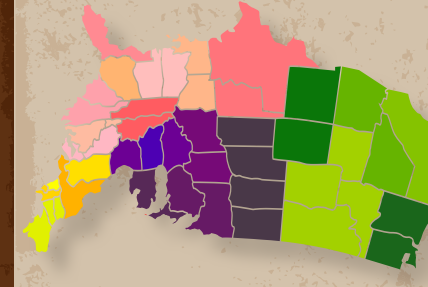
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Whose picture, considered by many historians as the best American president, is on the five-dollar bill?

- a) George Washington
- b) Abraham Lincoln**
- c) Thomas Jefferson

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What is the largest state?

- a) California
- b) Texas
- c) Alaska**

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What state contains the geographic center of the 48 contiguous states (without Alaska)?

- a) Kansas**
- b) Nebraska
- c) Colorado

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The «Mason-Dixon Line» is the traditional border between North and South. People often express the division between «East» and «West» in reference to a geographical feature (They say: «east/west of X»). What is that feature?

- a) The 100th meridian of longitude (west)
- b) The Rocky Mountains
- c) The Mississippi River**

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What percent of Americans, 25 to 34 years old, have (at least) a high school diploma?

- a) 83.3%
- b) 89%** (a= France, c= South Korea, highest)
- c) 98%

Source: OECD "Education at a Glance", 2014

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What percent of Americans, 25 to 34 years old, have (at least) a Bachelor's degree?

- a) 12%
- b) 18.9%
- c) 32.6%** (a=Chile, lowest b= France)

Source: OECD "Education at a Glance", 2014

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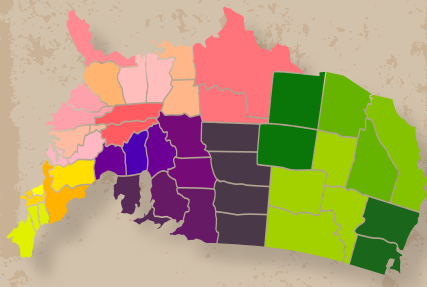
The population of the US reached 50m in 1880, 100,000,000 in 1918 and 200m in 1968. According to government projections when did it reach 300m?

- a) 1996
- b) 2006** (2010. The population will be 362m in 2050.)
- c) 2016

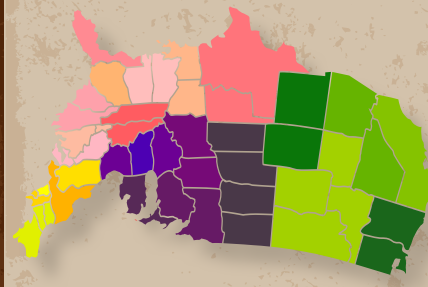
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Which country has supplied the most immigrants (approx 7m, 1820-1990)?

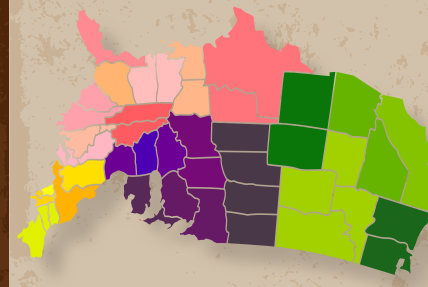
- a) England
- b) Ireland
- c) Germany** (60,000,000 Americans consider themselves «German».)



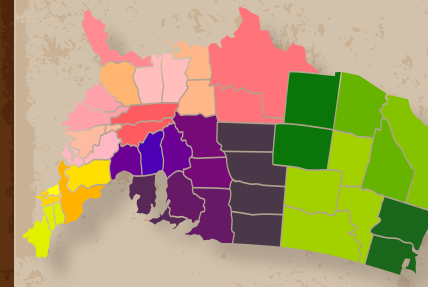
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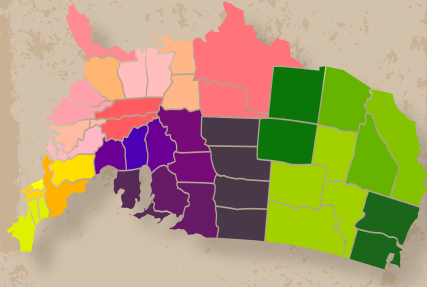
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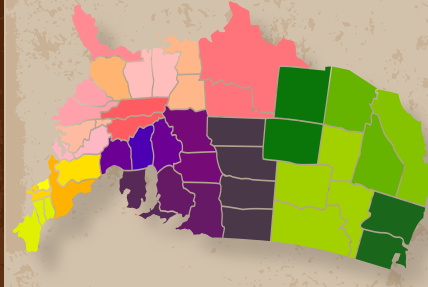
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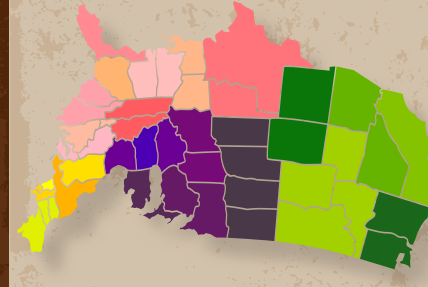
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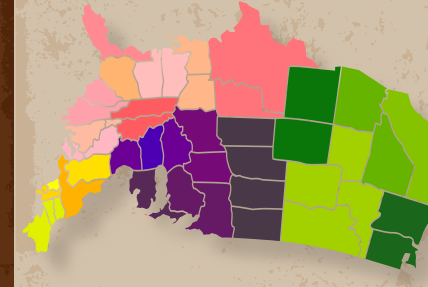
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How often are presidential elections held?

Every four years

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How many terms can the president serve?

Two (although FDR was elected four times)

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Barbie is a very popular toy for girls and was the first doll in the US that represented an adult woman, as opposed to a child or baby. Another country had an adult female doll and she inspired Barbie. What was her name and what was her nationality?

- a) Lilli from Germany
- b) Martine from France
- c) Alice from the UK

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In 1928, Flier Chewing Gum company of Philadelphia marketed a new type of gum that was more elastic and could make bubbles. The inventor was an accountant at the company who liked to experiment with new chewing gum recipes in his spare time. He decided to make his bubble gum pink. Why?

- a) Pink is a pleasant and calming color
- b) Pink was a color close to the color of the mouth
- c) Pink was the only food coloring the inventor could find

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In 1865, Lincoln became the first president to be assassinated. Including Lincoln, how many presidents have been assassinated?

- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Four (Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and Kennedy)

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True or False: John F. Kennedy was the youngest man to be elected president.

True (He was 43. Theodore Roosevelt was younger, 42, when he became president after the death of McKinley.)

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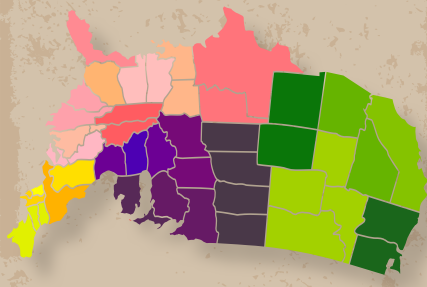
Over a quarter of Americans are Catholic. How many Roman Catholics have been president?

One (JFK)

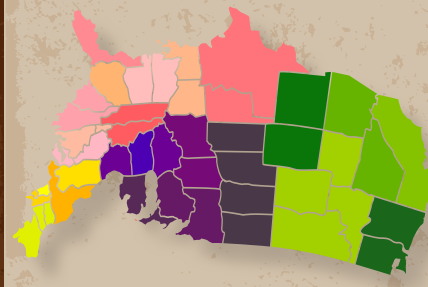
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Including Barack Obama, how many presidents have there been?

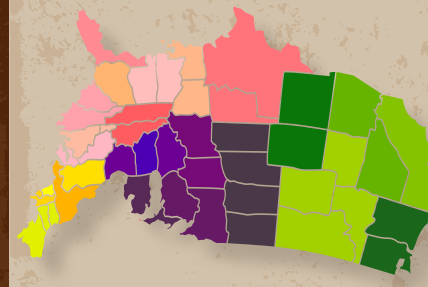
- a) 34
- b) 44
- c) 54



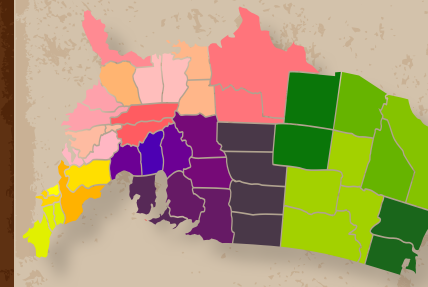
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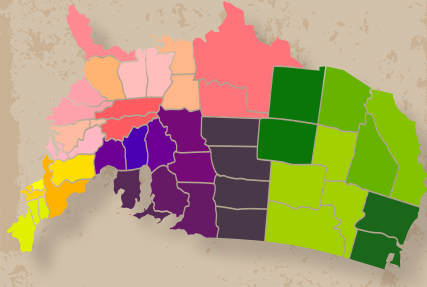
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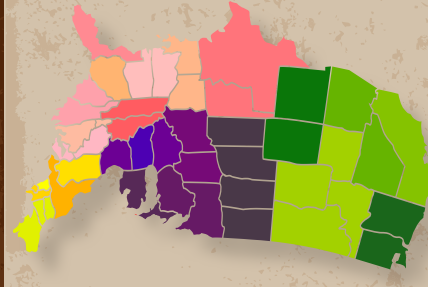
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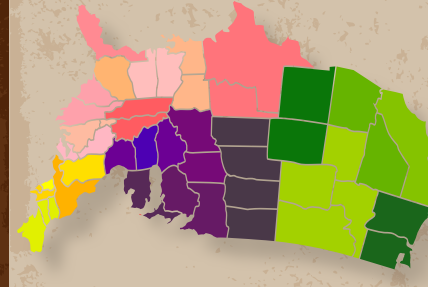
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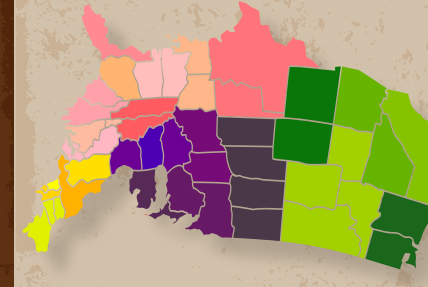
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What is the name of the only president ever forced to resign?

- a) Richard Nixon
- b) Bill Clinton
- c) Jimmy Carter

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Who was the first president of the US?

- a) George Washington
- b) Benjamin Franklin
- c) Thomas Jefferson

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In 1896, the first modern marathon was run at the Olympic Games. In April of the next year, an American city began the first annual US marathon, which remains one of the most prestigious marathon race today. What city was it?

- a) New York
- b) Cincinnati
- c) Boston

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What is «March Madness»?

- a) Americans celebrate the end of the long hard winter with parades
- b) Taxes have to be paid in March
- c) The NCAA (university) basketball championship tournament is held in March

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Which president made the famous Gettysburg address, a speech to consecrate the national cemetery at the battlefield?

- a) Theodore Roosevelt
- b) Abraham Lincoln (1863)
- c) John F. Kennedy

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What is the most popular sandwich in the US?

- a) a) The «BLT» (Bacon, lettuce and tomato)
- b) Ham
- c) Peanut butter

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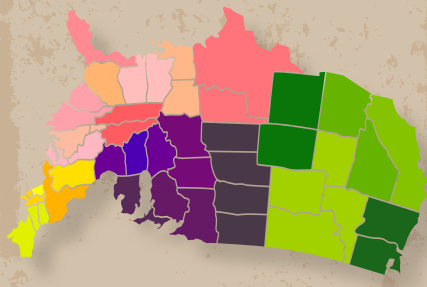
How many sandwiches are sold every day in the United States?

- a) 150 million
- b) 200 million
- c) 300 million

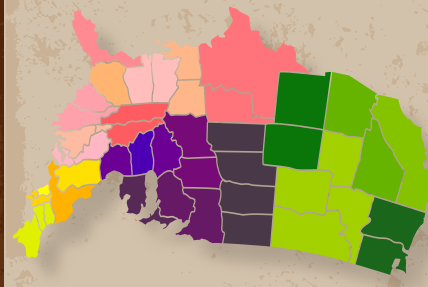
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The 50 states have different signs for their state highways. Many take advantage of this to show an emblem or a symbol. (For example, Kansas has a number in the center of a yellow sunflower [tournesol]) How many states have a number in simple white circle on a black square?

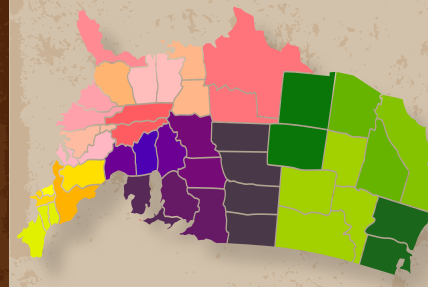
- a) None
- b) 6
- c) 12



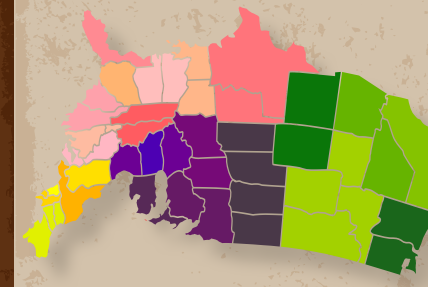
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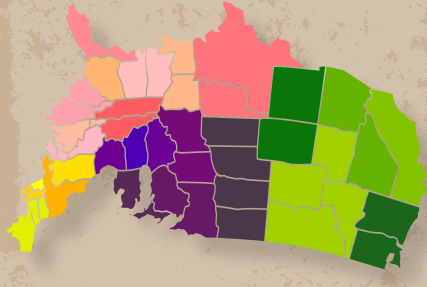
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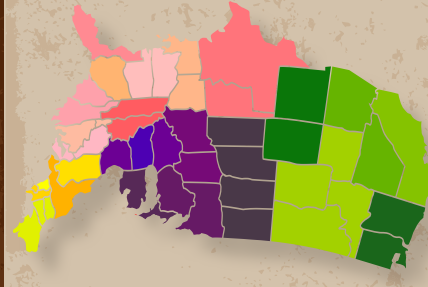
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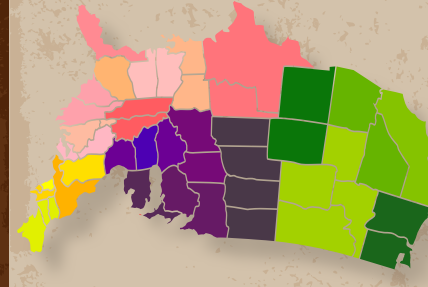
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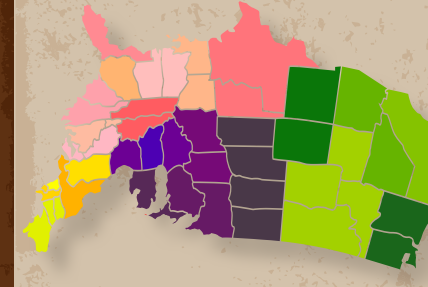
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Look at the map. The states between Canada and Texas (North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma) have very similar land areas. Which one is the biggest?

Kansas (213,000 sq kms)

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How many countries does the US have borders with?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4

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What country is closest to the US, without having a land border?

- a) The Bahamas
- b) Cuba
- c) Russia

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How many US states larger than France in land area?

- a) 1
- b) 2 (AK and TX)
- c) 4

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If a French citizen goes to the US for 3 months or less, she or he will have to register for ESTA. What is ESTA?

- a) A program that allows people from certain countries to enter the US without a Visa
- b) A temporary tourist visa
- c) A preliminary stage to determine if a person is eligible for a tourist visa

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When an American speaks of an "Interstate", what is she or he referring to?

- a) The highway system of what the French call "autoroutes", begun in the 1950s
- b) A person who lives in one state and works in another
- c) The level of play, between state champions and national champions, in the US high school sports championships

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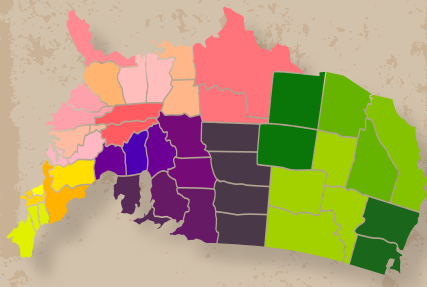
If a federally funded highway (Interstate or US highway) is an even number is it going principally east/west or north/south?

East/west

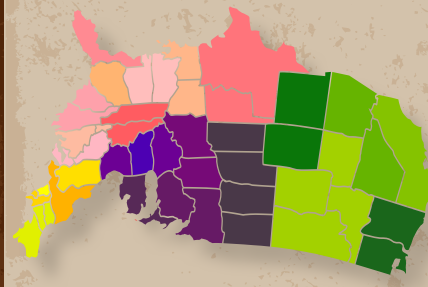
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Aluminum foil was first used for food products, like Toblerone in Switzerland and Life Savers candy in the US. In 1919, R. S. Reynolds founded the company that would eventually dominate the market. His main use for aluminum was not food. What was his initial market?

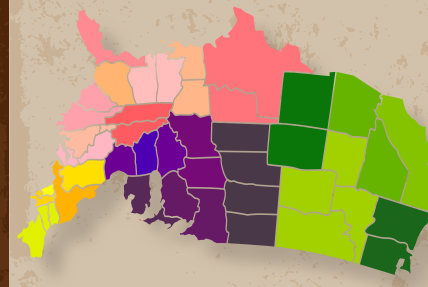
- a) Military applications, like airplanes
- b) Refrigerators and other household appliances
- c) Cigarettes and other tobacco products



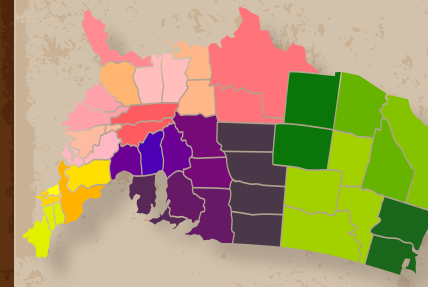
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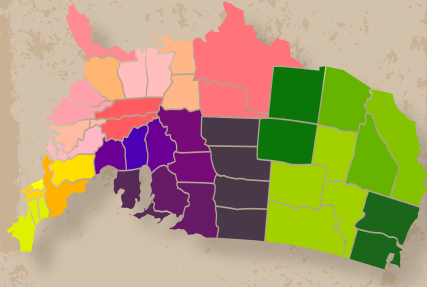
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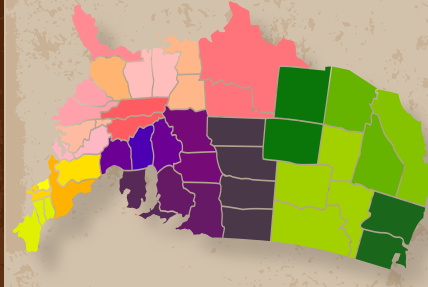
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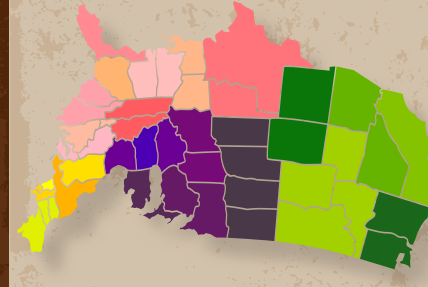
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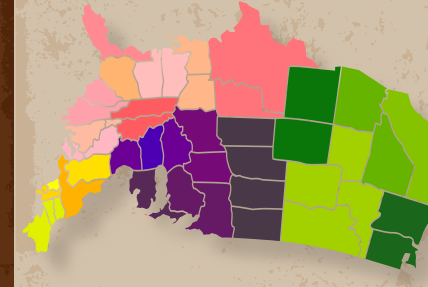
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IOWA / MISSOURI

Mark Twain's pen name comes from what river pilots would say as they measured the depth of the Mississippi (It means «the second mark»).

Two of his most famous novels describe life along the Mississippi in the last century. Name one.

Tom Sawyer
and
Huckleberry Finn

IOWA / MISSOURI

Missouri has two large cities of well over a million, each having served as a «gateway to the west». Can you name one of them?

a) Memphis
b) **St. Louis**
c) Kansas City

IOWA / MISSOURI

The largest brewery in the United States, Anheuser Busch is in Missouri. What is the name of their most famous beer?

a) Miller
b) Schlitz
c) **Budweiser**

IOWA / MISSOURI

Captain Berry accomplished something near Saint Louis in 1912 that had never successfully been done before with an airplane in movement. What was it?

a) He flew it upside down
b) **He jumped with a parachute and landed safely**
c) He demonstrated the capacity to drop bombs

IOWA / MISSOURI

The first ready to cook mix was introduced in Missouri in 1899. The brand, which is still sold in the US, was "Aunt Jemimah". What could ... and can... you make with the mix?

a) **Pancakes (crêpes)**
b) Bread
c) Cookies

IOWA / MISSOURI

In 1860, a new mail service was set up between Missouri and California and became famous for the speed with which it could deliver the news, in spite of the high rates it charged (a dollar sent a letter over 3,000 to San Francisco in only ten days). The service lasted only 19 months, rendered obsolete by the telegraph. What was the name of this service?

a) UPS
b) **The Pony Express**
c) Wells Fargo

IOWA / MISSOURI

In 1904, a man at the St Louis World's Fair (Exposition mondiale) invented a cool drink that would become the favorite drink in the South. What was it?

a) Lemonade
b) **Iced Tea**
c) Coca Cola

IOWA / MISSOURI

Soil is the main resource of Iowa. The best farming soil is classified «Grade I» by the US government. What percentage does Iowa have of all the Grade I soil in the US?

a) 5%
b) 10%
c) **25%**



IOWA / MISSOURI

Iowa leads the US in producing both of the country's two largest agricultural crops. One of them is soybeans. The U.S. produced 80% of the world harvest in 1994. What is the other?

- a) wheat (blé)
- b) cotton
- c) corn (maïs)

IOWA / MISSOURI

Iowa's flag is an eagle placed in the middle of a European country's flag. That country explored the territory and possessed the area until 1803 when it sold it to the U.S. Which European country is it?

- a) France
- b) England
- c) Spain

IOWA / MISSOURI

A famous physicist at the University of Iowa discovered a radiation belt that surrounds the Earth in space. The belt bears his name. Who was he?

- a) Hubble
- b) Van Allen
- c) Lowell

IOWA / MISSOURI

People from Iowa are called «Hawkeyes» in honor of Black Hawk, an Indian chief who fought a war against the U.S. to keep his land. Which of these words is a synonym for «hawk»?

- a) eagle
- b) bison
- c) falcon

IOWA / MISSOURI

The Iowas were Indians. What tribe are they most closely related to?

- a) Sioux
- b) Cherokee
- c) Navajo

IOWA / MISSOURI

The most famous cowboy actor in westerns was born in Iowa in 1907. Who was he?

- a) John Wayne
- b) Clint Eastwood
- c) Yul Brynner

IOWA / MISSOURI

William F. Cody, from Iowa, is associated with the West. He was famous under another name. What was it?

- a) «Wild Bill» Hickok
- b) «Buffalo Bill»
- c) «Billy the Kid»

IOWA / MISSOURI



ILLINOIS

O'Hare Airport is one of the busiest airports in the world. Near which large city is it located?

Chicago

ILLINOIS

The most famous resident of Illinois is buried in the capital city, Springfield, where he was brought shortly after his assassination in 1865. The ceiling of his tomb is made of platinum. He was the president of the US during the Civil War. Who is he?

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) Ulysses S. Grant

ILLINOIS

One advantage to the development of Chicago was a certain product that was shipped to Chicago from the west and then processed and shipped to the markets of the East. It's one reason why the NBA team is the «Bulls». What was that product?

- a) beef
- b) bulls
- c) bison

ILLINOIS

The fact that Illinois lies between two strategic bodies of water, each of which ultimately gives access to the Atlantic Ocean, has helped make the state a vital center of transportation. Since 1848 a short canal has allowed boats to go from one to the other. Which TWO of the following are linked?

- a) The Great Lakes
- b) The Mississippi
- c) The Missouri

ILLINOIS

One of America's most famous 20th century novelists was born in Illinois in 1899. He wrote *The Sun Also Rises* and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Who was he?

- a) William Faulkner
- b) Ernest Hemingway
- c) F. Scott Fitzgerald

ILLINOIS

One of the best-loved presidents of the 20th century was born in Illinois, although he made his political career in California. Who was he?

- a) Franklin Roosevelt
- b) Bill Clinton
- c) Ronald Reagan

ILLINOIS

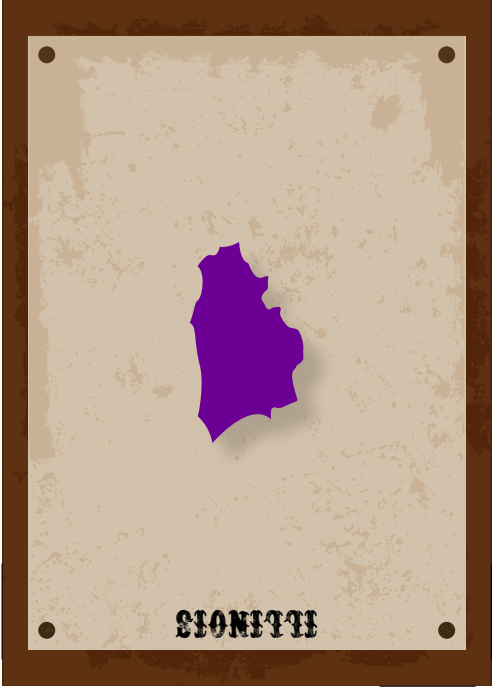
Illinois has two well known nicknames. One is «Land of Lincoln» and the other is «the (---mystery word---) State»; the mystery word is a French word and refers to unforested regions of tall grasslands and wildflowers of this part of the Midwest. What is the word?

- a) The Prairie
- b) The Plains
- c) The High Plateaus

ILLINOIS

In 1832 about 500 Native Americans, led by the Sac chief Black Hawk, had conducted a war against the whites in northern Illinois. They lost. What happened to the Indians who survived?

- a) They were executed for rebellion against the U.S.
- b) They were exiled to lands west of the Mississippi.
- c) A small reservation was created in northern Illinois.



ILLINOIS

At the end of the 19th century, a certain type of building was invented by Chicago architects in order to allow more people to have offices in the center of Chicago. The frame is made of steel. What is the name of this kind of building?

A skyscraper

ILLINOIS

In 1871, a catastrophe happened in Chicago that destroyed all the buildings in the center of the city except one... the old water tower. What kind of catastrophe was it?

- a) a fire
- b) a storm
- c) an earthquake

ILLINOIS

The record of one crazy fashion was set in Chicago in 1930-1931 when two young Americans did something for 214 days with only 15-minute rest breaks every hour. They won \$2,000. What did they do?

- a) eat pizza
 - b) chew bubble gum
 - c) dance (in a dance marathon.
- At least three deaths were caused by this fad in the 1920s and 1930s)

ILLINOIS

Six cars competed in the first U.S. car race as they ran through the streets of Chicago. What year did that happen?

- a) 1894
- b) 1904
- c) 1914

ILLINOIS

The very southern part of Illinois, where the Ohio flows into the Mississippi, is called "Little Egypt". What is the name of the largest town of that area?

- a) Memphis
- b) Alexandria
- c) Cairo

ILLINOIS

Ray Bradbury was a famous author from Illinois. What kind of books did he write?

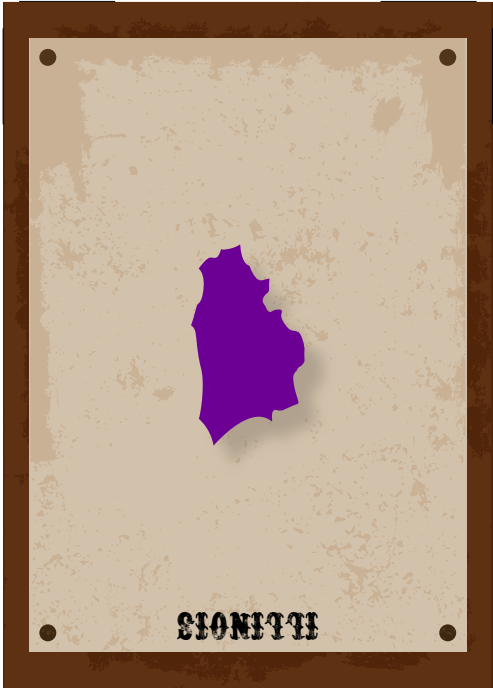
- a) Science fiction
- b) Westerns
- c) Mysteries and thrillers

ILLINOIS

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- a) McDonalds
- b) The Gap
- c) Starbucks



INDIANA

The most famous U.S. motor car racing event takes place in late May in Indiana. Does the winner

- a) drive the farthest in a given time
 - b) drive a given distance in the shortest time?
- (500 miles. The race is called The Indy (Indianapolis) 500).

INDIANA

During the first Indianapolis race in 1911 how fast did the first car go on average?

- a) 70 kph (=kilometers per hour)
 - b) 95 kph
 - c) 120 kph
- (74.6 mph... 199 kph to be precise!)

INDIANA

One of the most famous stars of the 1950s came from Indiana. He starred in «East of Eden» and «Rebel Without a Cause» (In French: La fureur de vivre). Who was he?

- a) James Dean
- b) Frank Sinatra
- c) Elvis Presley

INDIANA

Vincennes, the first European settlement in Indiana, was founded in 1732. What country founded it?

- a) England
- b) Russia
- c) France

INDIANA

One sport in particular is associated with Indiana. The professional team is known as the «Pacers» and Indiana University has recently won the national championship in this sport 5 times, more than any other university except one. During the high school championship, the state goes «crazy». What sport is it?

- a) basketball
- b) baseball
- c) cricket

INDIANA

One of the most famous people from Indiana is a singer, who started his career very early in childhood, singing with his four brothers and sisters. What is his name?

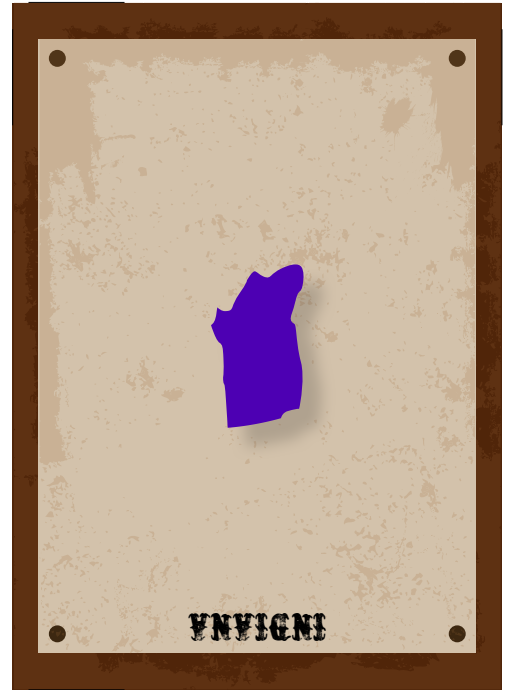
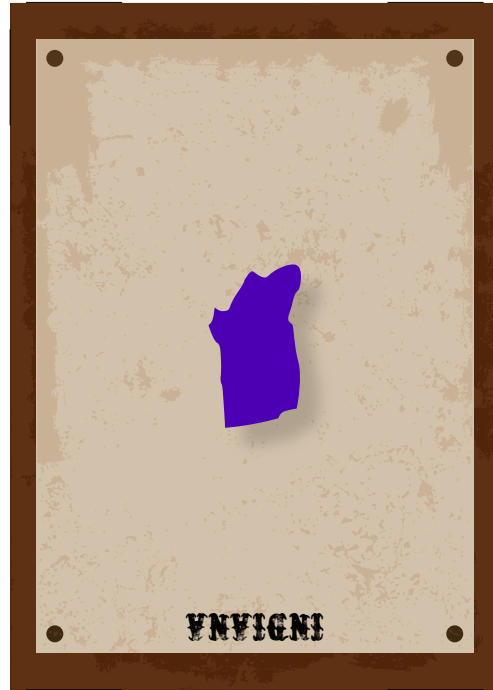
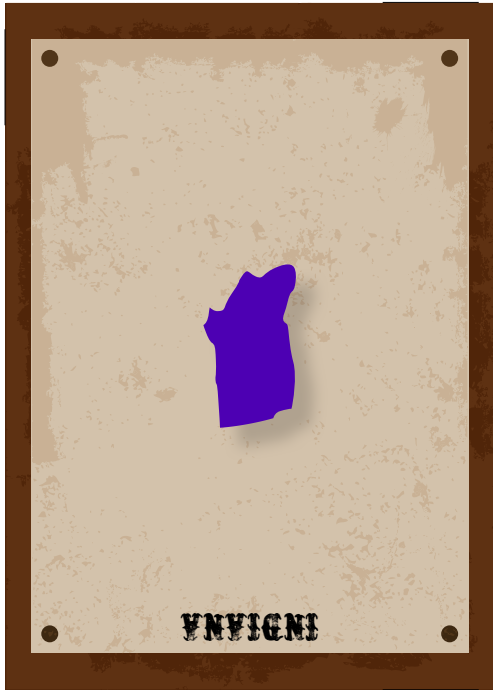
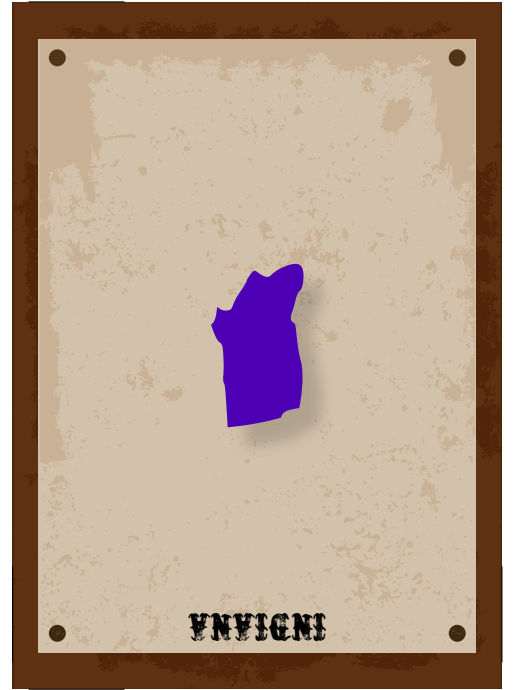
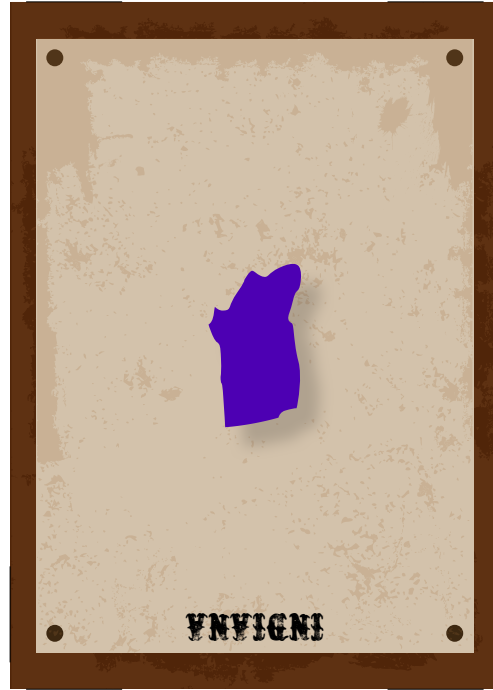
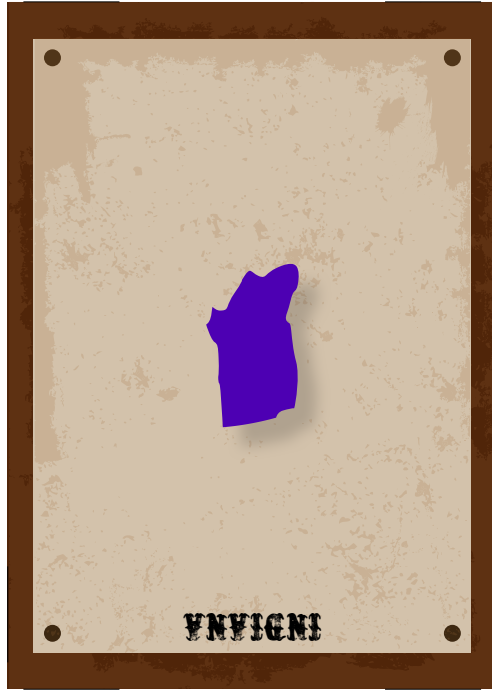
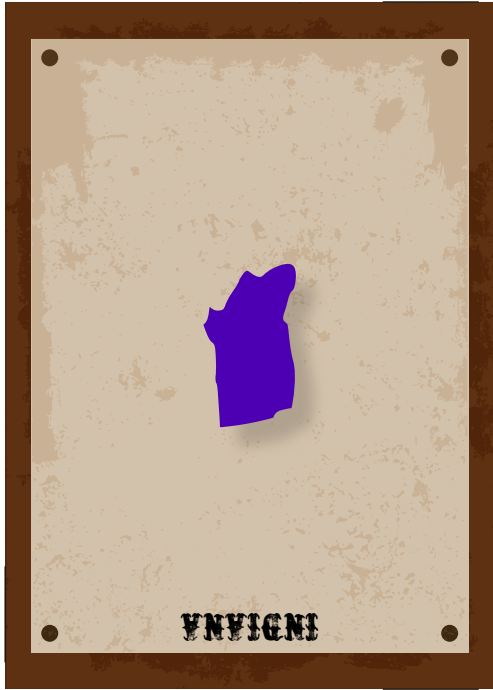
- a) Michael Jackson
- b) Elvis Presley
- c) Otis Redding

INDIANA

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What town in Indiana receives more than half a million letters at Christmas?

- a) Santa Claus
- b) Father Christmas
- c) North Pole



INDIANA

When Americans arrived in Indiana in large numbers after 1810, 80% of the state was covered in forest. What percentage is forested today?

- a) 17%
- b) 25%
- c) 31%

INDIANA

In 1934, the famous Chicago gangster John Dillinger escaped from an Indiana jail by using a pistol he made in prison. What was the pistol made of?

- a) Soap
- b) A guard's gun
- c) Wood

INDIANA

The Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial is in Southern Indiana. What does it commemorate?

- a) It is a center that was founded by Lincoln to help boys and young men
- b) It is the site where Abraham Lincoln spent his boyhood
- c) It is the site of a 19th century reformer's prison for boys

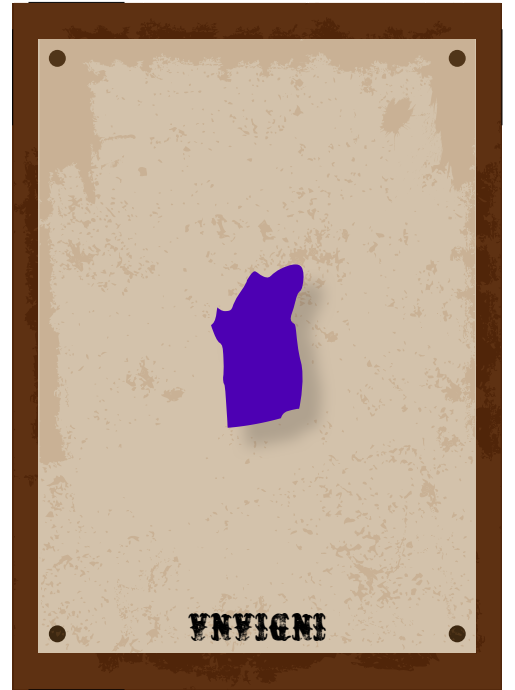
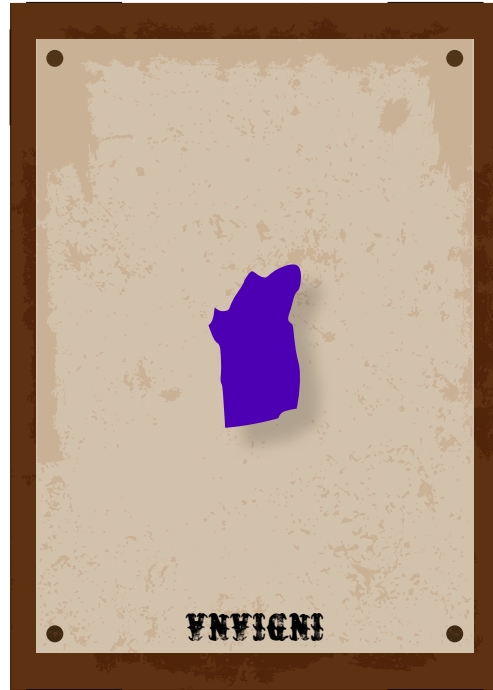
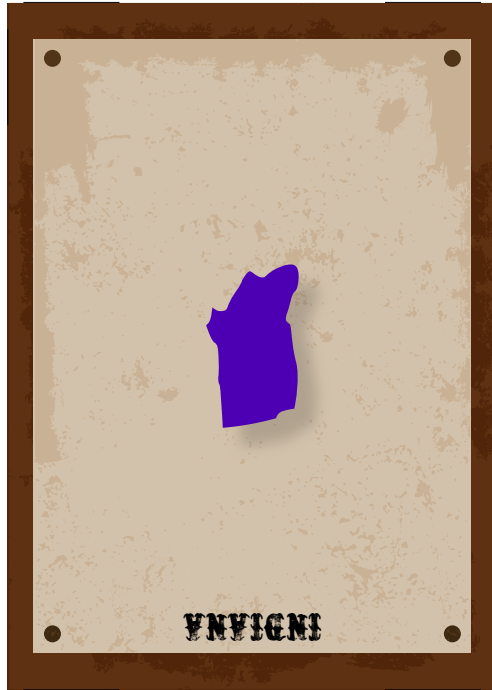
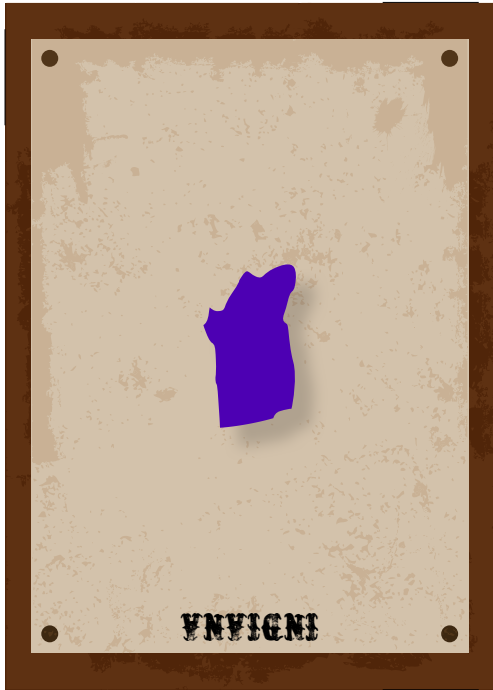
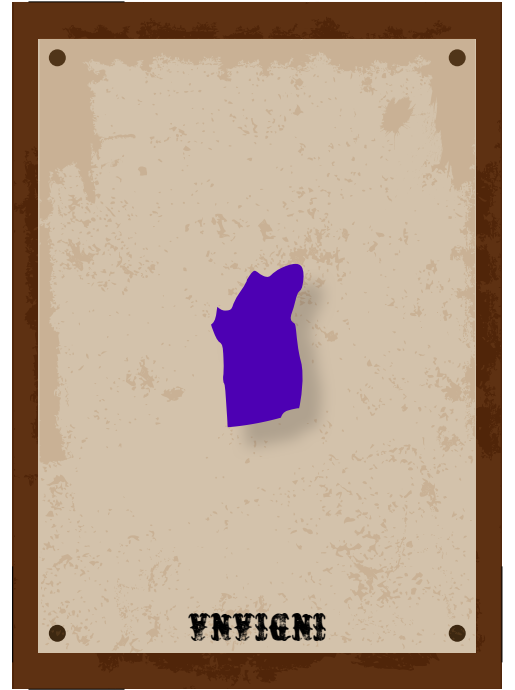
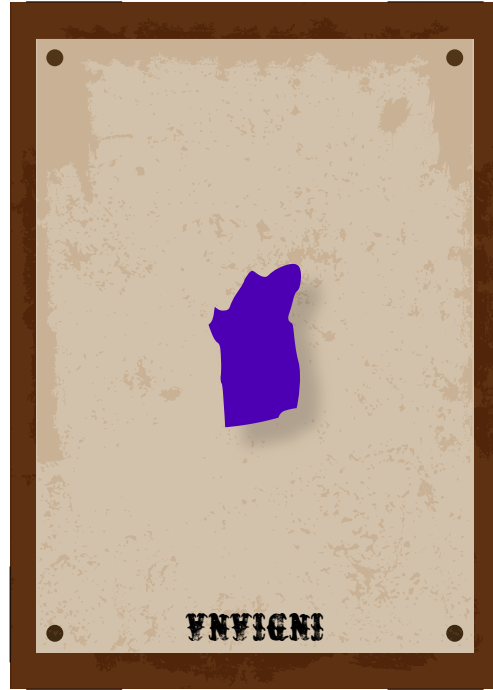
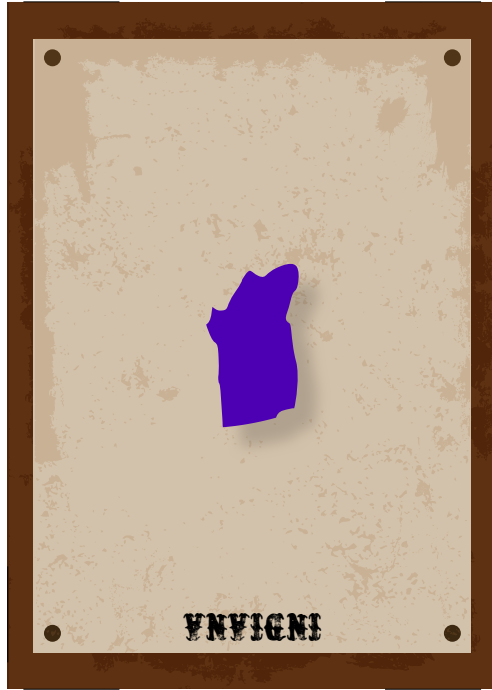
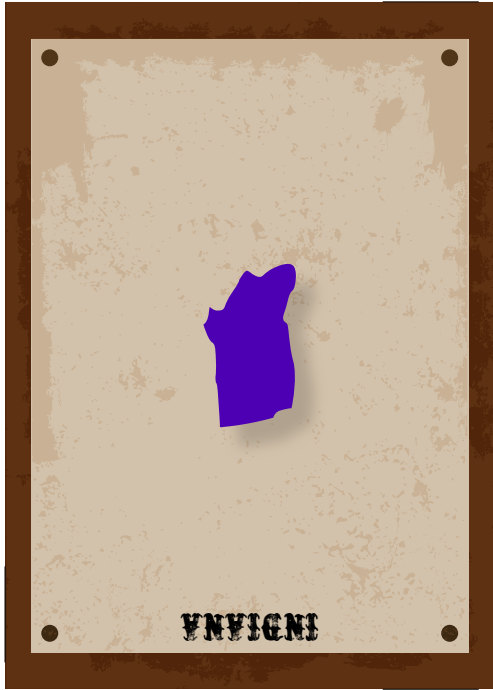
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MICHIGAN

Why is the NBA franchise located in Michigan called the «Pistons»?

Because the automobile industry is based in Michigan

MICHIGAN

Michigan has a shoreline on all five Great Lakes, except one. Which one? Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie, Lake Ontario

Lake Ontario

MICHIGAN

A famous Michigander set up a cereal company in Battle Creek, MI that would become world-famous, especially for its Corn Flakes. What was his last name?

- a) Quaker
- b) Post
- c) Kellogg

MICHIGAN

What famous Michigander said that you could have any color Model T you wanted, as long as you wanted a black one?

Henry Ford

MICHIGAN

Michigan is very important for soul music (Motown comes from the nickname for Detroit—«Motor Town») One of the great soul singers of all times was a lady who spent who arrived in her childhood in Michigan. She is famous for singing «Freedom» and «Respect». She also sang at Clinton's first inauguration in 1993. Who is she?

- a) Billie Holiday
- b) Aretha Franklin
- c) Ella Fitzgerald

MICHIGAN

Isle Royale is a special national park in northern Michigan. The largest island in the largest great lake, it has been preserved for camping, and cars have been banned. What lake is it in?

- a) Superior
- b) Michigan
- c) Huron

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN

Pontiac gave his name to a town and to a car. Who was Pontiac?

- a) a French explorer
- b) an Indian chief
- c) the founder of the town



MICHIGAN

An American political party was founded in Jackson, MI in 1854. Which one?

- a) The Republican Party
- b) The Democratic Party
- c) The Anti-Slavery Party

MICHIGAN

In 1846, Michigan became the first political entity in the world to do something. What was it?

- a) to ban alcohol
- b) to give women the right to vote
- c) to abolish the death penalty

MICHIGAN

Which of these famous singers is from Michigan?

- a) Madonna
- b) Alicia Keyes
- c) Avril Lavigne

MICHIGAN

The famous director of films such as The Godfather (Le Parrain), Apocalypse Now, Patton and The Cotton Club is from Michigan. What is his name?

- a) John Ford
- b) Oliver Stone
- c) Francis Ford Coppola

MICHIGAN

Where did the town of Novi, Michigan get its name?

- a) From Polish immigrants. It means "new"
- b) From Geoge Novi, who founded the town in 1874.
- c) It was the stop number six. It was "No. VI"

MICHIGAN

One of Michigan's most famous stars is a basketball player, whom many consider among the best ever. He was diagnosed with HIV and retired. Who is he?

- a) Magic Johnson
- b) Michael Jordan
- c) LeBron James

MICHIGAN

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● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

Many people came to Wisconsin from a country in the 19th century and they are still the largest group in the state. They are at least partially responsible for the fact that Wisconsin is famous for milk, cheese and beer. What country did they come from?

- a) England
- b) Sweden
- c) Germany

● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

What river can you walk across in one step as it flows out of its source, Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota?

The Mississippi

● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

Before moving to another city, a famous NBA team used to be in Minnesota, which is called the «Land of Ten Thousand Lakes». The city it is in today is not at all famous for its lakes. What city is the team in today?

Los Angeles (The Lakers)

● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

The enclosed shopping center (=mall) was invented in MN in 1956. Today, the largest shopping mall in the US is the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN. It has 400 shops and encloses 450,000 sq meters. How many visitors does it attract every year?

- a) 18m
- b) 38m
- (more than the Grand Canyon and Disney World combined)
- c) 58m

● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

There is a museum in Minnesota that has artifacts that some people think prove the presence of a group of Old World settlers in Minnesota before the arrival of Columbus (although almost everyone thinks that it is not true). The central piece is the «runestone» which is a stone with runes on it. What people does the museum say lived in Minnesota before Columbus?

- a) Vikings
- b) Irish monks
- c) Egyptians

● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

Minnesota has an official state muffin. What flavor is it?

- a) Blueberry (myrtille)
- b) Plain (no flavor)
- c) Chocolate

● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

What was Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin, famous for?

- a) He was responsible for a reform of antitrust laws
- b) He was the father of the McCarthy who was anti-Communist
- c) He was leader of the anti-Communist investigations by the Congress

● **MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN** ●

Charles Shulz was a cartoonist from Minnesota. What is the name of his most famous characters?

- a) Snoopy and Charlie Brown
- b) Batman and Robin
- c) Bugs Bunny and Elmer



● MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN ●

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing is a big, very diversified company. Most people know it by another name. What is its other name?

- a) M and M
- b) 3M
- c) MinneMine

● MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN ●

Green Bay, Wisconsin is famous for its NFL team.

In April 2002, Green Bay's Neville Museum had an exhibit tracing the history of the other thing the town is famous for.

What is it?

a) Toilet paper

("The first modern toilet paper was invented there in 1902, but it wasn't until 1937 that the company guaranteed there would be no splinters!")

- b) Cheese
- c) Shipbuilding

● MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN ●

Wisconsin is the home of a world famous company in the transportation sector.

Which one?

- a) Harley-Davidson
- b) Mack Trucks
- c) American Ships

● MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN ●

Like many professional sports teams, the mascot of the Milwaukee NBA franchise was the result of a public contest with a vote. "Bucks" was chosen because of something Wisconsinites like to do. What?

- a) Make money ("Buck" is slang for a dollar)
- b) Hunt ("Buck" is a male deer)
- c) Go to rodeos ("Buck" is what a horse does to throw someone off)

● MINNESOTA / WISCONSIN ●

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● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS

There is a stone obelisk in the small town of Rugby, North Dakota. Why is it there?

- a) It commemorates the place where Lewis and Clark passed the first winter in 1804
- b) It marks the geographic center of North America**
- c) It commemorates the first rugby game played in the US in July 1893.

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS

«Dakota» is a word that a group of Indian tribes called their association, and it means «friends» of «allies». Another name for these tribes is «Sioux», which was given by a neighboring tribe (the Ojibwas, or Chippewas). What does the word «Sioux» mean?

- a) people to the west (=neighbor)
- b) snake (=enemy)**
- c) puma people (= great warriors)

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS

Omaha, the largest city in Nebraska, has produced some great actors. Henry Fonda, and Marlon Brando are from there. Another Omaha native was considered the greatest Hollywood dancer of all time. Who was he?

- a) Michael Jackson
- b) Gene Kelly
- c) Fred Astaire**

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS

A famous American black activist was born in Omaha and was assassinated in 1965. He rejected his name to show that it came to him from slavery. Who was he?

- a) Elijah Muhammad
- b) Muhammad Ali
- c) Malcolm X**

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS

Gutzon Borglum, a Danish-American sculptor created a work of patriotic art on South Dakota's Mount Rushmore. Today it is a National Memorial, and can be seen from 100 kms away. How many presidents did he carve into the mountain?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4 (Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt)**

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS

This Indian chief, born in SD, was the commander with Crazy Horse, of the Sioux against the US Army in 1876. They won a Battle at Little Big Horn in Montana. Later this chief would be part of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, that would tour the US and Europe. What was his name?

- a) Red Cloud
- b) Sitting Bull**
- c) Crazy Horse

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
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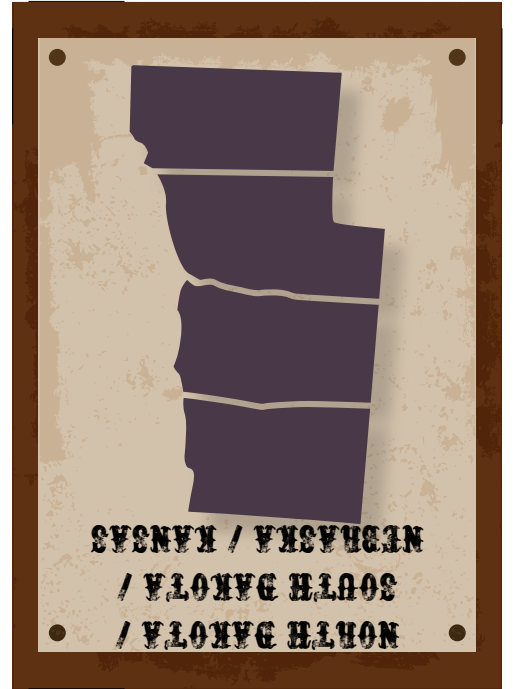
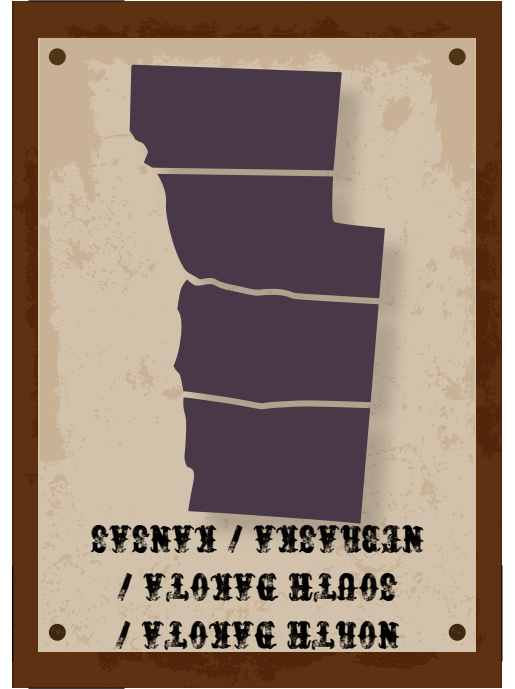
The Dakotas are one of the coldest in the US that is not in high mountains? What is the coldest temperature ever recorded there?

- a) - 51°C**
- b) - 61°C
- c) - 71°C

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS

The first white people to visit Nebraska were Frenchmen in the 1700s. What were they hoping to find there?

- a) Furs and animal skins from the Indians**
- b) Gold, silver or other mineral products
- c) A way to go to the Pacific Ocean



● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS ●

Kansas is the leading
producer of a type of grain.
Which is it?

- a) wheat (blé)
- b) corn (maïs)
- c) barley (orge)

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS ●

Kansas and Nebraska
often have a certain natural
catastrophe that causes
deaths and severe damage.
What is it?

- a) Violent snowstorms (blizzards)
- b) Floods
- c) Tomadoes («twisters»)

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS ●

Kansas, or “KaNze” is
the name of a Sioux (or
Dakota) tribe. What does
it mean in Sioux?

- a) Plains People (because most
Sioux lived in the mountains)
- b) South Wind (because they
were south of most Sioux)
- c) Fire Horses (because they
were among the first Sioux to
get horses from the Spanish)

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS ●

Kansas is referred to as
“Bleeding Kansas” in the 1850s
and 1860, just before it became
a state. Why?

- a) Because of the constant
attacks from powerful Sioux
Indians on white settlers
- b) Because a long drought made
people leave Kansas in large
numbers
- c) Because of the fighting
between pro-slavery settlers and
antislavery settlers for control of
the state before the Civil War

● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
NEBRASKA / KANSAS ●

The largest hamburger
ever cooked was made in
Rutland, North Dakota
in 1982. How much did it
weigh?

- a) 55 kilos
- b) 967 kilos
- c) 1620 kilos
(8000 people ate it!)

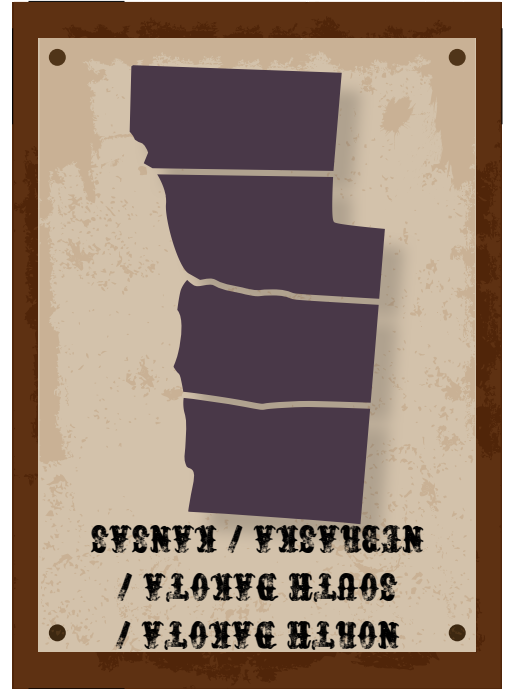
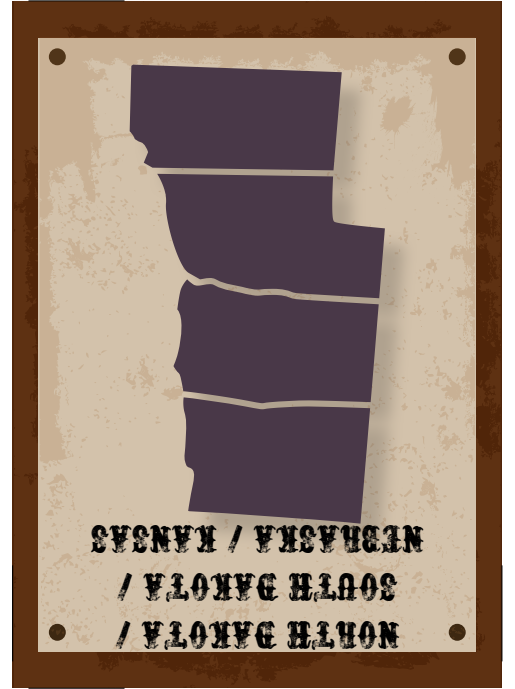
● **NORTH DAKOTA /**
SOUTH DAKOTA /
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In January 1892, after Wounded
Knee, Frank L. Baum, the author
of The Wizard of Oz and who
was living in South Dakota,
suggested the US do something
to solve the problems with the
Native Americans. What did he
think the US government should
do?

- a) To exterminate all of the Indians
- b) To negotiate better treaties to
allow the Indians more independence
- c) To create special federal police
force to protect Native Americans
on reservations

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OHIO

Ohio lies mainly between the Ohio River on the south and one of the Great Lakes on the north. What is the name of the lake?

- a) Lake Michigan
- b) Lake Huron
- c) Lake Erie

OHIO

The victorious general of the Union troops in the Civil War lived in Ohio. He became the 18th president of the US. His picture is on the \$50 bill. What was his name?

- a) Grant (Ulysses S.)
- b) Lincoln
- c) Sherman

OHIO

Harriet Beecher Stowe lived in Cincinnati for 15 years. She wrote a very famous book against slavery which was published in the 1852. The book had such a strong impact on public opinion in the North, that Lincoln is reputed to have said, when he met the author, «This is the lady who caused this war.» What is the name of the book?

- a) Gone with the Wind
- b) Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave
- c) Uncle Tom's Cabin

OHIO

Something in Ohio caught on fire in the 1960's that became a symbol for the ecology movement. What was it?

- a) a nuclear power plant
- b) a national forest
- c) a river (The Cuyahoga River, which runs through Cleveland was so polluted that it caught on fire)

OHIO

The professional baseball team in Cincinnati is called the "Reds". The team has had the name since the 1890s. What is the origin of the name?

- a) The team uniform has always included red stockings (or socks)
- b) The labor unions in Cincinnati had a significant number of Socialists and other leftists
- c) The Ohio state bird is the cardinal, a red bird

OHIO

In the 1960's something happened in Canada that was a big help to Ohio's ports. What was it?

- a) Canadian agriculture produced much more than before.
- b) The building of the Saint Lawrence Seaway, a deep-water canal, that allowed ships to go directly from the ocean to Ohio.
- c) Quebec opened its hydroelectric potential, supplying energy to Ohio.

OHIO

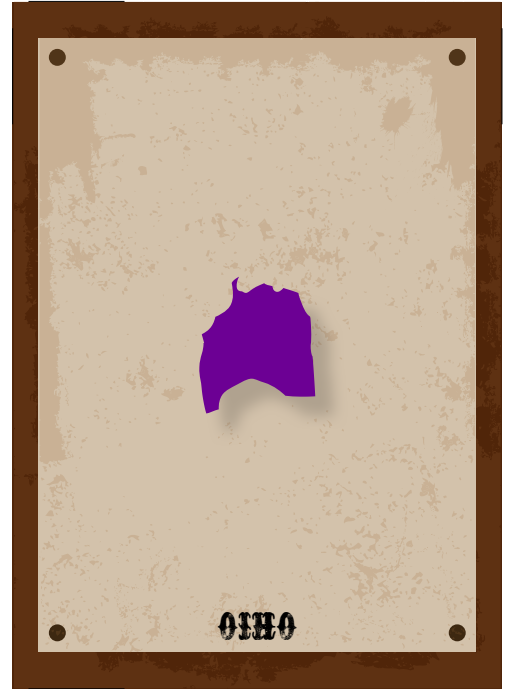
The three largest cities of Ohio start with a «C». Each has a population of over 1,000,000. Can you name at least two of them?

Cleveland, Cincinnati,
Columbus

OHIO

The founder of Standard Oil, John Rockefeller, was from Ohio. In the US, it is called "Exxon". Which service station in France is a part of Standard Oil today?

- a) Mobil
- b) Esso («S.O.»)
- c) Shell



OHIO

Carl B. Stokes was elected mayor of Cleveland in 1967. Why was it significant in the history of U.S. politics?

- a) He was the youngest man ever to be elected mayor of a large US city
- b) He was the first open homosexual to be elected mayor of a large US city
- c) He was the first black to be elected to be elected of a large US city

OHIO

What did Roy Plunkett of Ohio invent in 1938 to help people cook without sticking?

- a) A spray form of oil
- b) A lighter, better vegetable oil
- c) Teflon (Téfal)

OHIO

Two Ohio natives were important in lighting homes. Thomas Edison invented the first practical electric light. What did Arthur Compton invent?

- a) The neon bulb
- b) The fluorescent bulb
- c) The street light

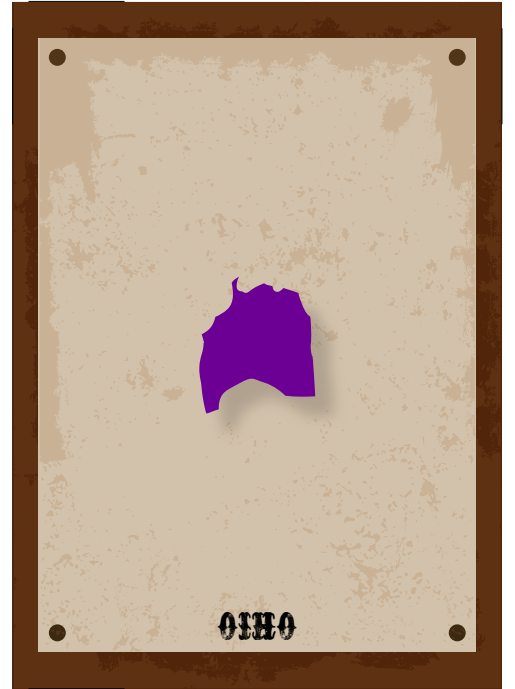
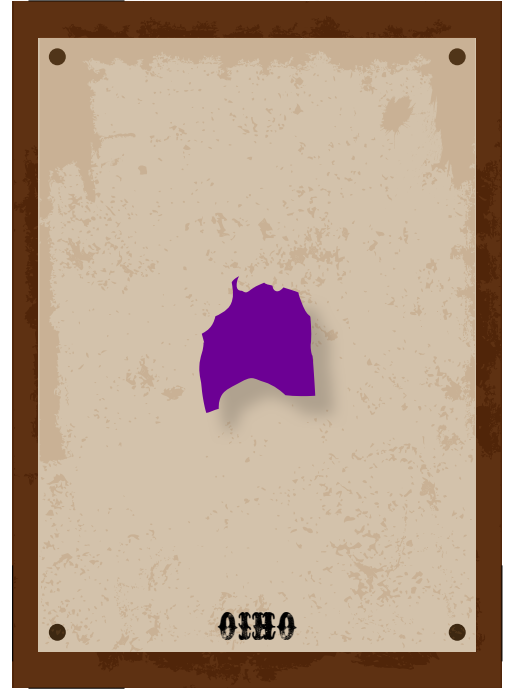
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**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

Much of NJ is made up of suburbs of two big cities.

One of those cities is NYC. What is the other one?

- a) Boston
- b) Philadelphia
- c) Baltimore

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

The laboratory of a famous inventor was in Asbury Park, NJ. The electric light and the phonograph were invented there. What was his name?

Thomas Edison

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

The author of the first American dictionary and the man who successfully fought for reformed American spelling lived in CT. What was his last name?

- a) John Collins
- b) Nicholas Slater
- c) Noah Webster

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

In 1964, Arlene and John Anasto of NJ made the first objects specifically designed to provide a source of humor, information and decoration for the whole family. What did they invent?

- a) the white board
- b) refrigerator magnets
- c) post-its

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

What famous Atlantic City attraction began in 1978?

- a) A new beach
- b) A fishing competition
- c) Casinos

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

In 1990, New Jersey passed some very strict laws controlling something. What?

- a) Contraceptives
- b) Guns
- c) Drugs

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

In 1937, what famous catastrophe cost 37 people their lives at an airport in New Jersey? It projected a negative image of Nazi German technology.

- a) The Hindenburg, a dirigible, exploded
- b) An experimental rocket exploded
- c) The first commercial airplane crash occurred

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

New Jersey was the scene of many battles during the American Revolution. In 1936, Orson Welles made a famous radio show on October 31st about a battle in New Jersey against which enemy?

- a) The Germans
- b) The English
- c) The Martians



**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

What unusual right did the women of Elizabethtown, New Jersey have from 1800 to 1807?

- a) They could vote
- b) They could have property in their own name
- c) They could drink in public

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

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NEW JERSEY**

The first lollipops were produced in Connecticut in 1908 by George Smith. Where did he get the name?

- a) He named it after a race horse, "Lolly Pop"
- b) His daughter's nickname was "Lollie"
- c) He thought children would find the name would be funny and easy to say.

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

A military academy is located in New London, Connecticut. Which one?

- a) The Army Academy
- b) The Air Force Academy
- c) The Naval Academy
- d) The Coast Guard Academy

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

A native of Connecticut invented and mass produced something that would have a big impact on the west. What was his name and his invention?

- a) Samuel Colt, the revolver
- b) Samuel Morse, the telegraph
- c) George Pullman, the sleeping car for trains

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

The US factory making PEZ candy is in Orange, Connecticut. It was first introduced to the US market in 1952, and became popular with children. The original PEZ was sold in Vienna in 1948. What was PEZ originally sold as?

- a) A mint for your breath
- b) A mint for when you have a cold
- c) A type of candy

**CONNECTICUT /
NEW JERSEY**

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● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

Who were the first English permanent inhabitants of Massachusetts?

- a) The Cavaliers
- b) Tobacco Planters
- c) The Pilgrims

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

What was the name of the ship of the Pilgrims who founded Plymouth, in present-day Massachusetts in 1620?

- a) The Victory
- b) The Santa Maria
- c) The Mayflower

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

The NBA franchise in Boston is named the Celtics because of the largest ethnic group of the city. Mass immigration began in the 1840s and today 40,000,000 Americans have ancestors from this country (ten times the population of the country itself!!). What country did they come from?

- a) Jimmy Carter
- b) John F. Kennedy
- c) George Bush (the father)

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

Two presidents since World War II were born in Massachusetts. Which of these presidents is NOT from MA?

- a) John F. Kennedy
- b) George H. W. Bush (the father)
- c) George W. Bush (the son) (born in Connecticut)

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

The oldest university, founded in 1636, is Massachusetts. What is its name?

Thanksgiving

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

One of English-speaking North America's favorite holidays began in Massachusetts when the first English inhabitants had a feast to celebrate their surviving the first year in the New World. It is now observed on the fourth Thursday of November. What is it?

- a) Thanksgiving
- b) Columbus Day
- c) Memorial Day

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

Rhode Island is the smallest state in the U.S. Is it bigger or smaller than the department of Maine et Loire?

Smaller, almost twice as small.
(RI 4000 km², M et L 7150 km²)

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

The Salem witchcraft trials ended with 20 men and women who were executed in Puritan Massachusetts. The colony was founded in 1620. What year did the trials take place?

- a) 1641
- b) 1691
- c) 1741



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● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

According to a US Census Bureau report issued in May 2014, people in Boston, Massachusetts do something more often than the people of any other city. What is that activity?

- a) **Cycling to work** (15.1%)
- b) Jogging at least three times a week
- c) Celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

Scientists at Raytheon Corp of Massachusetts were experimenting with the microwave in 1946. What was the first food they subjected to microwaves?

- a) Soup
- b) **Popcorn** (although a chocolate bar melted)
- c) Chocolate

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

A Rhode Island company, Hasbro, introduced Mr. Potato Head in 1953. It consists of a potato body and parts to decorate it. What changed in 1964?

- a) Hasbro introduced Mrs Potato Head
- b) Mr Potato Head lost his pipe as he stopped smoking because of US government warning against the dangers of tobacco
- c) **Hasbro supplied a plastic body.** (Mrs Potato Head was in 1953, and Mr Potato Head lost his pipe in 1987.)

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

The capital and largest city of Rhode Island was named by the founder of the colony in 1636. It recognizes the generosity of God. What is the city's name?

- a) Concord
- b) **Providence**
- c) Graceland

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

It is said that Ruth Wakefield of Massachusetts invented the chocolate chip cookie.

The Nestle cookie later popularized it as a clean way to cook and eat chocolate. When did she invent it?

- a) 1850
- b) 1890
- c) **1930**

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

The oldest college of higher learning was founded in Massachusetts in 1636. Was it the first institution of its type in North America? (Yes or No)

No. French Jesuits founded a college in Quebec in 1635, but the Spanish founded the University of Mexico in 1553.

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
RHODE ISLAND ●

The first performance of a sort of presentation happened in Newport in 1774? What kind of "show" happened on that evening?

- a) **Circus**
- b) Opera
- c) Musical comedy

● **MASSACHUSETTS /**
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● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

What seafood is Maine especially famous for?

- a) lobster (homard)
- b) shrimp (crevettes)
- c) clams (palourdes)

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

What famous French author was a Maine resident, after taking American citizenship in 1947?

- a) Colette
- b) Marguerite Duras
- c) Marguerite Yourcenar

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

When Americans reply to the US Census every ten years, they are asked to define themselves by race or ethnic origin. In 2010, in Maine, the number one group was "White". The national answer is 63.4%. What percentage of Maine residents chose "White"?

- a) 75%
- b) 85%
- c) 95% (95.4)

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

Maine produces 99% of the US commercial supply of a certain fruit. Which fruit is it?

- a) Blueberries (myrtilles)
- b) Kiwis
- c) Blackberries (mûres)

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

What mountains is the state of Vermont named for? (The name is a translation of French!)

- a) Toward the Mountains
- b) The Green Mountains (Vert + Monts... they thought it sounded nicer than «Green Mountains».)
- c) The Glass Mountains

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

A native of Vermont moved to Illinois and invented a new plow that was better for the thick soil of the prairies. The company he founded (and that bears his name) has become one of the biggest producers of agricultural machines, such as tractors. What was his name?

- a) Daniel Massey
- b) Jerome Case
- c) John Deere

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine all produce maple syrup (sirop d'érable). How many liters of sap (sève) does it take to make a liter of syrup?

- a) 5
- b) 10
- c) 40

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

The capital of Vermont is named for a French city. Which one?

- a) Montpellier (but it's spelled "Montpelier" and pronounced in English!)
- b) Grenoble
- c) Paris



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HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

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- c) Poetry Day

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HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

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- a) Midsummer Day
- b) St. Jean Baptiste Day
- c) Music Day

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

One of New Hampshire's nicknames according to the official tourism site, compares the state to another country in the world for its mountain beauty. What is it?

- a) The Peru of North America
- b) The Switzerland of America
- c) The Tibet of America

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

New Hampshire has a big impact on the presidential elections. Why?

- a) New Hampshire is a statistical model of the US population
- b) New Hampshire law requires it choose the candidates or each party ("primary elections") before the other states
- c) New Hampshire has an old right, from the founding of the country, to a larger proportion of votes than the other states

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

The bark (écorce) of the state tree of New Hampshire was used to make canoes and paper, by Indians and others? What is the name of this tree?

- a) birch (bouleau)
- b) alder (aulne)
- c) beech (hêtre)

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

Why is New Hampshire sometimes called the "Mother of Rivers"?

- a) The snow it receives creates many of the rivers of the US
- b) The universities were the center of river research for years
- c) New Hampshire is the source of five important rivers in New England

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● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

NH's third most valuable agricultural product is a seasonal and inedible, one that is grown in the cold mountain winters. People in the US usually buy one in the two weeks following Thanksgiving. What is it?

- a) Poinsettias (flowers)
- b) Holly (=houx)
- c) Christmas trees



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● **MAINE / NEW** ●
HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

A famous contemporary American author from Maine has scared readers and movie audiences around the world with such stories as *Christine*, *The Shining*, and *Misery*. He was born in 1947. What is his name?

Stephen King

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HAMPSHIRE / VERMONT

A very popular brand of ice cream began making quality, rich ice cream in and old service station in 1978 in Burlington. What is the name of the brand?

- a) Ben and Jerry's
- b) Haagen Dazs
- c) Jack and Jill

● **MAINE / NEW** ●
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NEW YORK

Which European country first colonized New York?

- a) Holland
- b) England
- c) Sweden

NEW YORK

A New Yorker, Herman Melville, wrote a novel about a white whale. What is the name of the book?

Moby Dick

NEW YORK

True or false New York City is the capital of New York state.

False. (Albany is)

NEW YORK

The only president to have been elected four times was a native and former governor of New York. What was his name?

- a) William McKinley
- b) Woodrow Wilson
- c) Franklin Roosevelt

NEW YORK

One of the wealthiest men of New York volunteered to die on the Titanic in April 1912. His fortune founded a museum of modern art in New York City in the 1950s, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. What was his name?

- a) Rockefeller
- b) Astor
- c) Guggenheim

NEW YORK

On average, New Yorkers have to spend longer getting to work than people of any other state. How long does the average New Yorker take to get to work?

- a) 32 mins (Census Bureau 2013)
- b) 42 mins
- c) 52 mins

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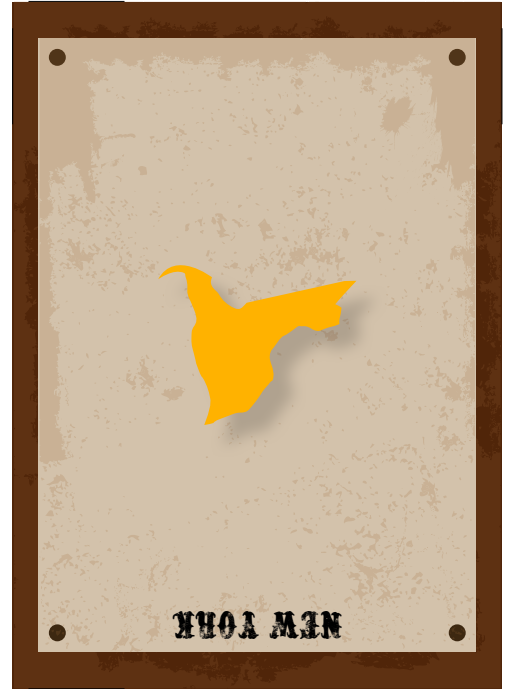
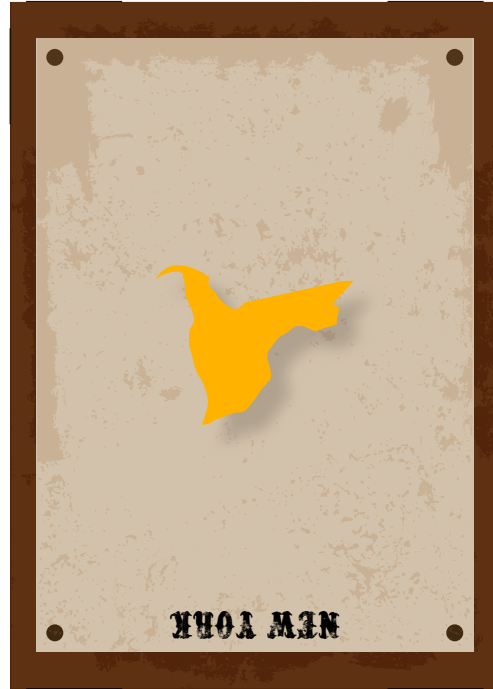
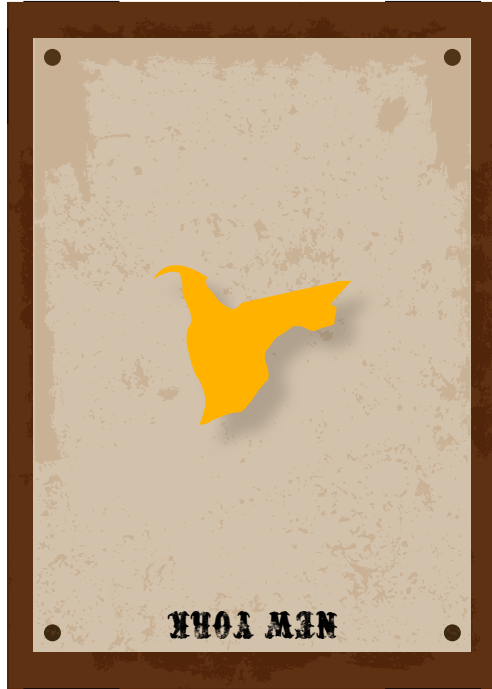
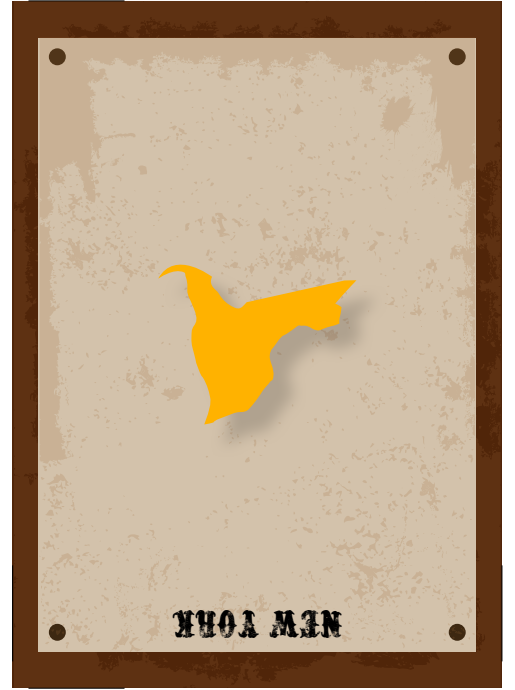
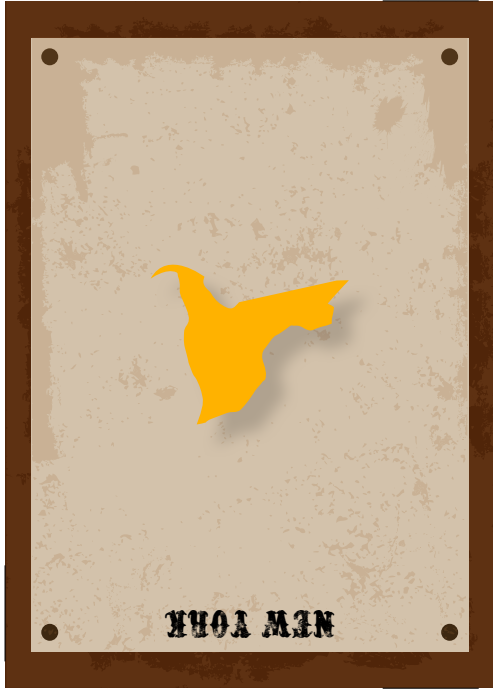
Who left New York in 1927 in "The Spirit of St. Louis" and landed in Paris 33h39m later and became world famous? (His baby son was kidnapped and was one of America's most famous crimes.)

- a) Charles Lindbergh
- b) Orville Wright
- c) Clément Ader

NEW YORK

The city of New York is sometimes known by the name of the city in the Batman comic books. What is that name?

- a) Gotham
- b) Metropolis
- c) Sun City



NEW YORK

«Big Blue» is the nickname of a famous company that has its headquarters in New York City. What high-tech company is it?

- a) Apple
- b) IBM
- c) Intel

NEW YORK

The Erie Canal linked the Great Lakes and the Atlantic at New York City. What river do you go up from New York City to reach the canal?

- a) The Saint Lawrence
- b) The Hudson
- c) The Ohio

NEW YORK

What is the name of the island in New York Harbor that served as a processing center for immigrants until 1954?

- a) Liberty Island
- b) Ellis Island
- c) Coney Island

NEW YORK

At exactly midnight, Eastern Standard Time, on New Year's Eve, a giant apple-shaped ball of lights goes down a pole on top of a building and as many as 300,000 New Yorkers welcome the New Year. Where does this party take place?

- a) Times Square (Named after the New York Times newspaper)
- b) Central Park
- c) City Hall

NEW YORK

New York City is composed of five boroughs, corresponding to the counties included within the city. Four of them are Staten Island, the Bronx, Queens, and Manhattan. Which one was not named on this list?

Brooklyn

NEW YORK

After Napoleon's brother Jérôme visited this astounding natural site with his new wife in 1803, it became a favorite place for couples on their honeymoon. What is this site, shared by the US and Canada?

- a) Niagara Falls
- b) The Pocono Mountains
- c) Long Island

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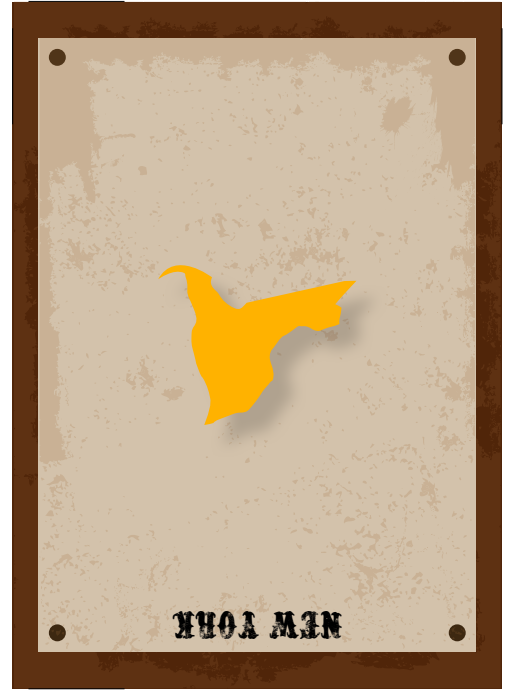
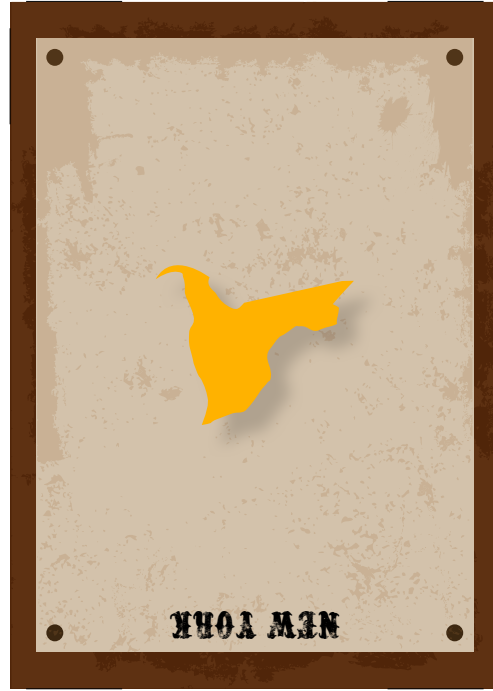
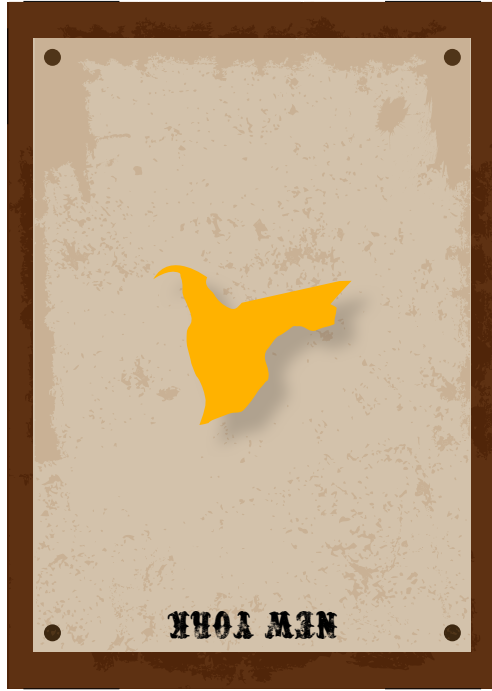
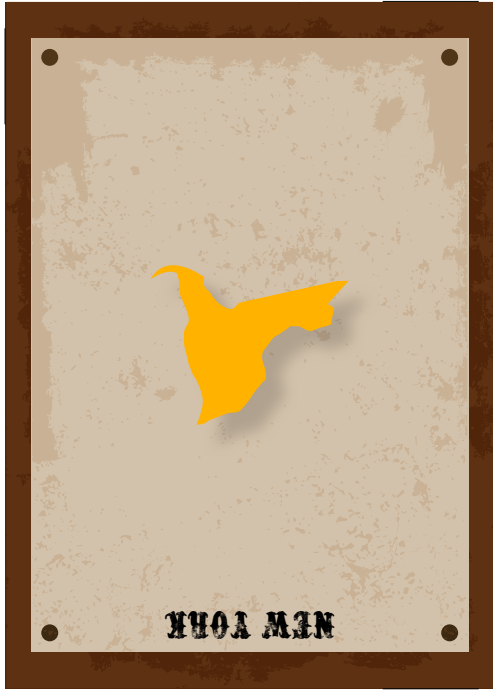
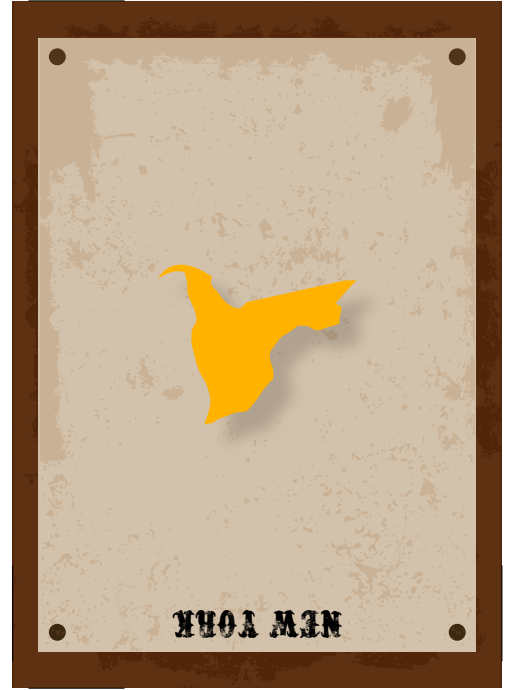
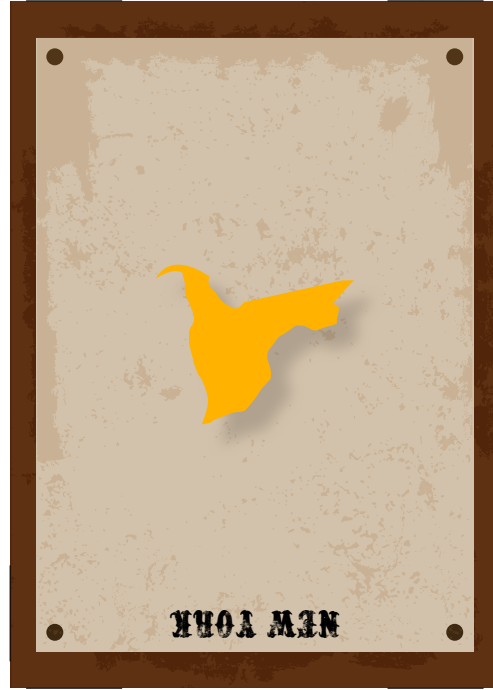
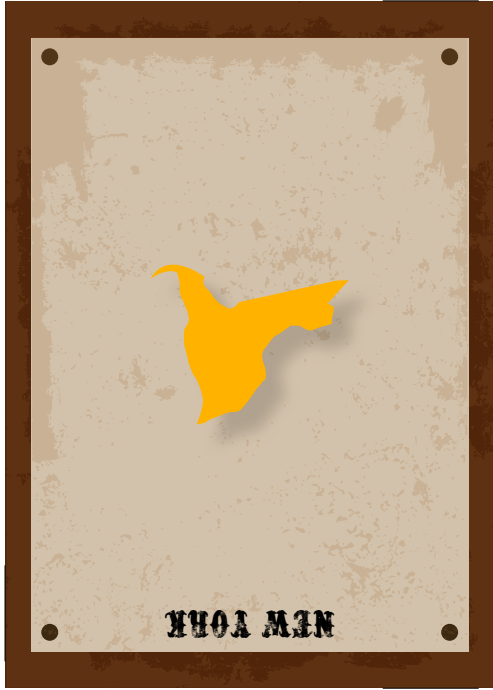
Which famous New York native was voted "Most Admired Woman in the World" by a survey in 1948?

- a) Hetty Green, the "Witch of Wall Street" (she was incredibly good at predicting the market)
- b) Peggy Guggenheim, founder of the famous modern art museum
- c) Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of president Franklin Roosevelt and supporter of civil rights for Blacks and women

NEW YORK

New York has an official state muffin. What flavor is it?

- a) Apple
- b) Chocolate
- c) Vanilla



PENNSYLVANIA

The decisive battle of the Civil War was in Pennsylvania in July 1863. What is the name of the battle?

- a) Gettysburg
- b) Atlanta
- c) Vicksburg

PENNSYLVANIA

One famous Pennsylvania resident invented an economical stove (poole) and the lightning rod and bifocal glasses. What was his name?

- a) Benjamin Franklin
- b) Thomas Edison
- c) Thomas Jefferson

PENNSYLVANIA

Two famous meetings in early in American history: In what Pennsylvania city were the Declaration of Independence (1776) and the Constitution of the United States (1787) written?

- a) Philadelphia (In Independence Hall)
- b) Cleveland
- c) Pittsburgh

PENNSYLVANIA

The National Football League team called the Steelers is in Pennsylvania's second largest city, which is famous for its steel industry. In which western Pennsylvania city is that team?

- a) Philadelphia
- b) Cleveland
- c) Pittsburgh

PENNSYLVANIA

In 1856, Titusville, PA became the first place in the US to extract a certain product for sale. For years the US was the world's biggest producer, but production came mainly from the south and the west. What was produced?

Oil

PENNSYLVANIA

A famous movie star from Philadelphia became a European princess in 1956. She died in a car accident. She became princess of Monaco. What was her name.

Grace Kelly. (She starred in only 11 films)

PENNSYLVANIA

One of two main ways to go from the East to the Midwest in the nineteenth century was a road built by the national government. What was the name of the road?

- a) The Pennsylvania Road
- b) The Western Road
- c) The National Road

PENNSYLVANIA

A religious group from Germany settled in Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century. They lead a simple life, often without cars or electricity. The film "Witness" shows their unusual lifestyle. What is the name of the group?

- a) The Mormons
- b) The Amish
- c) The Quakers



PENNSYLVANIA

There was a serious industrial accident at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, in 1979. What kind of factory is Three Mile Island?

- a) A nuclear power station
- b) A chemical factory
- c) A steel factory

PENNSYLVANIA

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The colony of Pennsylvania was unique among the thirteen colonies in at least one way. How was it different?

- a) It was the only colony founded by a religious group.
- b) It was the only colony that had borders with more than two other colonies
- c) It was the only colony that did not have an Atlantic coast

PENNSYLVANIA

State College Area High School is a secondary school near Pennsylvania State University. In 1958 it became the first school to introduce a class that most American offer. What is it?

- a) Driver's education
- b) Computer Science
- c) Sex Education

PENNSYLVANIA

In 1932, George Blaisdell founded a company to manufacture "a product that answers a real need, design it to work and make it last". What product did he manufacture?

- a) An electric tin opener
- b) Zippo cigarette lighters
- c) Easton walking shoes

PENNSYLVANIA

During the Great Depression of 1929, a cinema in Mercersburg, New York, the Star Theater, allowed people to see films in exchange for something unusual that they brought into the cinema from outside. What was it?

- a) A tin of soup (They gave the soup to the kitchens feeding the poor)
- b) Coal (charbon)
- c) Objects from their homes

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**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

The Delta, a broad plain in Northern Mississippi that the Mississippi River has flooded so often that the region is covered with rich black soil which is perfect for producing cotton, is usually considered to be the birthplace of a particular type of music. What is it?

- a) Gospel
- b) Country
- c) The blues

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

The University of Mississippi's mascot is the «Rebels». What does that name refer to?

- a) The participants in the rebellion against the US (the Civil War)
- b) The participants in the rebellion against desegregation and civil rights
- c) The participants in the rebellion against alcohol (Prohibition)

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

Mississippi has produced some of the most famous writers of the 20th century, including William Faulkner and Eudora Welty. Another famous Mississippian wrote plays for the theater. What was his name?

- a) Arthur Miller
- b) Tennessee Williams
- c) Neil Simon

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

A black Alabaman was a great embarrassment to Adolf Hitler, as he beat Aryan (and all other) competitors at the 1936 Berlin Olympic games. He became the first competitor to win four gold medals. What was his name?

- a) Jesse Norman
- b) Jesse Owens
- c) Jesse Jackson

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

The first capital of the Confederate states was Montgomery Alabama. Whose picture was on the one-dollar bill that the new Confederate government made?

- a) George Washington, first president of the U.S.
- b) Jefferson Davis, first president of the Confederate States
- c) Liberty

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

Which nation established the first permanent European settlement in Mississippi in 1699?

- a) France
- b) Spain
- c) England

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

The capital of Mississippi is named for a famous Southerner. For whom?

- a) Andrew Jackson
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) Davy Crockett

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

The most famous musical native of Mississippi, born in Tupelo, is often called the «King of Rock and Roll». What is his name?

Elvis Presley



**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

What percent of Alabama is covered by commercial forest (mostly pine, but also hardwoods such as oak)?

- a) 36%
- b) 54%
- c) 66%

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

Helen Keller is a famous Alabaman. Why?

- a) She was the first black Alabama woman to sit in the front of the bus in the 1950s. Martin Luther King took up her cause in Montgomery and Selma.
- b) She invented peanut butter and created a good source of protein and an industry for many people in the South.
- c) She was both blind and deaf, but learned how to communicate with others, even to speak.

**ALABAMA /
MISSISSIPPI**

One of Mississippi's nicknames is the "Mud Cat State". What is a "mud cat"?

- a) A wild cat that lives in the swamps
- b) A person who lives in the swamps
- c) A catfish

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ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

Arkansas is the only place in North America that produces a certain precious mineral. Most of the world's production comes from South Africa and Russia, and the low-quality Arkansas production is negligible. What is the mineral?

- a) Titanium
- b) Diamonds
- c) Gold

ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

Aluminum is derived by refining a natural mineral ore. 90% of the US production that mineral comes from Arkansas (but the US imports about 95% of its needs). What is the name of this ore?

Bauxite (named for Baux de Provence)

ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

One of the most famous country music singers is from Arkansas. The singer died in 2003, after a brilliant career singing about things like prisons and trains. Who?

- a) Johnny Cash
- b) Bob Dylan
- c) Joan Baez

ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

Arkansas passed a law in 1881 about something that no other state has made a law about. What was it?

- a) A law allowing girls to marry at any age as long as their parents agree
- b) A law making the sale of homemade whiskey legal, as long as it is safe to drink
- c) A law establishing the pronunciation of the state's name (as "Arkansaw", and not "Arkansas")

ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

How many of Arkansas's 75 counties are "dry", meaning that alcohol can not be bought, sold or consumed in public?

- a) None
- b) 14
- c) 43

ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

The 27th article of Arkansas's state constitution of 1874 bans slavery and other forms of "involuntary servitude" in Arkansas, except for one category of people. Whom?

- a) Children
- b) Black people
- c) Prisoners

ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

Louisiana was named for the king of France by Robert Cavalier de la Salle in 1682. Which Louis was it?

- a) XIII (13th)
- b) XIV (14th)
- c) XV (15th)

ARKANSAS / LOUISIANA

Louisiana produced the first notable American classical composer (Gottschalk) has been a musical crossroads since the days when slaves met to celebrate Sunday in Congo Square in N.O. The most famous native of Louisiana is probably a musician. The international airport of New Orleans was named for him. Who was he?

- a) Dizzie Gillespie
- b) Miles Davis
- c) Louis Armstrong



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LOUISIANA**

Every year in New Orleans, 1,000,000 people go out into the streets to celebrate a holiday that comes to Louisiana from its French and Spanish heritage. What is it?

- a) **Mardi Gras** (between February 4 and March 9, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday)
- b) New Year's Day
- c) Bastille Day

**ARKANSAS /
LOUISIANA**

The National Historic Park in New Orleans (the Vieux Carré and Chalmette Battlefield) is named after a pirate. What is its name?

- a) Blackbeard
- b) William Kidd
- c) **Jean Lafitte**

**ARKANSAS /
LOUISIANA**

Nova Scotia, Canada was named by a Scottish cartographer. A particular group of French-speaking residents had lived there since 1630, but were expelled in 1755 by the British in what has become known as the «Grand Dérangement». Many families were separated as the British seized people and put them on ships, without their being able to return home. What was the French name of Nova Scotia at that time?

- a) Nouvelle-Ecosse
- b) **Acadie**
- c) Arcadie

**ARKANSAS /
LOUISIANA**

Texas and Louisiana hold the largest reserves in the world of a certain mineral product. It is used in purifying other minerals, paints, fertilizer and paper ... and much more. You probably are in most direct contact with it when you strike a match. What is this element of the periodic table?

- a) **sulfur**
- b) phosphorus
- c) sodium

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● **DELAWARE / WEST** ●
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Delaware was settled in 1638 by people a European country that did not set up colonies anywhere else in America. The capital was Christina. The Dutch captured it in 1655 and it became English 1664. What country is it?

- a) Denmark
- b) Russia
- c) Sweden

● **DELAWARE / WEST** ●
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West Virginia was a non-slave part of another a slave state It seceded from the other state during the Civil War and became a state by act of Congress in 1863. It is the only state to have been created from another. Which state was it taken from?

Virginia

● **DELAWARE / WEST** ●
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DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA

The first man to break the sound barrier was a West Virginian. He was a main character in the film «The Right Stuff». What was his name?

- a) Alan Shepard
- b) Chuck Yeager
- c) John Glenn

● **DELAWARE / WEST** ●
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The coast of Delaware is shared between the Atlantic and a bay that is the estuary of the river that Philadelphia is on. What is the name of the bay and the river (same name for both)?

- a) Pennsylvania
- b) Jersey
- c) Delaware

● **DELAWARE / WEST** ●
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Francis Scott Key was a Maryland lawyer. In September 1814, he spent the night watching a British bombardment of a fort guarding Baltimore. In memory of seeing the successful American defense of the fort, he wrote the words to the national anthem. What do the title and song talk about?

- a) Liberty
- b) The flag "The Star Spangled Banner"
- c) Independence

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The main farm product (plant or animal!) in Maryland is a very common product of all the South. It is produced using industrial techniques of management and is considered one of the best examples of «factory farming». What product is it?

- a) beef
- b) tomatoes
- c) chicken

● **DELAWARE / WEST** ●
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A letter-writing campaign led by Anna Marie Jarvis of West Virginia led President Woodrow Wilson to proclaim a new national holiday in May 1914. What was it?

- a) Mother's Day
- b) Memorial Day
- c) Labor Day

● **DELAWARE / WEST** ●
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Maryland was a slave state. Which side was it on during the Civil War, the North or the South?

The North



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What is the state bird of Delaware?

- a) The Eagle
- b) The Falcon
- c) The Chicken

• **DELAWARE / WEST** •
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Johns Hopkins is a famous university in Baltimore. What is it most famous for?

- a) Law
- b) Medicine
- c) Economics

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The motto ("la devise") of Maryland is "Fatti maschii, parole femine". What does it mean?

- a) "The men are fat and the women talk a lot."
- b) "Manly actions and womanly words"
- c) "Mask the facts with sweet words"

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The coast of Delaware is shared between the Atlantic and a bay that is the estuary of the river that Philadelphia is on. What is the name of the bay and the river (same name for both)?

- a) She invented peanut butter
- b) She was a famous writer
- c) She was an escaped slave and helped hundreds of other slaves to escape

• **DELAWARE / WEST** •
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Babe Ruth, of Maryland, was the most famous player of a sport of all time. Which sport?

- a) Baseball
- b) Horse racing
- c) Football

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Mr Morgan founded the first town in West Virginia in 1731. What was his first name?

- a) John
- b) Mary
- c) Morgan

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The cardinal is the state bird of West Virginia (and many other states). What color is this songbird?

- a) Grey
- b) Black
- c) Red

• **DELAWARE / WEST** •
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The population of West Virginia was 1.8 million in 2000. What was it in 1950?

- a) 1.2 million
- b) 1.8 million
- c) 2.5 million (one of the only states to have lost population)



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Harriet Tubman was born
in Maryland. Why is she
famous?

- a) She invented peanut butter
- b) She was a famous writer
- c) She was an escaped slave and
helped hundreds of other slaves
to escape

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The city of Washington
was a planned city. What
country did the designer
come from?

- a) The US
- b) The United Kingdom
- c) France (His name was Pierre
l'Enfant)

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Japan gave a certain type of
tree to the USA in recognition
of Theodore Roosevelt's
efforts to conclude a treaty to
end the Russo-Japanese War.
The blooming of these trees
attract millions of visitors every
springtime. What kind of tree
did Japan give to the US?

- a) Cherry trees
- b) Apple trees
- c) Kiwi bushes

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FLORIDA

The largest city in Florida (in terms of metropolitan area) has many Hispanic and Caribbean residents.

One section of the city is called «Little Havana».

What is the name of the city?

Miami

FLORIDA

What is the exact name of the large theme park in Orlando?

- a) Disneyland
- b) Disney World**
- c) The Wonderful World of Disney

FLORIDA

Water leaves Lake Okeechobee in southern Florida to form what the Indians called the «River of Grass», many miles wide and rich with wildlife. Today it is a national park. What is its name?

The Everglades

FLORIDA

One famous Floridian died and is buried in Paris. He was a famous rock singer who died of an overdose in 1971. His most famous songs include «Come on Baby, Light my Fire», «Riders on the Storm» and «The End».

Jim Morrison

FLORIDA

Florida's population has grown very quickly, reaching 16.5 million in 2000. What was the population of Florida in 1950?

- a) About 3 million (Precisely 2.8m)**
- b) About 5m
- c) About 8m

FLORIDA

According to legend, the first explorer of Florida, who was Spanish governor of Cuba, was looking for a fountain that would give him something he really desired to have. What was it he hoped to get from drinking the water of this fountain?

- a) Eternal youth** (Indian legends in Cuba spoke of a fountain that would allow people to stay young forever!)
- b) Eternal happiness
- c) Eternal life

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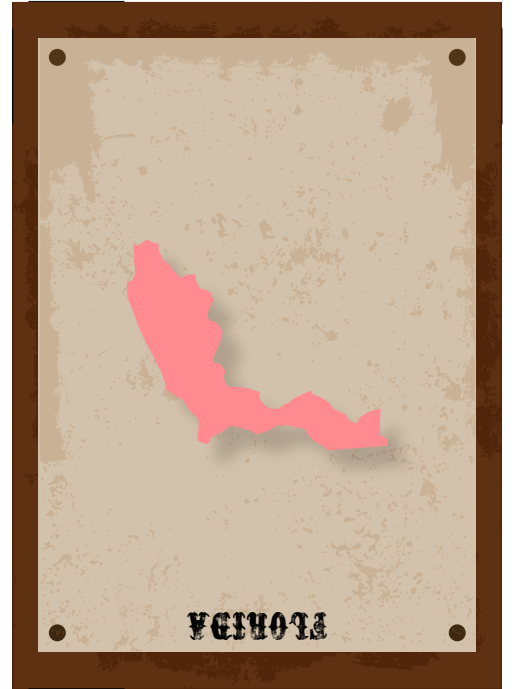
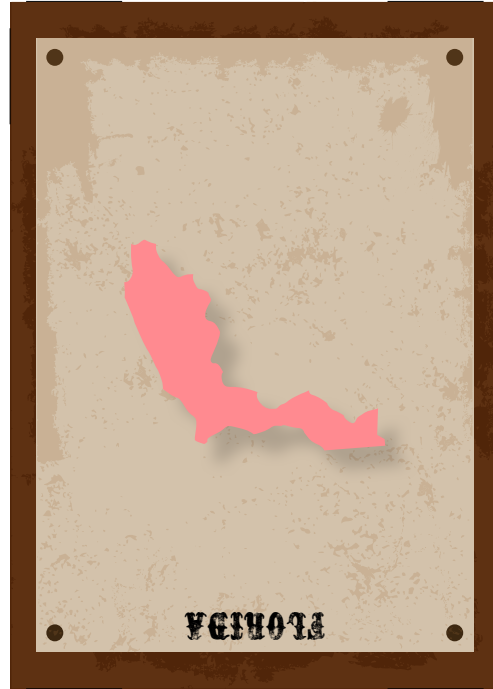
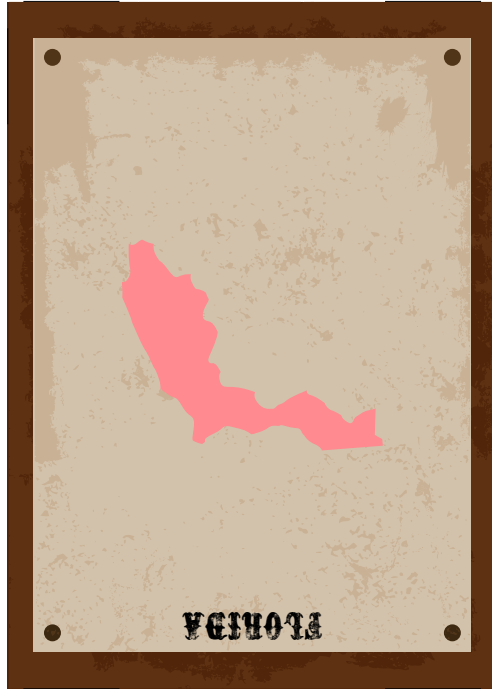
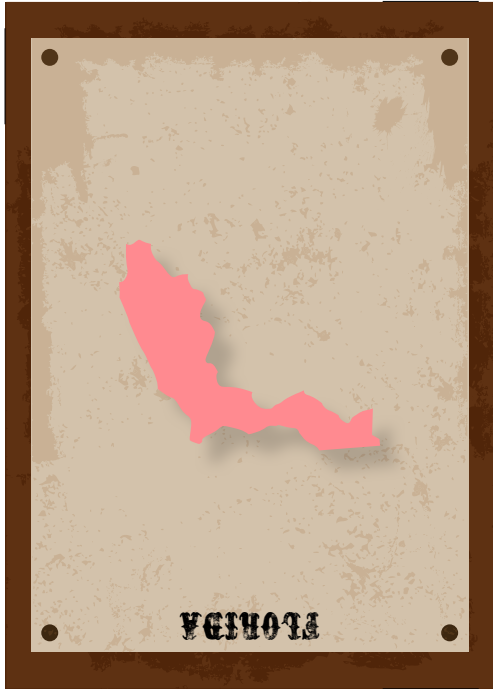
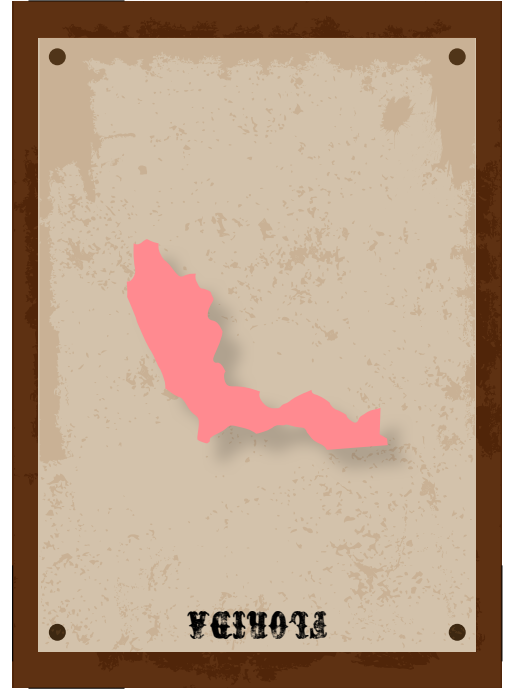
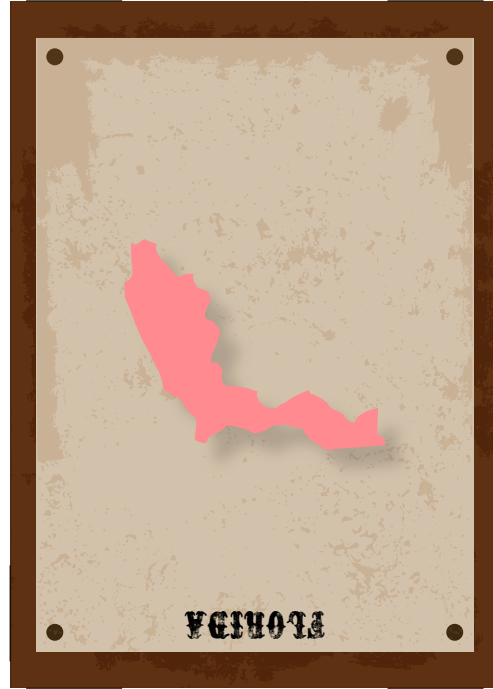
Cape Canaveral is the place where NASA launches rockets. What was its name from 1963 to 1973?

- a) Cape NASA
- b) Cape Apollo
- c) Cape Kennedy**

FLORIDA

Florida's motto (=la devise) is the same as a phrase that Congress first put on American coins during the Civil War (in 1864). What is it?

- a) E pluribus Unum
- b) In God we trust**
- c) Liberty



FLORIDA

Florida became a state in 1845.
Henry Flagler, of New York,
extended a railway down to
Miami and promoted the area as
a tourist destination. That was
the beginning of South Florida's
population growth, which is still
continuing today. When did that
happen?

- a) 1856
- b) 1876
- c) 1896

FLORIDA

What is the official state
drink of Florida?

- a) A Daiquiri, a tropical cocktail
- b) A Cuba Libre, a cocktail of
rum and coke
- c) Orange Juice
- d) Florida spring water

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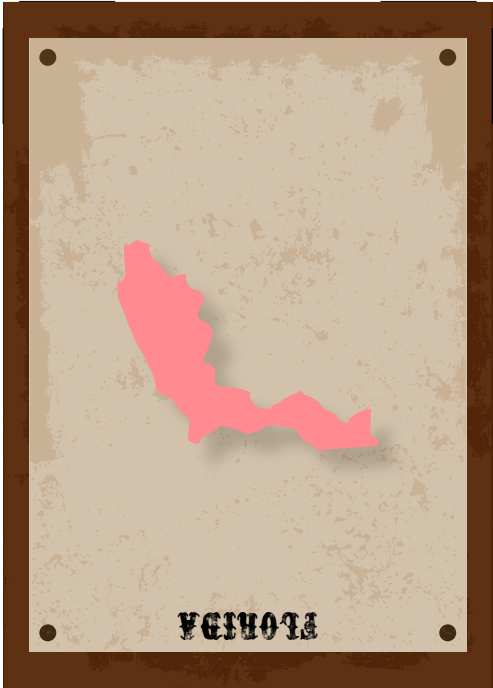
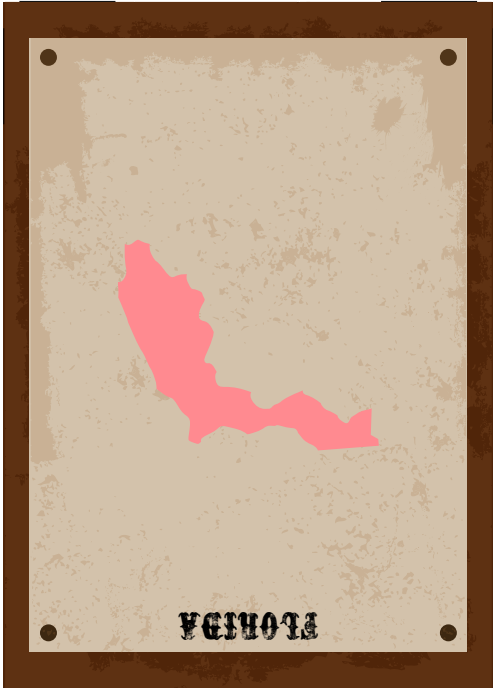
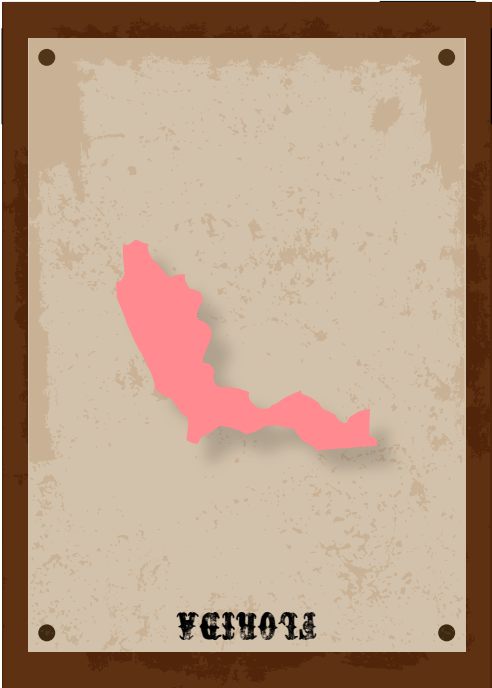
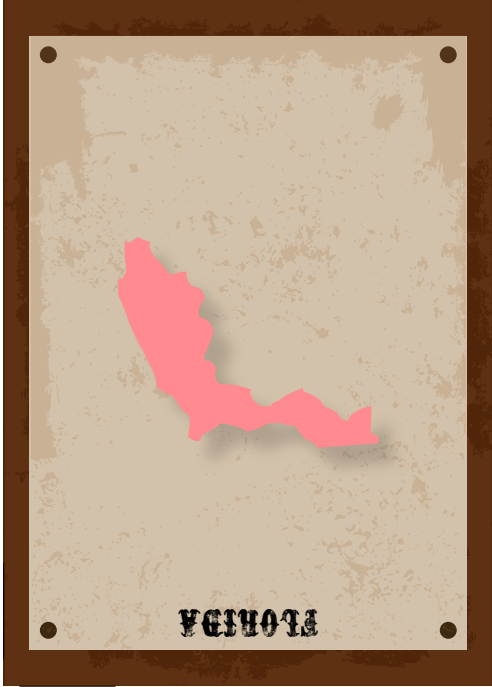
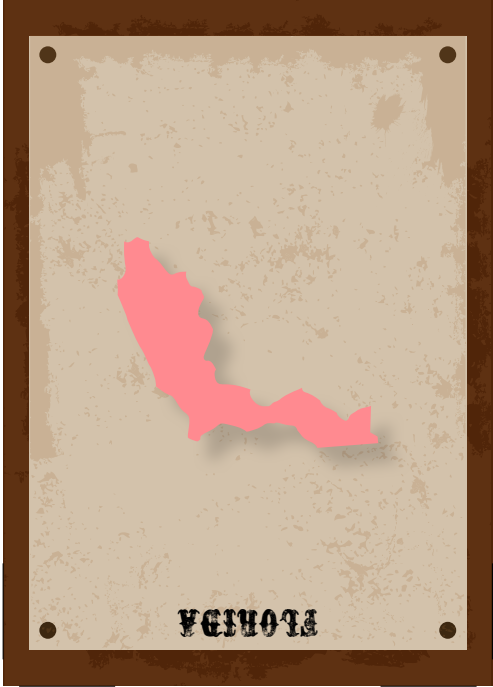
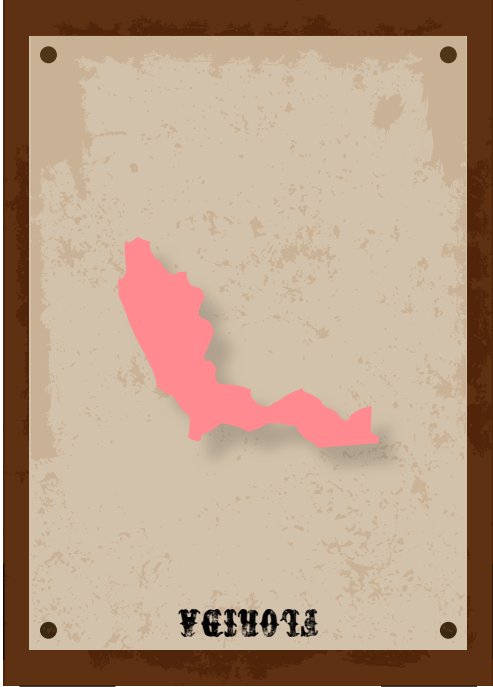
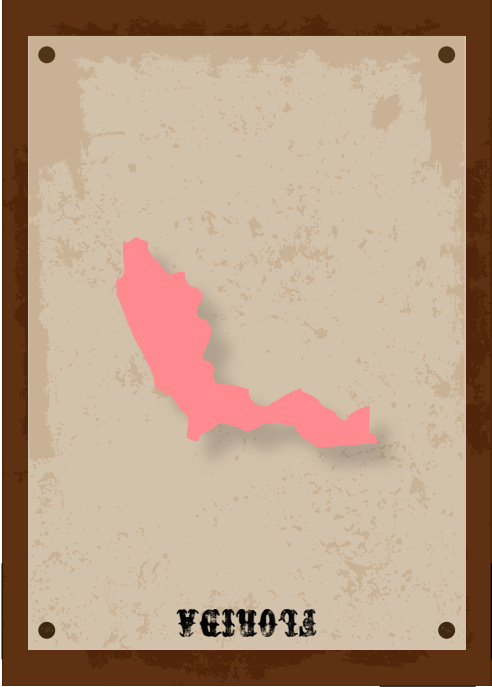
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GEORGIA

Who was Georgia named for, George Washington or George II of England?

George II

GEORGIA

The largest city and capital of Georgia is the center of the «New South»— a modern, industrial and even high-technology South. It is unusual for a large city because it is not located on a body of water (river, sea). What is this city?

- a) **Atlanta**
- b) Jacksonville
- c) Charlotte

GEORGIA

The biggest film of 1939 (and the biggest ever, in money terms, when adjusted for inflation) was *Gone with the Wind*. It took place in Georgia just before and after the Civil War. The story follows the adventures and the struggle of a Southern Belle to survive this difficult period. What is the first name of woman character?

- a) **Scarlett (O'Hara)**
- b) Blanche
- c) Belle

GEORGIA

Something was discovered in Dahlonega, at the southern end of the Appalachians in northern Georgia, in the early 1800s that was not discovered in the US again before 1848. The government even put a US mint in Dahlonega, to make coins, from 1838-1861. What did they find there?

- a) silver
- b) **gold**
- c) copper

GEORGIA

In 1915, a group of Georgians, afraid of the immigrants flooding in from Europe and inspired by the supernaturalism of the period formed a new version of an association that had been abolished in 1871. This second version was much more successful than the first one and after some marketing specialists helped popularize it, its membership rose from 5,000 in 1919 to 5,000,000 in 1925. What is the name of this racist, pro-Protestant and anti-everything-else organization?

The Ku Klux Klan

GEORGIA

The most famous Georgia native was born in Atlanta in 1929. He won a Nobel Peace Prize for organizing non-violent resistance to the system of legal segregation in the South and racial inequality all over the US. What was his name?

Martin Luther King

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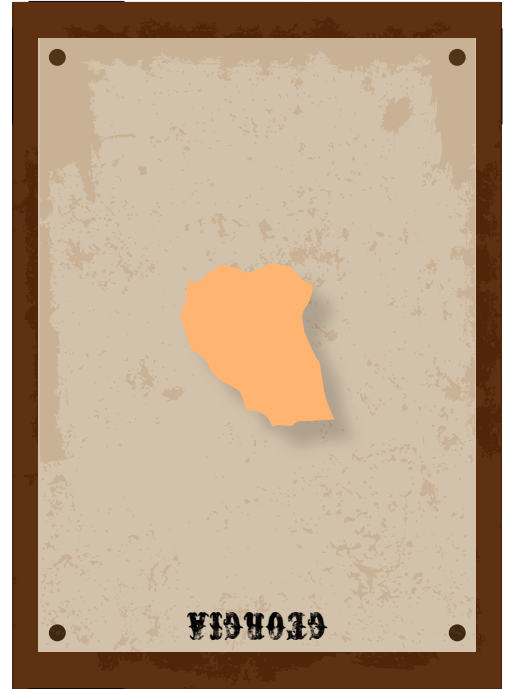
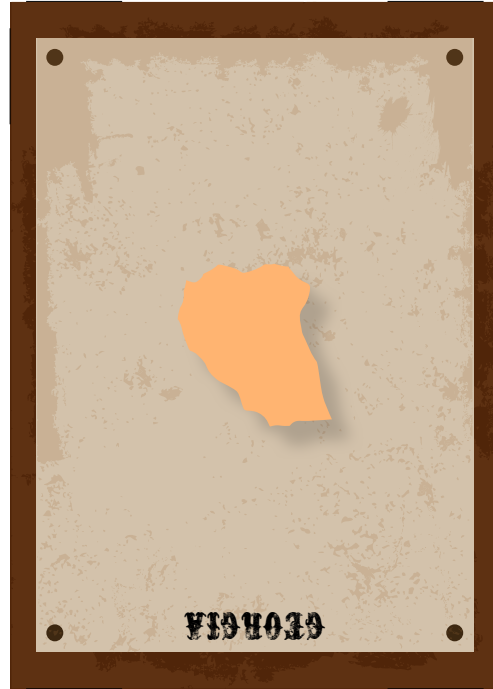
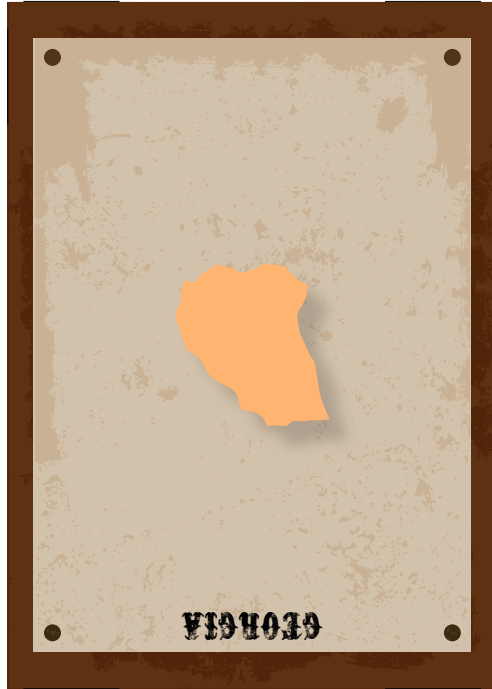
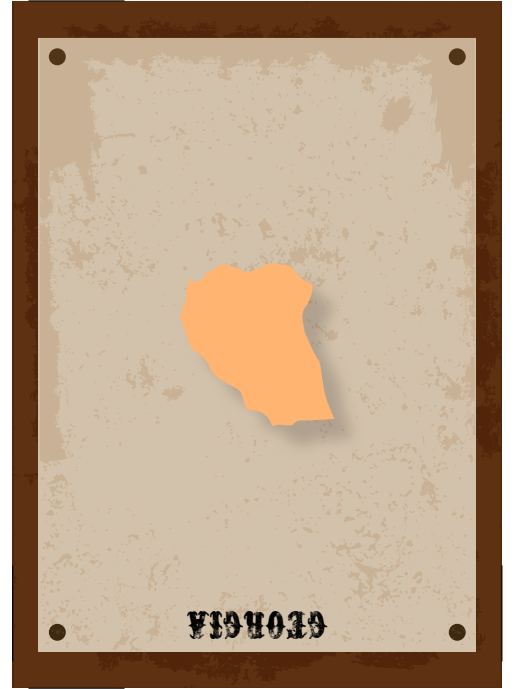
One of the big delivery companies is based in Georgia. Which one?

- a) **UPS**
- b) Federal Express
- c) The US Postal System

GEORGIA

A famous blind musician is from Georgia. Who is it?

- a) Dizzy Gillespie
- b) Ray Charles
- c) **Stevie Wonder**



GEORGIA

Georgia is called "The Peach State". Which state is number one in peach production?

- a) Georgia
- b) California
- c) Texas

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Georgia produces 50% of the total US production of...?

- a) Peanuts
- b) Pumpkins
- c) Movies

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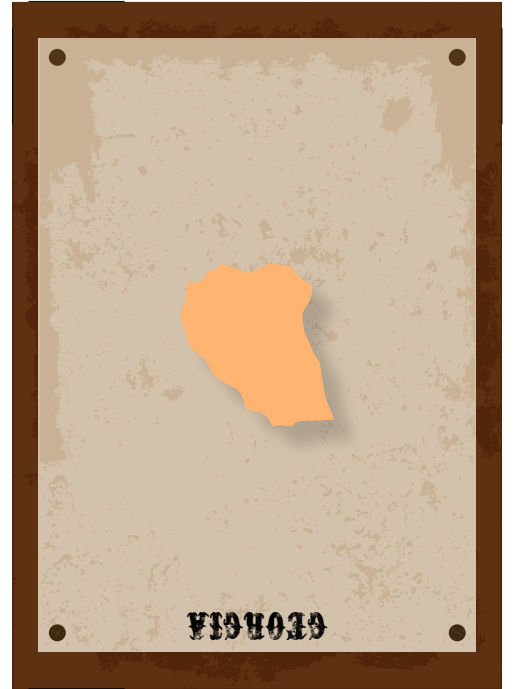
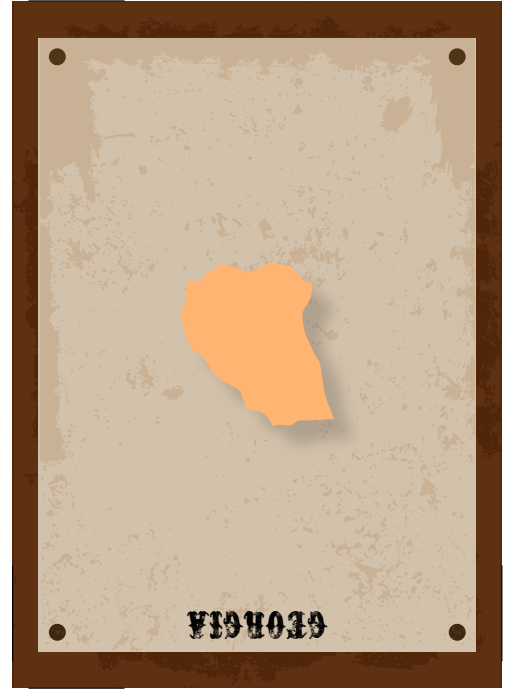
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TENNESSEE**

This is where American corn whisky originated. It was named after a county in Kentucky and the biggest producer is now located in Tennessee. What is the name of the drink?

Bourbon

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

One of the most famous brands of bourbon is made in Tennessee. Which one?

- a) Maker's Mark
- b) Wild Turkey
- c) Jack Daniels

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

What river forms the northern border of Kentucky?

- a) the Kentucky
- b) the Ohio
- c) the Illinois

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

What is the «Cumberland Gap»?

- a) The poor area of Eastern Kentucky
- b) A flat place where people could cross the Appalachian Mountains
- c) A huge cave system in Ky

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

Among the nicknames of Kentucky, there are two referring to agricultural production of the state. One is the «Tobacco State» What is the other one?

- a) The Corn State
- b) The Cotton State
- c) The Hemp (chanvre) State

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

Kentucky is sometimes called the «Dark and Bloody Ground». Why?

- a) Because of the battles between whites and Indians
- b) Because of the battles during the Civil War
- c) Because of all the settlers who died from illness in the early days

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

The capital of Tennessee is the home of Andrew Jackson and the home of country music. What is its name?

- a) Memphis
- b) Knoxville
- c) Nashville

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

Queen Elizabeth is among the many people who go the Bluegrass region of Kentucky to buy something. What is it?

- a) Dogs
- b) Cows
- c) Horses



**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

Great Smoky Mountain National Park, on the border between Tennessee and North Carolina is one of the most popular parks in the nation. In what mountain system is it located?

Appalachians

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

The «Invisible Empire» was founded in Jackson, TN in 1865, before being disbanded in 1870. It came back with the «Red Scare» of the 1920s and still survives as a small white supremacist group. What is the real name of the organization?

The Ku Klux Klan

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

A Cherokee Indian made an alphabet for the Cherokee language. In his honor a plant was named after him. What was his name?

- a) Sequoia
- b) Magnolia
- c) Camellia

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

The two opposing presidents, North and South, were born a few miles apart in Kentucky, although both of them left the state to make their careers. What were their names?

- a) Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis
- b) Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee
- c) Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

One of the most famous boxers in the world comes from Kentucky. He won the heavyweight championship after only 20 professional fights. He also left the US because he did not want to be conscripted into the Army during the Vietnam war. He is called the «Greatest», because that's what he said he was! Who is he?

Muhammad Ali

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

The Tennessee Valley Authority was one of the biggest public works programs of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. What did it do?

- a) Build roads throughout the area of the Tennessee Valley
- b) Build dams (barrages) and provide a cheap source of electricity
- c) Make sure the law was respected everywhere in Tennessee

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

The Scopes Trial was one of the most trials of the twentieth century. Why is it called the «Monkey Trial»?

- a) Because the state of Tennessee had banned the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution in its schools
- b) Because the lawyers were so stupid, they became a joke in the whole US
- c) Because a man accused of using monkeys for illegal experiments

**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

Kaolin's Restaurant claims that it was the first restaurant to serve cheeseburgers. In what year?

- a) 1893
- b) 1934
- c) 1947



**KENTUCKY /
TENNESSEE**

Elvis Presley died in
Memphis, Tennessee in
1977. What was the last thing
he ate?

- a) Two pizzas.
- b) Six cookies and four scoops
of ice cream
- c) A banana and peanut butter
sandwich

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● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

Kitty Hawk, NC, on an island, was the scene of what many people consider the first manned airplane flight in December 1903. Who invented this plane?

- a) Clément Ader
- b) **The Wright Brothers**
- c) McDonnell & Douglas

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

The Carolinas get their name from the Latin form of the name the king of England who authorized their development. He was the second and last king of this name but there will be probably be others. What was his name?

Charles (I & II)

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

The largest city of SC gave its name to a popular dance in the 1920s. What is the name?

- a) **Charleston**
- b) Nashville
- c) Memphis

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

In 1898, a North Carolina pharmacist named Caleb Bradham invented a very well-known American product. What is it?

- a) **Pepsi**
- b) Coca-Cola
- c) Sprite

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

NC is the nation's largest producer of tobacco and cigarettes. What percentage of Americans smoked in 2003? (Time January 13, 2003)

- a) **23%**
- b) 32%
- c) 35%

(32% = France and 35% = Germany)

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

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SOUTH CAROLINA ●

One of South Carolina's most famous sons was Dizzy Gillespie. He was a famous jazzman. What did he play?

- a) **the saxophone**
- b) the piano
- c) the trumpet

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

The largest city of North Carolina has the only NBA franchise that has an insect, the hornet (frelon), as its mascot. What is the name of the city?

Charlotte



● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

North Carolina's Mount Mitchell is the highest mountain in the Appalachian mountain system and is the highest point east of the Mississippi River. How high is it?

- a) 2000m
- b) 3500m
- c) 5000m

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

Richard Gatling was a famous inventor from North Carolina. His invention changed the way soldiers fight. What did he invent?

- a) A hand grenade
- b) A camouflage uniform
- c) A machine gun

● **NORTH CAROLINA /**
SOUTH CAROLINA ●

From 2004 to 2014, the NBA team in Charlotte was called the "Bobcats"?

A bobcat is a wild cat similar to a lynx. Why was that name chosen?

- a) The owner of the team was Bob Johnson
- b) The Charlotte Zoo has recently acquired a pair of bobcats in a very popular exhibit
- c) The mountains near Charlotte have a significant bobcat population

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TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

The largest city in Texas was named after the general who defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, thus guaranteeing Texan independence. What is the largest city in Texas, famous for the oil industry and the National Space Center?

- a) Austin
- b) Dallas
- c) **Houston**

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

The last surviving veteran of the Civil War (1861-1865) died in Houston, TX. His name was W. W. Williams and he served in the confederate Army. His death day was proclaimed a day of «national mourning» (devil national) by the president at the time. When did he die?

- a) 1949
- b) **1959**
- c) 1969

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

The worst natural disaster (in terms of deaths) occurred when a hurricane struck the Texas city of Galveston in 1900. The winds and the low air pressure formed a mountain of water in the center of the storm, which swept over the low island. Within 2,000, how many of the city's 20,000 inhabitants died?

6000

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

The Texas state legislature voted to make a spicy meat dish the official state dish. What is the name of this dish?

- a) **Chili con carne**
- b) Barbecue chicken
- c) Tacos

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

Texas has a total area of almost 700,000 km². (France = 525,000 km²) What rank is Texas in area among the states?

2nd (Alaska = 1.7 million km²)

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

Both the president before John Kennedy and the president after Kennedy were born in Texas (the only two Texans to be elected). Name one of them.

Dwight Eisenhower (who lived most of his life in Kansas),
Lyndon Johnson

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

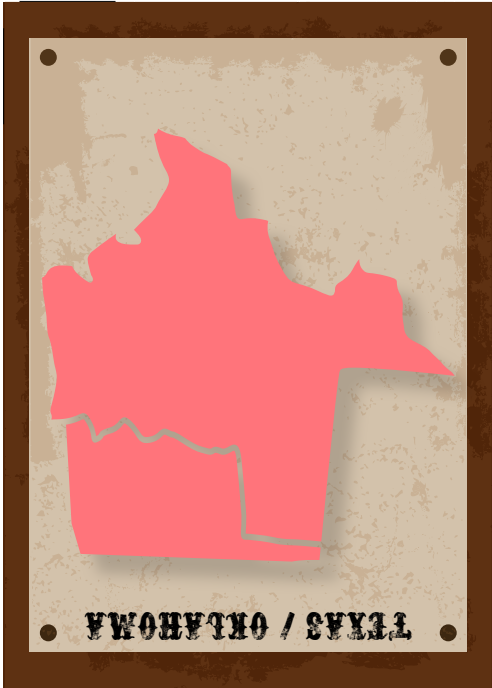
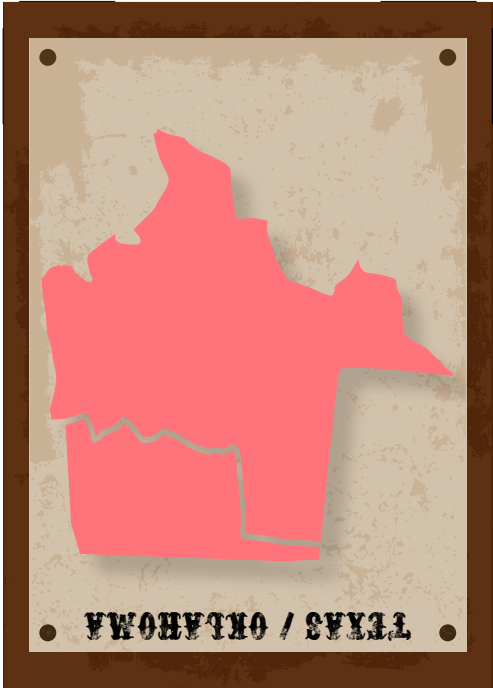
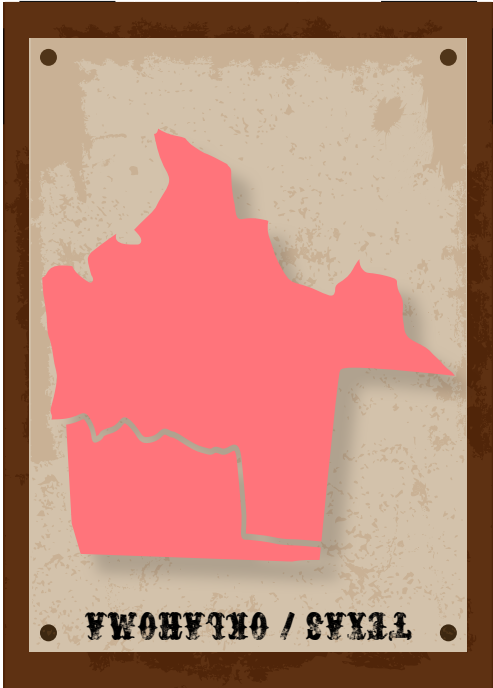
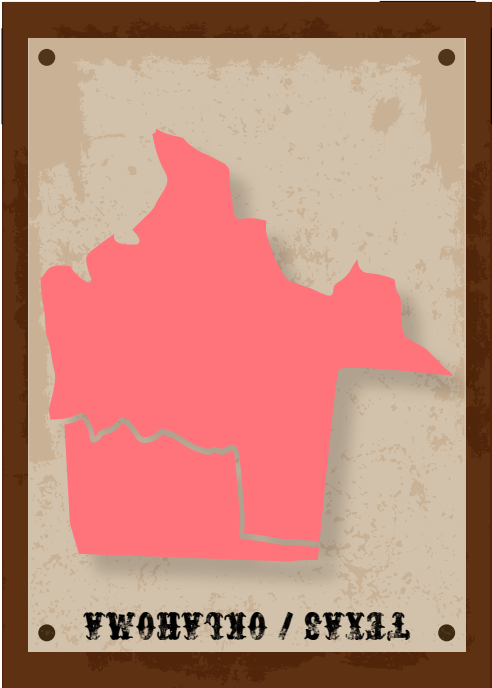
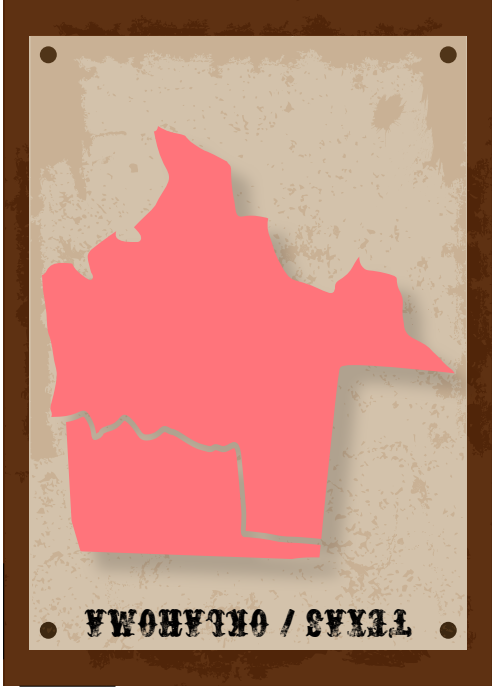
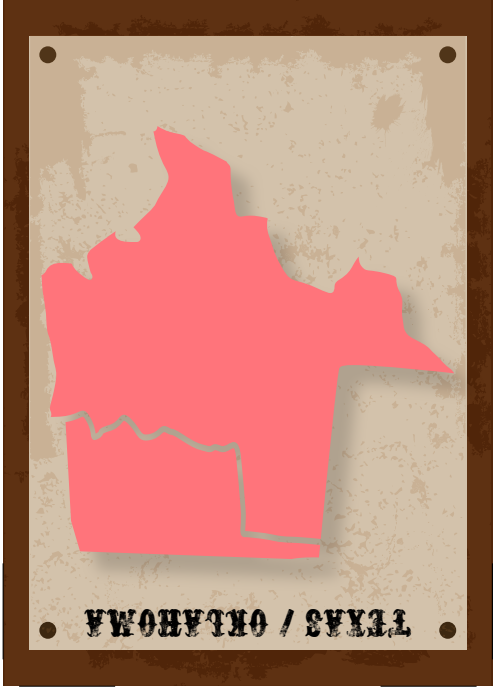
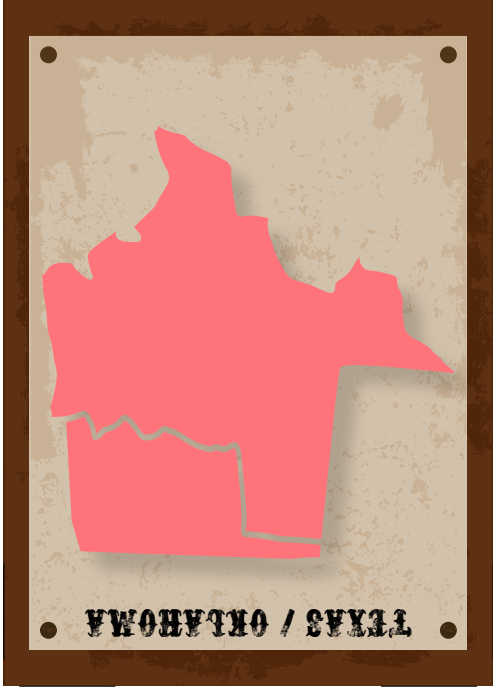
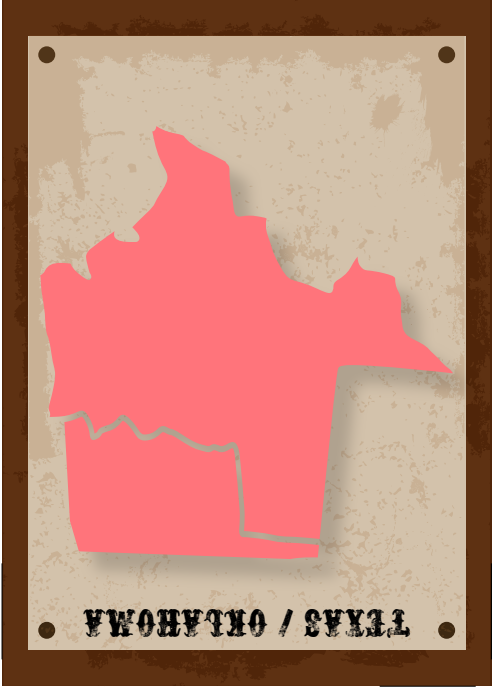
What is the name of the river that separates Texas from Mexico?

The Rio Grande

TEXAS / OKLAHOMA

What nation was Texas a part of in 1836 when it declared independence? It later became part of the US.

- a) Spain
- b) England
- c) **Mexico**



• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

Something was discovered near Beaumont, TX, in 1901 that would be of great importance to the state. What was it?

Oil

• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

TX is famous for its oil. But today CA, and AK are big producers, too. What did TX rank in oil production in 1994?

First (far ahead of Alaska)

• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

The state sport of Texas includes clowns, bull-riding and roping and an event called "all around cowboy". What is the sport?

Rodeo

• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

Texas extends 773 miles (1,244 kms) from east to west. How far is from north to the south?

- a) 726 miles (= 1,168 kms)
- b) 773 miles (= 1,244 kms)
- c) 801 miles (= 1289 kms)

• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

The King Ranch is the largest ranch in Texas. Is it larger or smaller than the state of Rhode Island?

Larger

• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

According to the US Census of 2010, how many cities in Texas have a population of more than a million?

- a) 1
- b) 3 (Houston, Dallas, San Antonio... just city limits, not metropolitan areas)
- c) 4

• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

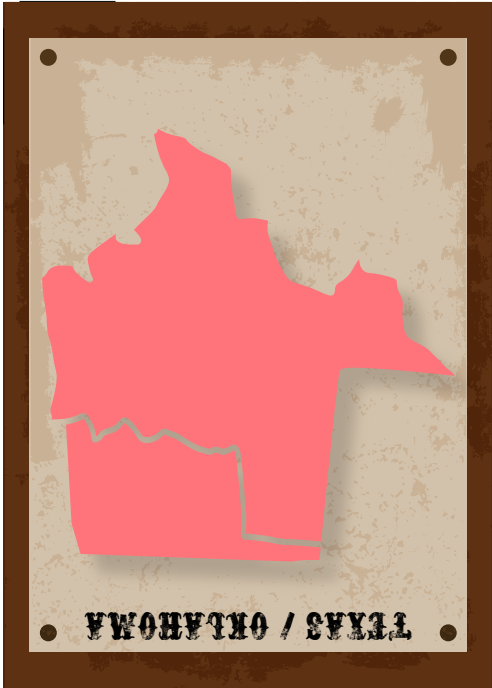
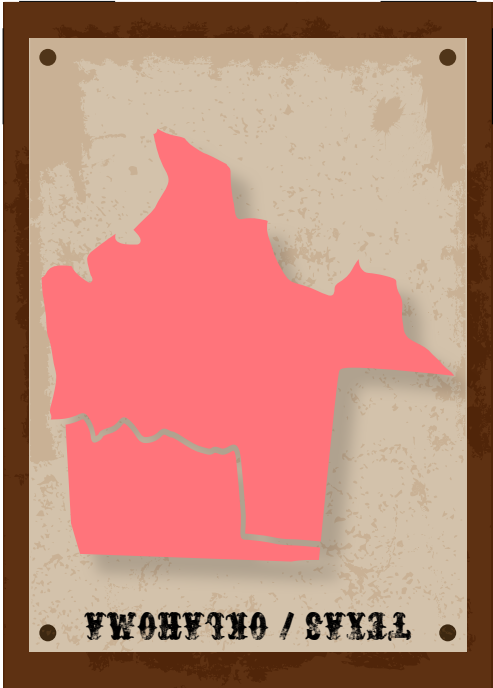
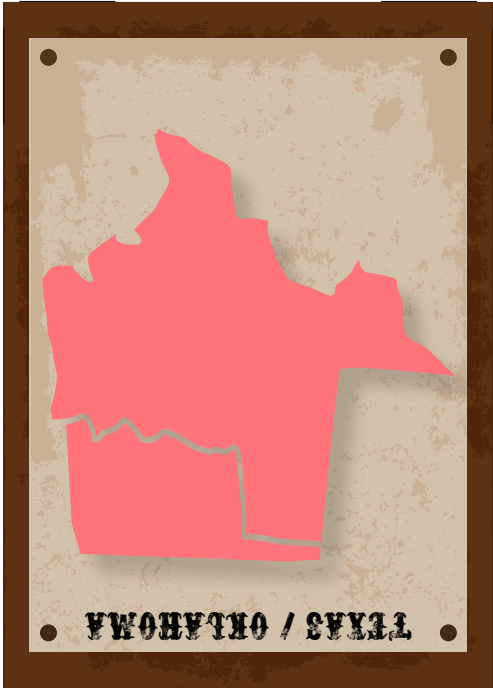
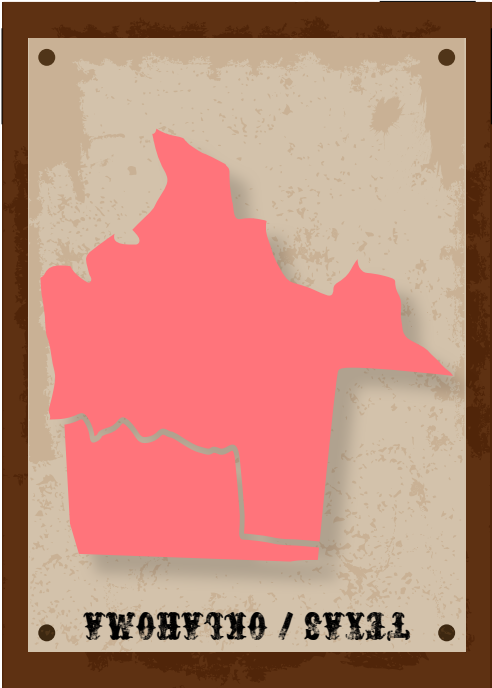
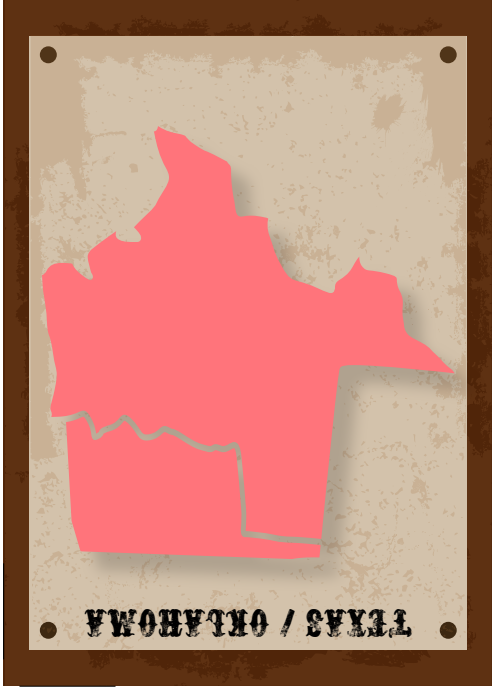
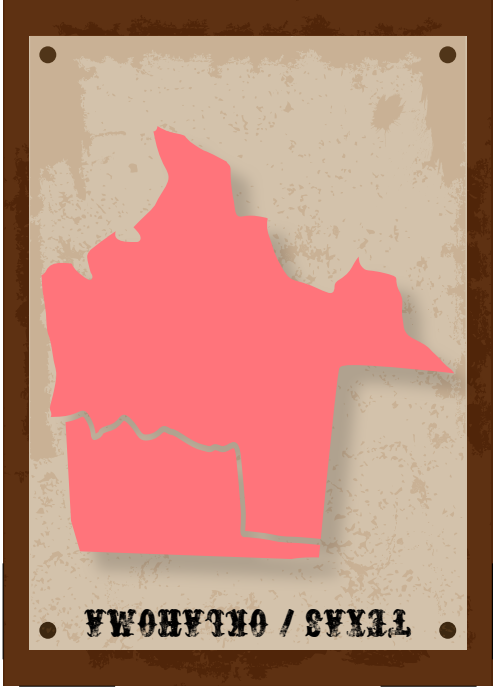
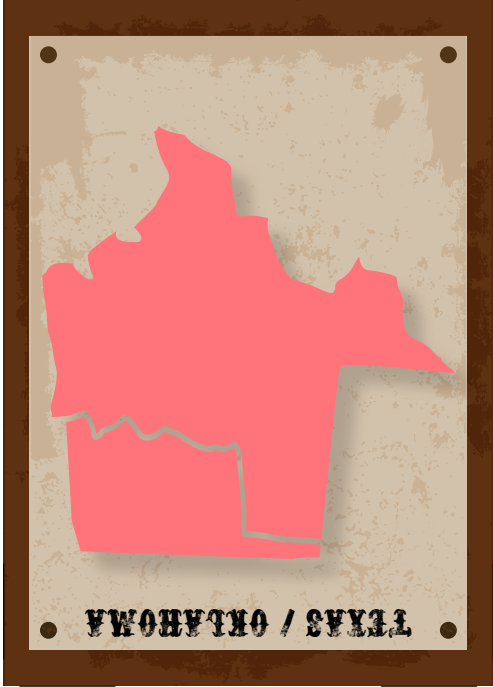
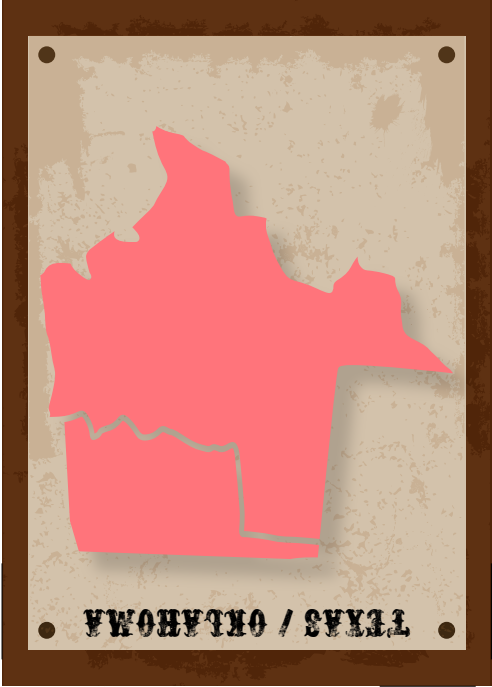
A tornado is a small but powerful storm, with winds as high as 800 kph (according to Encarta). How many tornadoes touch down in Texas every year?

- a) 32
- b) 85
- c) 123

• **TEXAS / OKLAHOMA** •

Of the 10 largest cities in the US, how many are in Texas, according to the US Census of 2010?

- a) 1
- b) 3 (Houston, Dallas, San Antonio... just city limits, not metropolitan areas)
- c) 4



• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

Why does the statue of Lady Liberty on top of the Texas state capitol face south?

- a) **Because Texans wanted to "turn their back to the North" forever, after the Civil War**
- b) Because the winds and the rain come from the north and you don't have to clean the statue as often
- c) Because the front of the capitol faces south.

• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

Texas voted to secede from the United States in 1861. Sam Houston opposed the idea of Texas' becoming a member of the Confederate States of America. Why?

- a) He supported the North
- b) He was afraid that Mexico would attack Texas
- c) **He thought Texas should be an independent republic again**

• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

Why are Texans proud of the first words spoken on the moon?

- a) Because Neil Armstrong's famous speech was written by a Texan
- b) **Because the very first word spoken from the moon's surface was "Houston"**
- c) Because Houston was the first place in the world to receive the message

• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

In which of these does Texas not rank number one in the United States: oil, natural gas, cattle, sheep, wool, rice, or cotton?

- a) cotton
- b) rice
- c) **It ranks number one in all of them**

• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

The town of Beaver, Oklahoma has a cow chip throwing contest every April. What is a cow chip?

- a) A tool for milking cows
- b) Dried beef
- c) **Dried cow excrement**

• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

What is the state animal of Oklahoma?

- a) Human beings
- b) The eagle
- c) **The bison**

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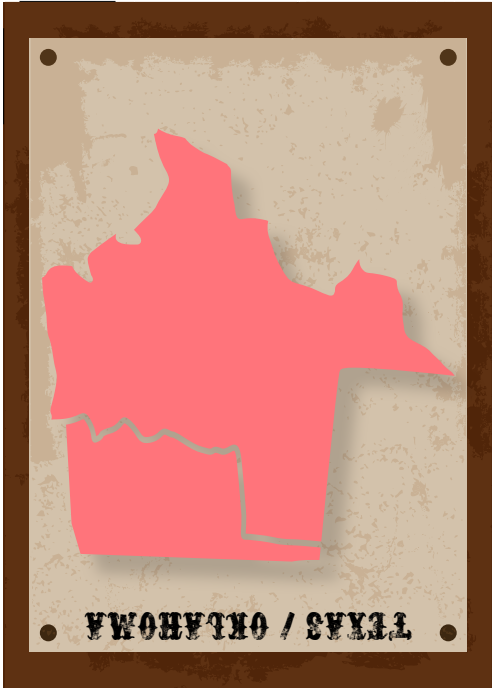
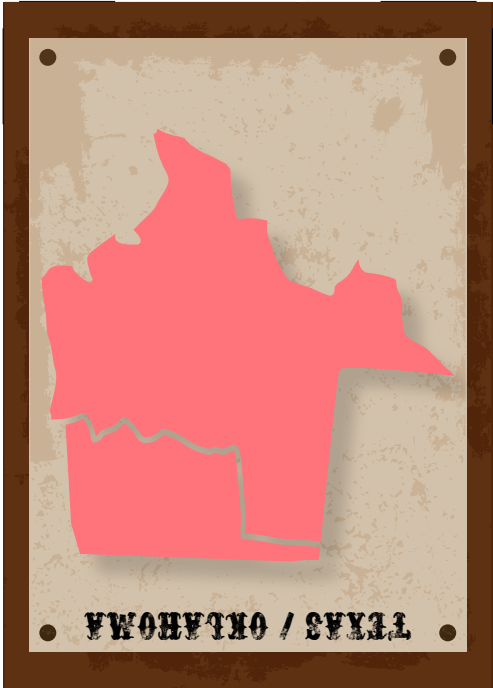
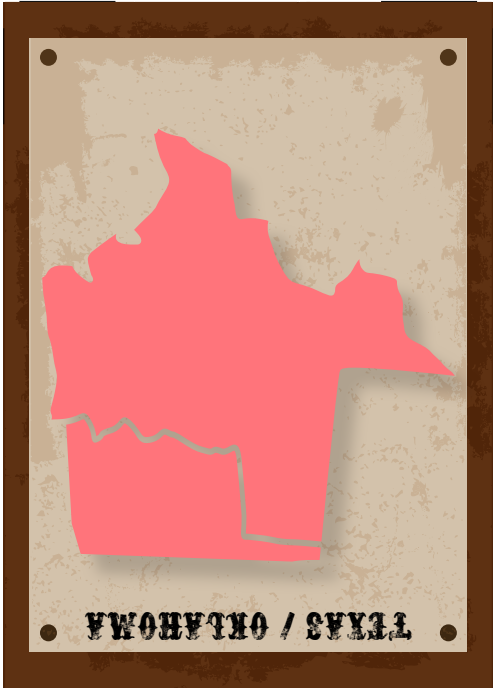
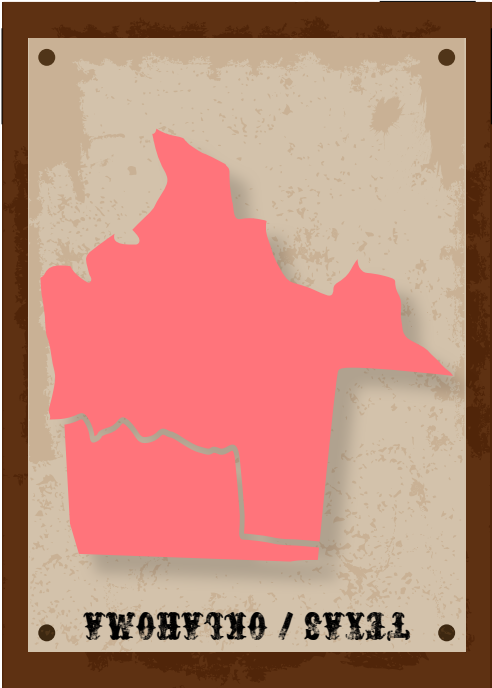
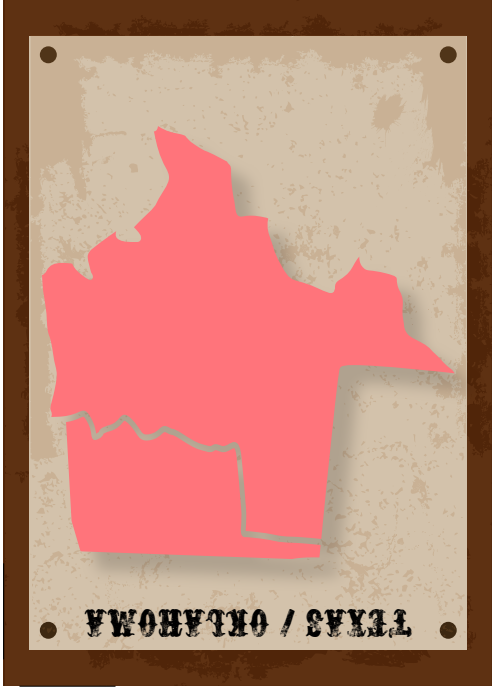
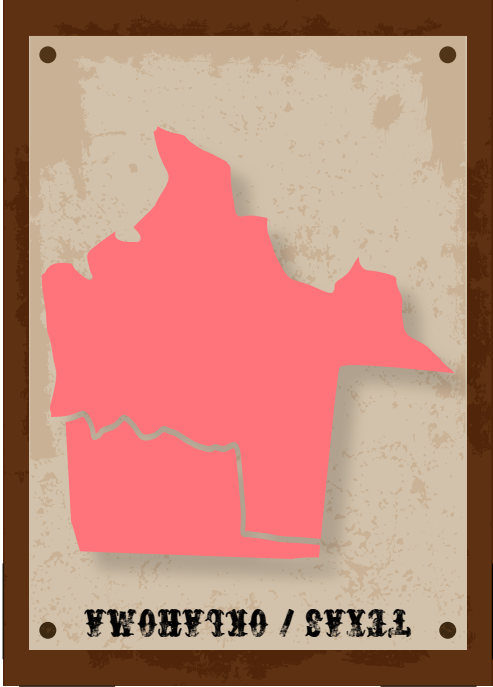
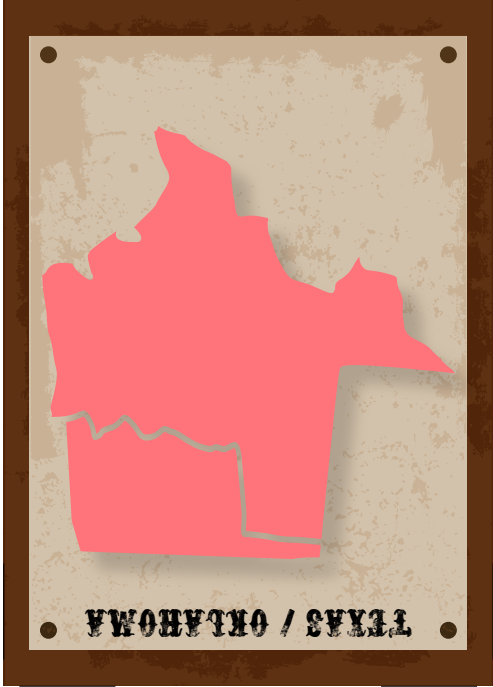
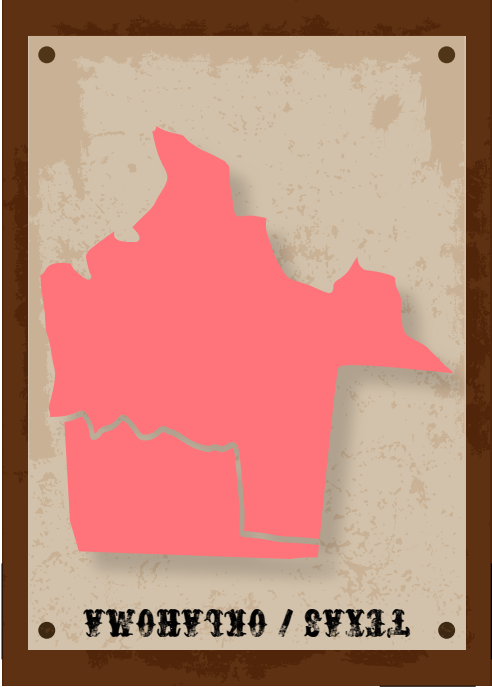
Three of the greatest players of a game were Oklahomans: «Dizzy» Dean, Mickey Mantle, and Johnny Bench. Which game is it?

- a) Rodeo
- b) **Baseball**
- c) Football (American, of course!)

• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

Oklahoma was known as Indian Territory and was reserved to Indians who were in most cases forcibly removed to the Territory. It was opened to white settlement in 1889. What percentage of American Indians living in the U.S. live in Oklahoma today?

- a) 5%
- b) **15%**
- c) 25%



• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

When did the US acquire
Oklahoma?

- a) In 1803, when France sold
Louisiana to the US
- b) In 1845, when Texas became
part of the US
- c) In 1848, when the US took
half of Mexico's territory after
the Mexican War

• TEXAS / OKLAHOMA •

What cultural event
happened for the first time
on the present territory of
the US near El Paso, in
1598?

- a) The first work of fiction was
published
- b) A play was performed (for
Spanish soldiers)
- c) A newspaper was read

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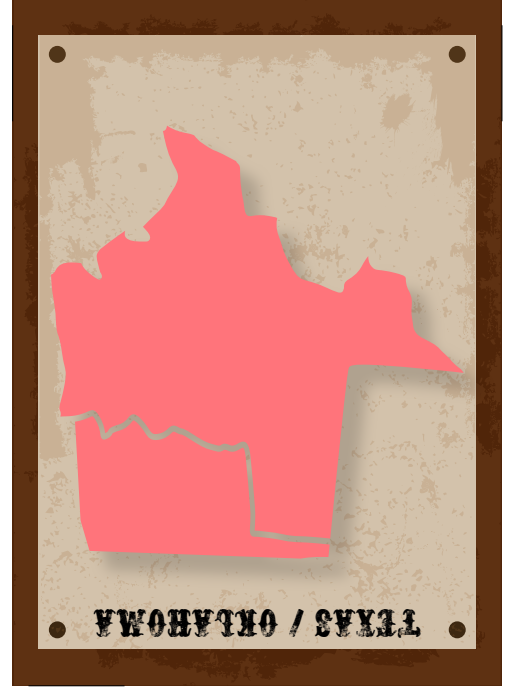
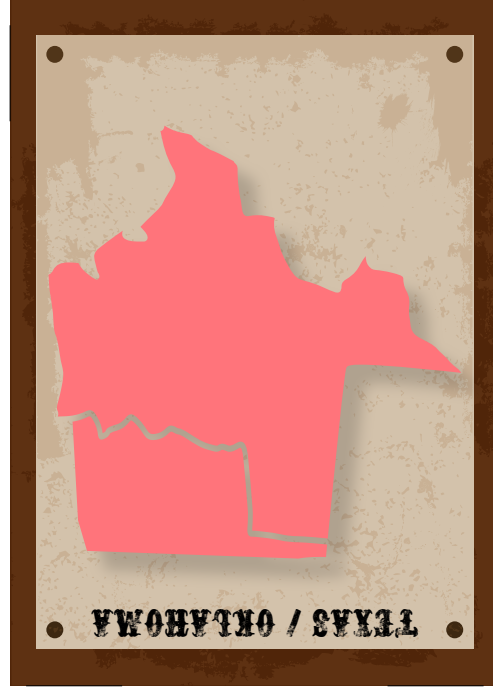
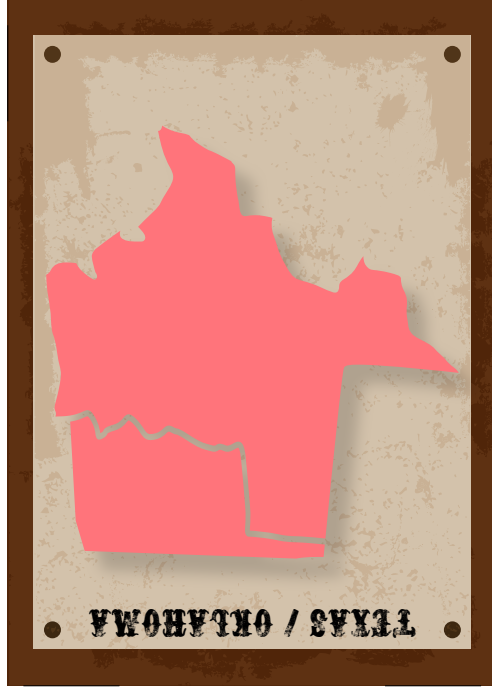
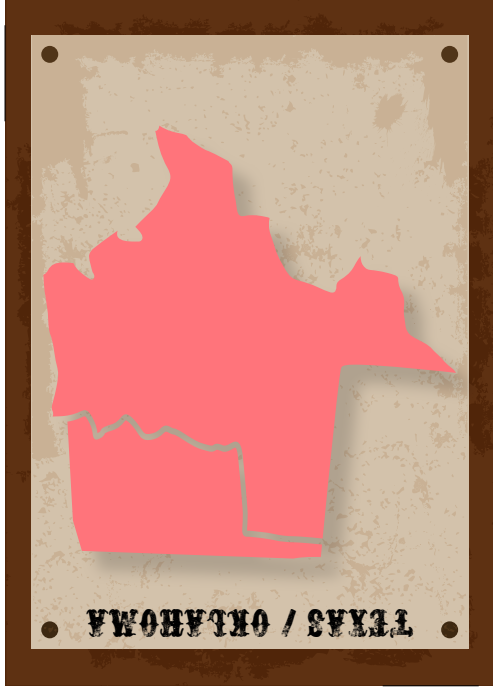
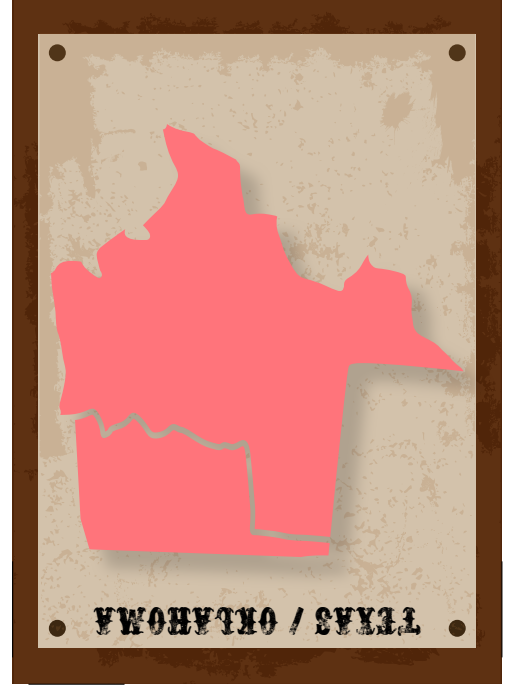
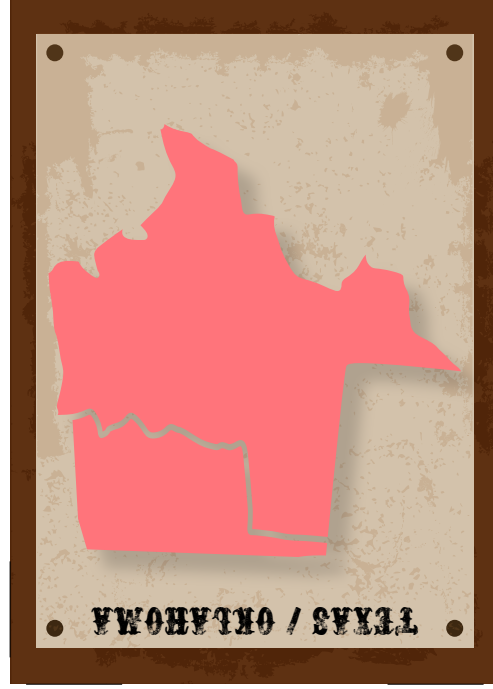
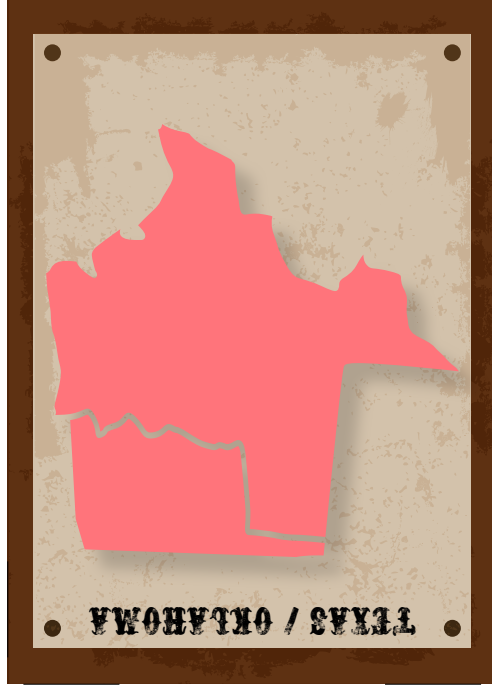
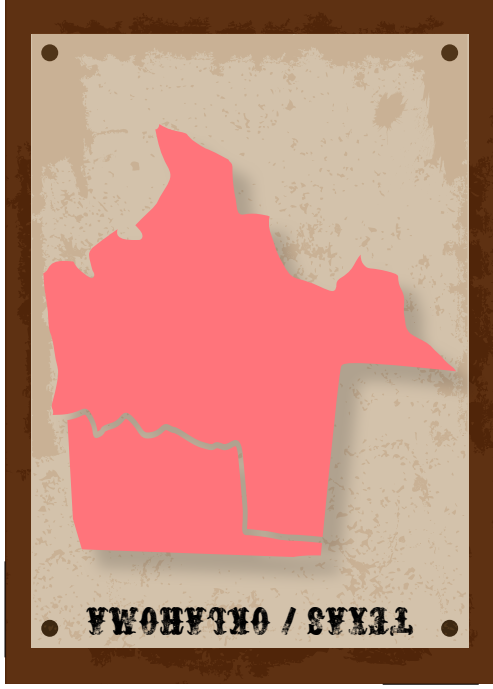
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VIRGINIA

Virginia is the site of the first permanent English settlement in North America. It was named Jamestown, after the King James I. When was it founded?

- a) 1587
- b) 1607
- c) 1637

VIRGINIA

In 1611, John Rolfe planted the first crop of a plant that was to become the basis of the South's plantation economy for almost 200 years, until cotton replaced it. Most of the production was exported to England, and it still is an important American export. What plant is it?

- a) Rice
- b) Tobacco
- c) Cotton

VIRGINIA

John Rolfe married an Indian princess who had once saved the English military commander of the first settlement. She was baptized Anglican and adopted the name Rebecca, before moving to England where she died of tuberculosis. What was the princess's name? (The story was the subject of a Disney film.)

Pocahontas

VIRGINIA

Virginia is called the «Mother of Presidents» because so many presidents were born there. Of the 44 U.S. presidents since George Washington, how many were Virginia natives?

- a) 8 (including 6 of the first ten. Among them: Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Madison, and Wilson)
- b) 12
- c) 18

VIRGINIA

The capital of Virginia was also the capital of the Confederate states during the Civil War. Much of the fighting in the war was in VA— efforts to capture the southern capital and the state suffered more material damage than any other state. . What is this city's name?

- a) Gettysburg
- b) Richmond
- c) Atlanta

VIRGINIA

The Civil War ended in April 1865 when Lee surrendered to Grant in Appomattox Court House in VA. The final and decisive battle of another war was fought in Yorktown, VA. Which war was it?

- a) The American Revolution (Independence)
- b) The Napoleonic Wars
- c) The Mexican War

VIRGINIA

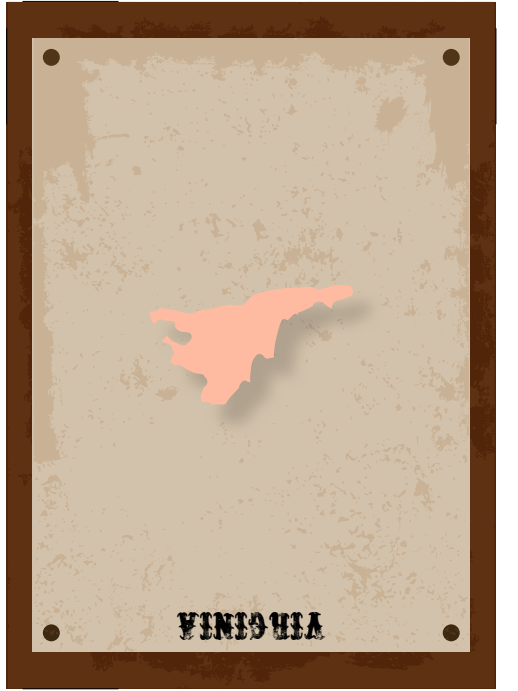
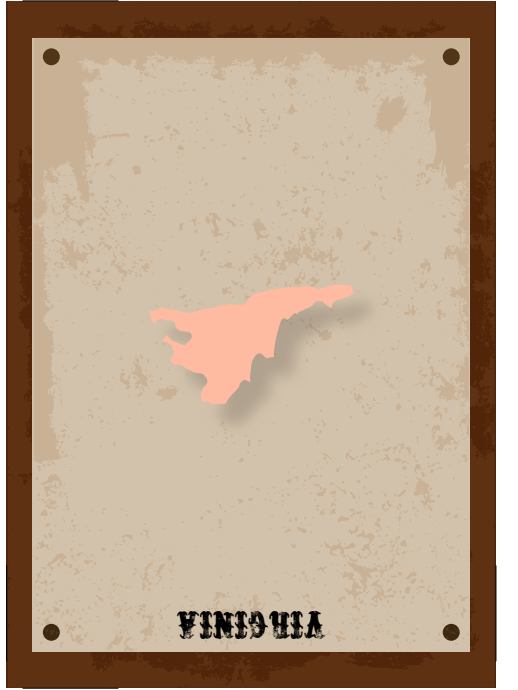
Douglas Wilder was elected governor of Virginia in 1989. Why do people remember that?

- a) He was the first republican governor of Virginia
- b) He was the first Black governor of any US state in modern times
- c) He was a transsexual

VIRGINIA

Two Virginians explored the Missouri and the Columbia Rivers in 1803 for President Thomas Jefferson. Who were these famous explorers?

- a) Stanley and Livingstone
- b) Lewis and Clark



VIRGINIA

The president of the US during World War I was from Virginia. What was his name?

- a) Theodore Roosevelt
- b) Calvin Coolidge
- c) Woodrow Wilson

VIRGINIA

What is the tourist slogan of the state of Virginia?

- a) "Virginia is for lovers"
- b) "Come to Virginia"
- c) "Carry me back to Old Virginia"

VIRGINIA

Thomas Jefferson brought a pasta-making machine back to Virginia from France in 1789. When was pasta first commercially produced and sold in the US?

- a) 1848
- b) 1892
- c) 1918

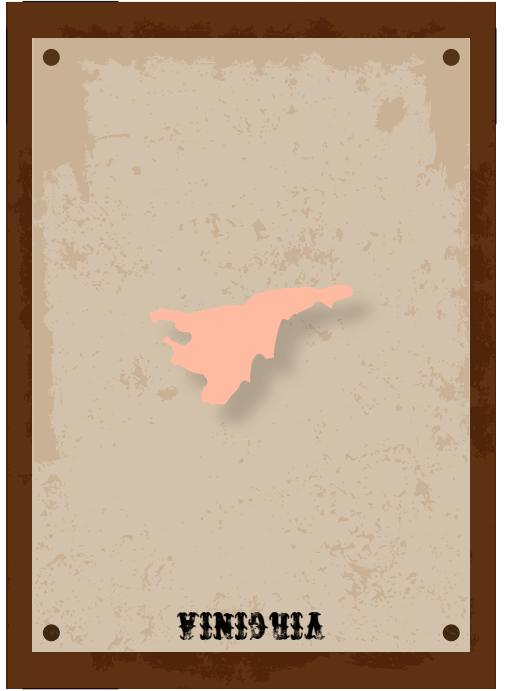
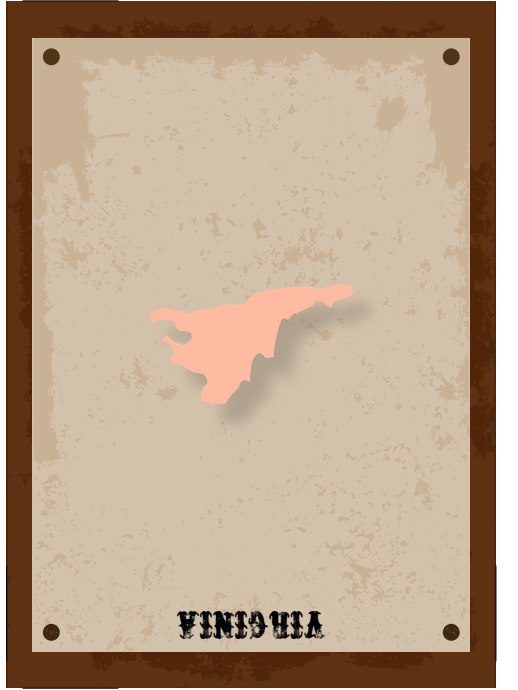
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CALIFORNIA

What is the name of the strait (narrow passage of water) between San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean?

- a) The strait of San Francisco
- b) The entrance to San Francisco Bay
- c) **The Golden Gate** (because they were going to the gold mines!)

CALIFORNIA

What is the name of the granite mountain range in eastern California that includes Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the U.S. outside of Alaska?

- a) **The Sierra Nevada**
- b) The Rocky Mountains
- c) The Cascades

CALIFORNIA

The lowest... and hottest... point in North America is in California. Only the most resistant living things can survive there. What is the name of this valley?

- a) Imperial Valley
- b) **Death Valley**
- c) Bryce Canyon

CALIFORNIA

Until the middle of the 20th century, buildings in Los Angeles were not allowed to be higher than 45 meters.

This is one of the factors that contributed to the growth outward instead of concentrating population around the center. (The city has been said to be «19 suburbs looking for a center.») Why were high buildings against the law?

- a) They were not considered pretty
- b) Los Angeles wanted to be different from New York
- c) **Because of the risk of earthquakes**

CALIFORNIA

Two presidents since Kennedy were California residents. Which of these three presidents was not from California?

- a) **Lyndon Johnson**
- b) Richard Nixon
- c) Ronald Reagan

CALIFORNIA

On May 23, 1903, the first transcontinental automobile trip across the United States began in New York City. What month was it when they arrived in San Francisco?

- a) July
- b) **August** (1, 1903)
- c) October

CALIFORNIA

The Academy Awards are given annually in March to recognize achievement in cinema. It is said that a secretary thought the statue looked her uncle and that's how it got it's famous nickname. What is the nickname of the award?

The Oscar

CALIFORNIA

What was found in 1848 that attracted thousands of people to California?

Gold



CALIFORNIA

Which California city borders on Tijuana, Mexico and is the base for the US Navy operations on the Pacific Coast?

- a) San Diego
- b) San Jose
- c) Long Beach

CALIFORNIA

What famous trees in Northern California are the world's tallest, and among the oldest, living things?

- a) Joshua trees
- b) Palm trees
- c) Redwoods (sequoias)

CALIFORNIA

What is the name of the large valley in the center of California?

- a) The Grand Valley
- b) The Central Valley
- c) The California Valley

CALIFORNIA

The only president who had to resign from office was from California. He resigned on August 9, 1974. What was his name?

- a) Richard Nixon
- b) Ronald Reagan
- c) Bill Clinton

CALIFORNIA

The symbol of California was first used by American settlers in California in their rebellion against Mexico in 1846. What is it?

- a) The wolf
- b) The horse
- c) The grizzly bear

CALIFORNIA

John Muir Day is April 21st. It's not a holiday, but it is proclaimed a special day to honor this Californian's contribution. What is John Muir famous for?

- a) He was the man who discovered gold
- b) He was the leader of the Hippie movement in the 1960s
- c) He was one of the first leaders of the movement to conserve nature

CALIFORNIA

February was proclaimed a special day of remembrance of an event associated with World War II. What does it commemorate?

- a) It celebrates the day the first troops left California to fight the Japanese
- b) It is a solemn reflection of regret of the policy of internment of Japanese Americans in compounds
- c) It celebrates the end of the fighting in the Pacific

CALIFORNIA

What is the origin of the name "California"?

- a) It was an island filled with gold in a 16th century Spanish novel
- b) It was the title of the first Duke to govern the territory for Spain
- c) It is the Spanish version of an Indian word that means "Big Sea"



CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Dodgers is a very old baseball team that moved to California from Brooklyn, New York City in 1957. The team was founded in 1884. "Dodger" means a person who moves fast to avoid something. What thing which was typical of Brooklyn life in the 19th century is the "dodger" in the team's name?

- a) Boys who dodged the police after stealing from shops or picking pockets
- b) Children who dodged school to go play baseball
- c) People who had to move quick to dodge trolleys at a particularly bad tramway crossing

CALIFORNIA

The smilodon is one of California's official symbols. What is a smilodon?

- a) A prehistoric cat (with two, long saber-teeth. Its fossils are abundant in CA)
- b) A whale
- c) A variety of butterfly

CALIFORNIA

Most of California's wine production is in the hills and valleys near a famous California city. Which city?

- a) Los Angeles
- b) San Diego
- c) San Francisco

CALIFORNIA

What is California's most valuable mineral product?

- a) Sand and stone for construction
- b) Gold
- c) Uranium

CALIFORNIA

What city is "Silicon Valley" associated with?

- a) Santa Barbara
- b) San Diego
- c) San José

CALIFORNIA

In 1997, when Indians asked to have the body of Ishi, the last member of the Yahi tribe so they could bury him in his tribe's homeland, they discovered that something was missing? What was it?

- a) Ishi had been scalped
- b) Ishi's brain (It was at the Smithsonian, the National American Museum)
- c) The whole body was missing

CALIFORNIA

California is the leading producer of fruit and vegetables. Which is the valuable fruit or vegetable produced in California, in terms of value?

- a) lettuce (salad)
- b) oranges
- c) grapes

CALIFORNIA

Norma Jean Baker, later to be Marilyn Monroe, was honored for her beauty at an agricultural fair in 1947. The town of Castroville is an important producer of this vegetable. What was Norma Jean's title?

- a) Artichoke Queen
- b) Avocado Queen
- c) Lettuce Queen



• **COLORADO / NOUVEAU** •
MEXIQUE

Denver, the capital of Colorado, is called the «the mile-high» city because its altitude is exactly 5280 ft. (=one mile). Within (plus or minus) 50 meters, how much is that in meters?

1609 meters (1559 <—> 1659)

• **COLORADO / NOUVEAU** •
MEXIQUE

The capital of New Mexico was founded in 1610 by the Spanish moving north from Mexico. It is one of the oldest cities in the US. What is its name?

- a) Las Vegas
- b) El Paso
- c) Santa Fe

• **COLORADO / NOUVEAU** •
MEXIQUE

Los Alamos, NM is a major federal research facility. On July 16, 1945 something occurred that was produced in large part by the research done at Los Alamos. What happened?

- a) The first nuclear chain reaction
- b) The first atomic bomb explosion
- c) The first hydrogen bomb explosion

• **COLORADO / NOUVEAU** •
MEXIQUE

Which of the following famous ski resorts is not in Colorado?

- a) Sun Valley
- b) Aspen
- c) Vail

• **COLORADO / NOUVEAU** •
MEXIQUE

One of the largest industries in Colorado today is tourism. Why do people go there?

- a) To see the mountains
- b) To see the Grand Canyon
- c) To see Denver

• **COLORADO / NOUVEAU** •
MEXIQUE

In 1950, Ralph Bunche, from New Mexico, was the first African-American to win the Nobel Peace Prize. What did he win it for?

- a) His book about the Black-White problem in the US
- b) His opposition to the Cold War
- c) His negotiation between Arabs and Jews in the Middle East.

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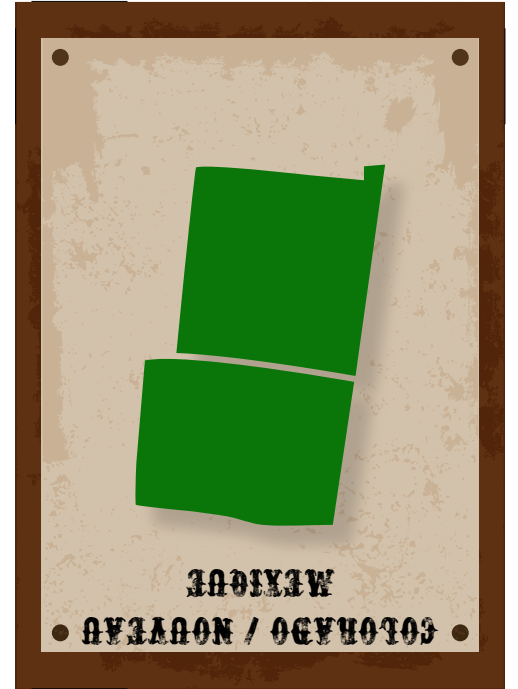
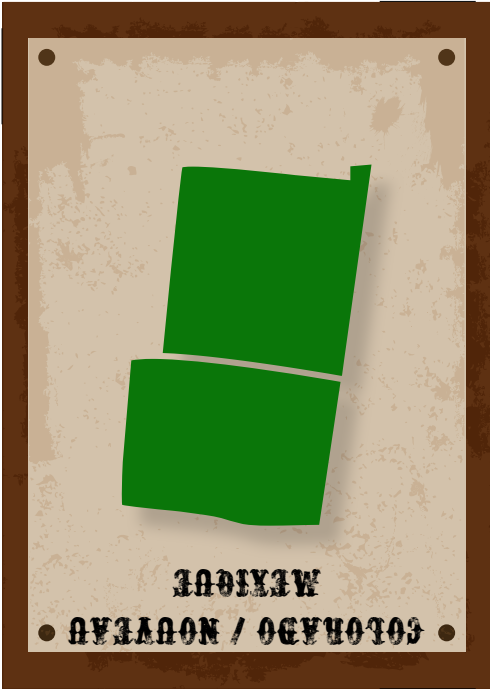
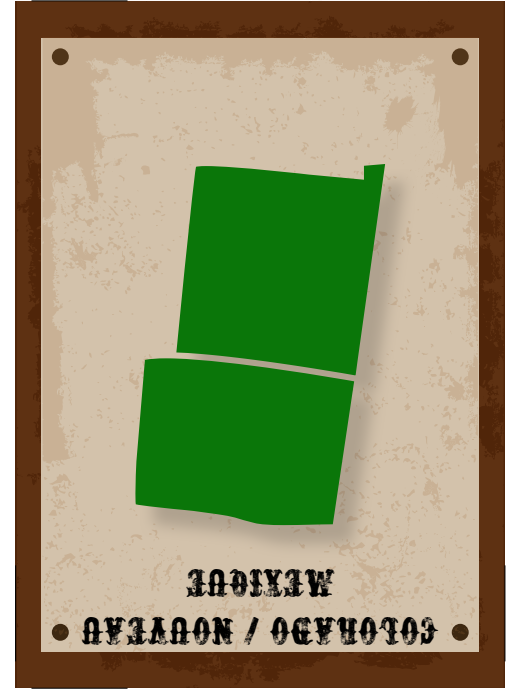
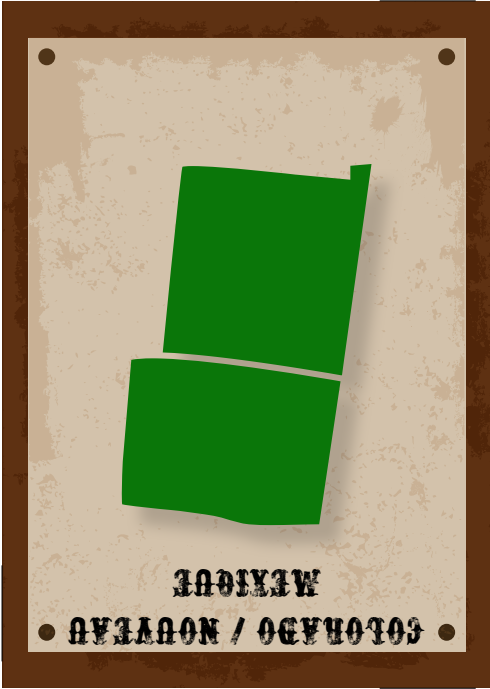
Tony Hillerman, of New Mexico, is a famous writer of mystery novels. In each of his novels, the religion and myths of a certain Indian tribe are explained and important to the story. Which tribe is it?

- a) Sioux
- b) Iroquois
- c) Navajo

• **COLORADO / NOUVEAU** •
MEXIQUE

The founder of one of the most famous hotel chains in the world was born in New Mexico. What is his name?

- a) Conrad Hilton
- b) William Accor
- c) Thomas Sheraton



• COLORADO / NOUVEAU •
MEXIQUE

New Mexico became a US territory in 1848, but became a state in 1912. When did state schools start teaching in English?

- a) 1848
- b) 1898
- c) 1912

• COLORADO / NOUVEAU •
MEXIQUE

A New Mexico town has a Museum about aliens from space. Which town?

Roswell

• COLORADO / NOUVEAU •
MEXIQUE

Some food was found in a cave in New Mexico and determined to be 5,500 years old. What was it?

- a) Popcorn (the oldest ever found)
- b) Chili peppers
- c) Dried bison meat

• COLORADO / NOUVEAU •
MEXIQUE

The NBA franchise in Denver is called the Nuggets. What does the name refer to?

- a) The chicken nuggets made from the large chicken farms near Denver
- b) A Colorado sweet specialty made with egg whites and almonds
- c) The gold nuggets that attracted people to the state in the Gold Rush

• COLORADO / NOUVEAU •
MEXIQUE

The states of Washington and Colorado became the first states to authorize something on November 7, 2012. What did they do?

- a) Legalize hidden weapons, like guns, in public places including universities
- b) Legalize gay marriage
- c) Legalize cannabis for medical and recreational use, and allow its sale in special shops

• COLORADO / NOUVEAU •
MEXIQUE

In 1970, the International Olympic Committee accepted the Denver, Colorado, applied to host the 1976 Winter Olympic Games. Then in 1972, the people of Denver voted in a referendum to refuse the Games, which hosted by Innsbruck in Austria. What reason was NOT given by the people who were against the games?

- a) Environmental concerns: pollution and too many new buildings in a fragile mountain environment
- b) Security concerns: the sites were spread over a large area and hard to protect from terrorists
- c) Cost concerns: the Games are very expensive for a city and most of the money would come from new and higher taxes

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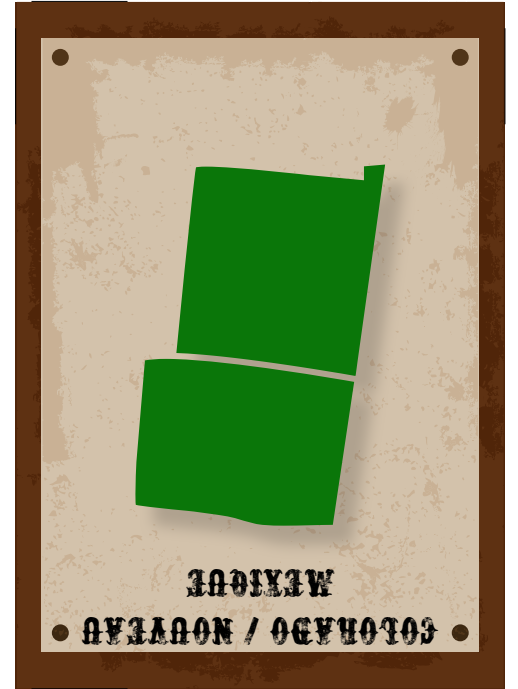
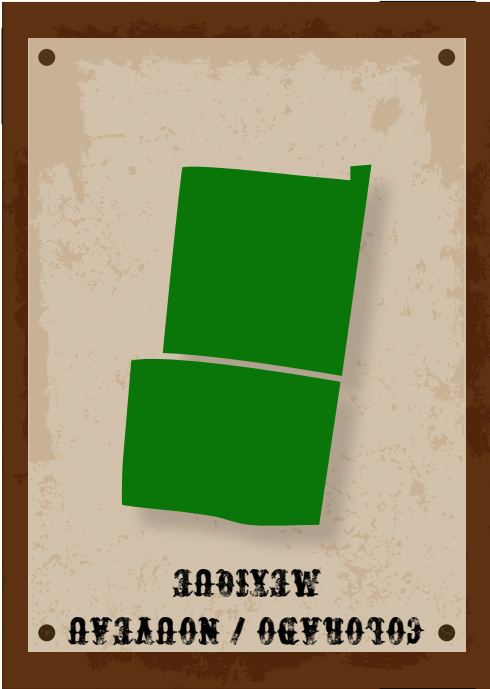
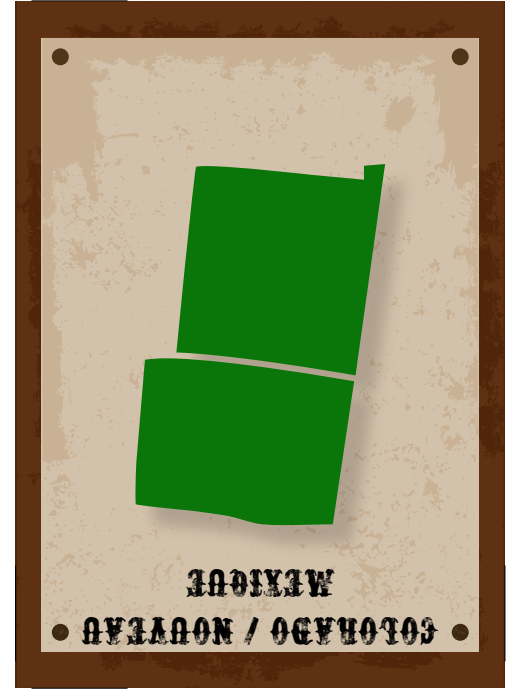
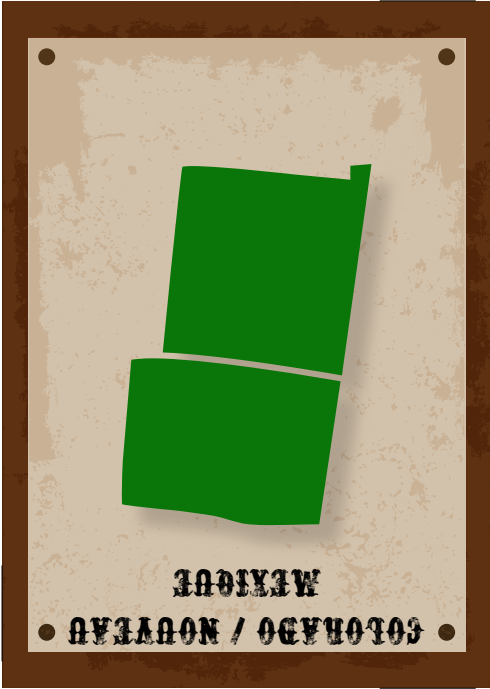
In 1895, a new hotel in Leadville, Colorado, in the Rocky Mountains. It was grandiose, with two ballrooms and a skating rink that was 1500 square meters. The hotel had over a hectare of floor space. In spite of all of that, it only remained open for two months. Why?

- a) Because Leadville is too isolated in the mountains and customers couldn't get there
- b) Because the owners spent too much money on it and it was a failure financially
- c) Because it melted... it was out of ice!

• COLORADO / NOUVEAU •
MEXIQUE

On August 15, 1870, workers from the Kansas Pacific Railroad built the longest section of track ever made in one day. How long was the segment of track?

- a) 4 kilometers
- b) 8 kilometers
- c) 16 kilometers



● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Wyoming has the oldest national park, created in 1872, famous for its geysers, it is a huge volcanic caldera, ready to erupt. What is its name?

- a) The Grand Canyon
- b) Yosemite
- c) **Yellowstone**

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Wyoming gets its name from...

- a) **A valley in Pennsylvania**
- b) The Indian tribe that lived there
- c) Thomas Wyoming, a speculator who owned much of the land in the state

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Wyoming is famous for being the first state or territory...

- a) to allow Indians to vote
- b) to allow 18 year olds to vote
- c) **to allow women to vote**
(in 1869, when it was still a territory)

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

What is the origin of the name "Idaho"?

- a) **It was invented by someone who suggested it as a name for Colorado**
- b) It is an Indian word that means "gem (bijou) of the mountains"
- c) It is Indian for "fresh, green paradise"

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

What was the name of the famous American killed at Little Big Horn, fighting against the Sioux, in 1876?

- a) **Custer**
- b) Jackson
- c) Blueberry

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Denali, or Mt McKinley, the highest mountain in North America is in Alaska. How high is it?

- a) 5000m
- b) **6000m (6194m)**
- c) 7000m

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
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ALASKA

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

The capital of Utah hosted the Winter Olympics in 2002. What is the name of the town?

- a) Cheyenne
- b) Denver
- c) **Salt Lake City**



● MONTANA / IDAHO / ●
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ALASKA

What bear does Alaska have on its flag?

- a) A grizzly bear
- b) A polar bear
- c) The Great Bear (constellation) and the North Star

● MONTANA / IDAHO / ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

What did people used to refer to as "Alaska strawberries"?

- a) Red apples, that were small because Alaska is so far north
- b) Dried beans, because Alaska can't produce strawberries, but beans were abundant
- c) Salmon, because they are redder than most salmon

● MONTANA / IDAHO / ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Alaska is about three times the size of France. What was its population in 2000?

- a) 600,000
- b) 1,200,000
- c) 2,400,000

● MONTANA / IDAHO / ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Which of the following is not a nickname of Alaska?

- a) The Last Frontier
- b) The North Star State
- c) The Land of the Midnight Sun

● MONTANA / IDAHO / ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

What was the name of Alaska when the US acquired it?

- a) Alaska
- b) Different Indian tribes and Eskimos had different names for it
- c) Russian America

● MONTANA / IDAHO / ●
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ALASKA

How much did the US pay Russia for Alaska?

- a) Nothing, the US took the territory through military force
- b) \$7,200,000
- c) \$15,000,000

● MONTANA / IDAHO / ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Which religious group first settled Utah in 1847? (They still are a majority in the state.)

- a) The Quakers
- b) The Baptists
- c) The Mormons

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ALASKA

The name of Alaska comes from an Aleut (Inuit) word, "alaxsxaq" Which of the following best translates the original meaning?

- a) "The land toward which the action of the sea is directed"
- b) "The land with the high mountain"
- c) "The land of the long, killing winters"



● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

The first book was printed in Wyoming in 1866. What was it?

- a) A guide to the territory
- b) A dictionary of the Sioux language
- c) The Bible

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Wyoming is the nation's largest producer of an important energy resource.

In 2016, Wyoming produced 40% of U.S.?

- a) shale oil
- b) coal
- c) uranium

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Ernest Hemingway bought a home in Idaho towards the end of his career, and eventually committed suicide there? What attracted Hemingway to Idaho?

- a) Hemingway wanted to be far away from the US literary culture and establishment
- b) Hemingway was born in Idaho and wanted to retire there
- c) Hemingway was attracted by the fishing and hunting in Idaho, and its serenity

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
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ALASKA

The biggest canyon system in the US is the Grand Canyon. However, the deepest canyon in the US is Hell's Canyon Idaho. What is the difference of altitude between the Snake River at the bottom of the canyon and the altitude of cliffs above the river?

- a) 1857 meters
- b) 2436 meters
- c) 3401 meters

(a= Grand Canyon)

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Idaho is the nation's largest producer of an important food resource. What is it?

- a) potatoes
- b) mushrooms
- c) tofu

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Most of Montana's western border, with Idaho, is formed by the Continental Divide. What is the Continental Divide?

- a) The line that separated the territories claimed by France and Britain in the 18th century
- b) The line that defines the zone in the US that needs irrigation
- c) The watershed between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans through river systems. A drop of rain that falls to the East goes to the Atlantic and a drop that falls to the West goes to the Pacific.

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
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ALASKA

Montana has the largest population of a sort of bear of any state, other than Alaska. What kind of bear is it?

- a) Polar bear
- b) Black bear
- c) Grizzly bear

(Source legendsofamerica.com, 2016)

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /**
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Montana claims that the world's largest snowflake fell there on January 28, 1887. How big was it?

- a) 18 cms
- b) 28 cms
- c) 38 cms

(Source legendsofamerica.com, 2016)



● **MONTANA / IDAHO /** ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Montana's climate is very continental with very cold winters and big temperature variations over short periods? The state has the record for the biggest difference of temperature in 24 hours. On January 14, 1972, the low temperature was – (minus) 47.8°C. What the high temperature on January 15, 1972?

- a) – (minus) 5°C
- b) 9.5°C
- c) 25°C

● (Source: legendsofamerica.com, 2016) ●

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /** ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Montana produces precious stones of high quality. Some people say that one Montana stone is in the British Crown Jewels, but it is impossible to verify that. What type of precious stone is it?

- a) Sapphire
- b) Diamond
- c) Ruby

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /** ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

The Utah Jazz, the local NBA team, moved to Utah from another city in 1979. It kept the former name and logo. What city was the team in from 1974 to 1979?

- a) Memphis
- b) New Orleans
- c) Chicago

● **MONTANA / IDAHO /** ●
WYOMING / UTAH /
ALASKA

Utah is the youngest state in the US. What percentage of the state's population is under 18?

- a) 22%
- b) 31%
- c) 48%

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• NEVADA / ARIZONA •

The largest city in Nevada is also the nation's fastest growing city. It has an imitation Roman building and an imitation Egyptian sphinx and pyramid (only slightly smaller than the pyramid at Cheops). It is famous for its nightlife and for its shows. What is its name?

Las Vegas

• NEVADA / ARIZONA •

One of the most spectacular natural sites in the US, now a national park, is located in northern Arizona. What is it?

The Grand Canyon

• NEVADA / ARIZONA •

If you take the number of hectares of all the farms in a state and divide by the number of farms, AZ is the state with the largest average farm size. What is the average size?

- a) 636 ha
- b) 1136 ha
- c) 1936 ha (There aren't many farms and they are mainly grazing/ranching farms)

• NEVADA / ARIZONA •

One of Arizona's nicknames pays tribute to one of the Indian tribes in the state. Which of the following is it?

- a) The Apache State
- b) The Hopi State
- c) The Navajo State

• NEVADA / ARIZONA •

Usually rivers get bigger as they flow to the sea. The Colorado River gets so small that it almost dries up before it reaches the Gulf of California (Sea of Cortez). How can you explain that? Where does most of the water go?

- a) Drinking water for AZ and So. CA cities and irrigation of farmland.
- b) Structures retain most of the water in lakes for flood control and recreation
- c) The river disappears in to the desert sands as it approaches the sea

• NEVADA / ARIZONA •

Nevada is called the "X (= a metal) State" because of a metal that is found in large quantities there in the 19th century. Which metal?

- a) Gold
- b) Silver
- c) Copper

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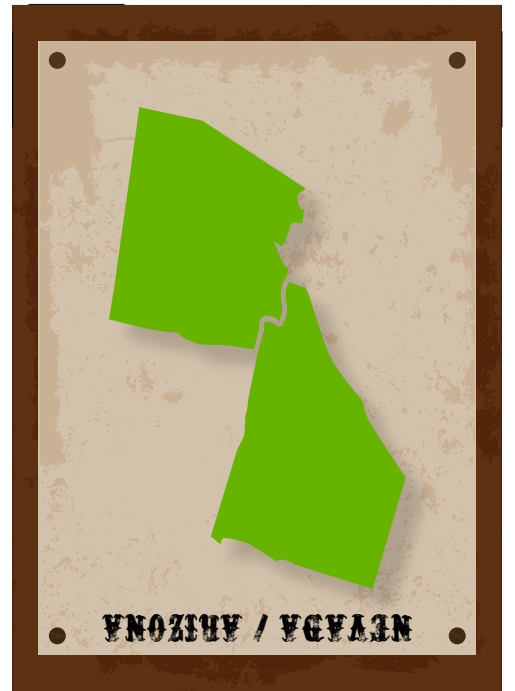
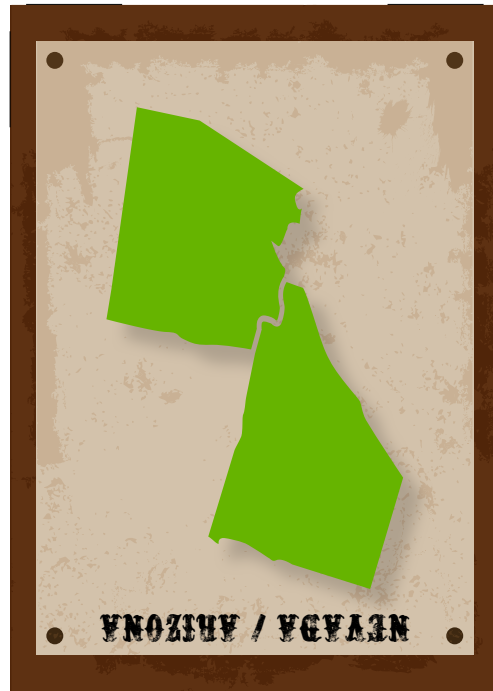
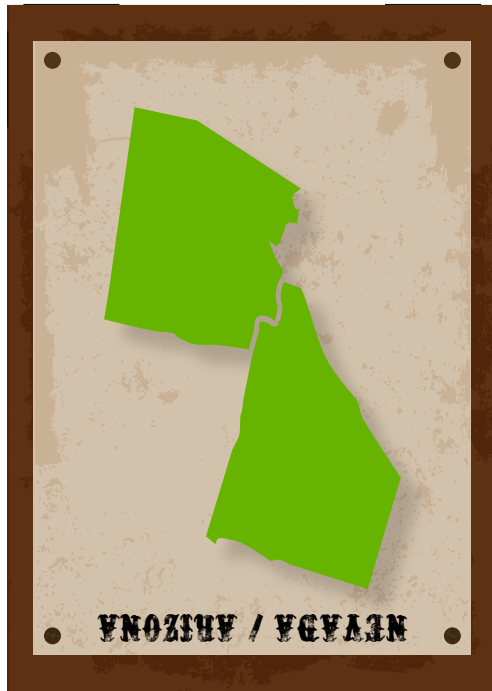
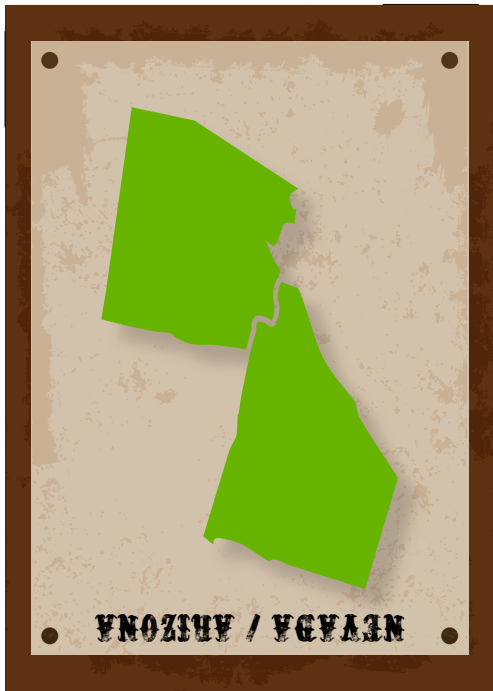
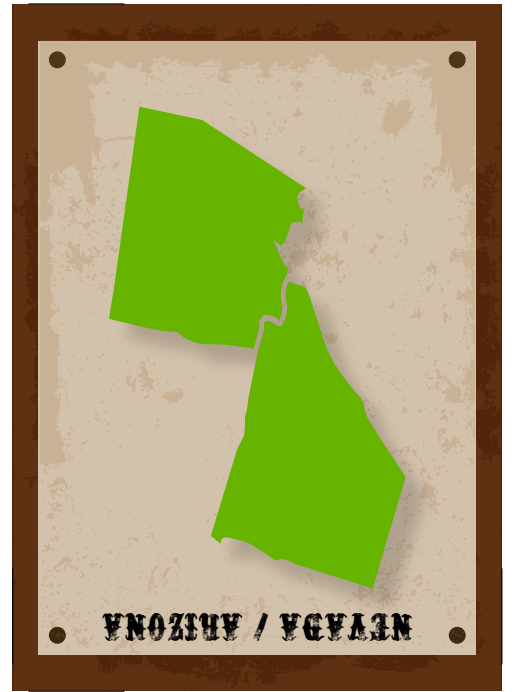
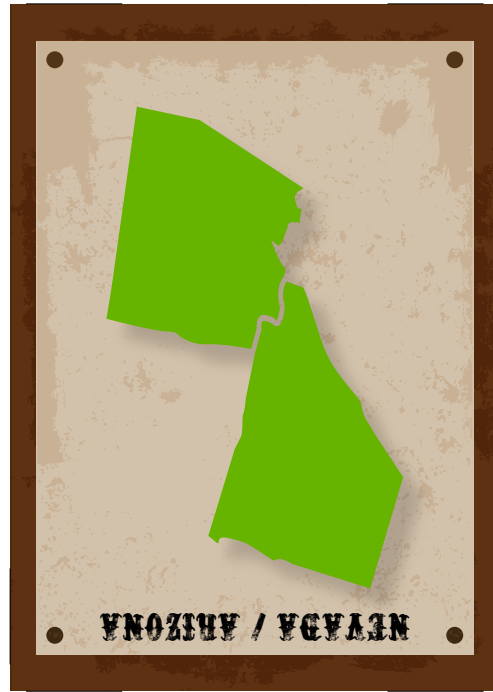
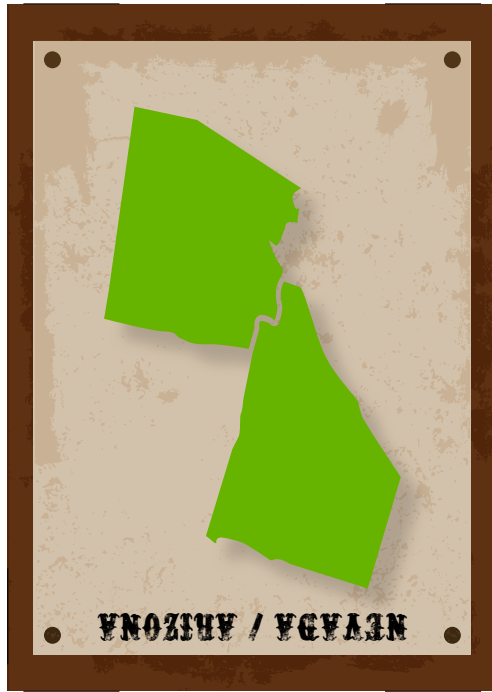
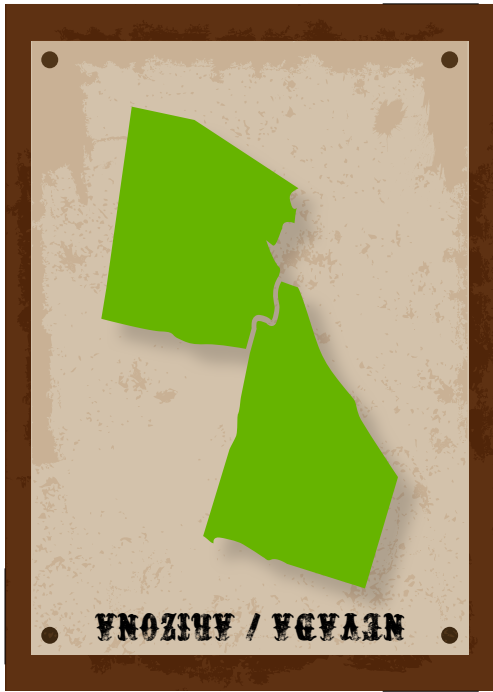
Goyathlay is the original name of a famous Arizona Indian. What name do most people know him by?

- a) Geronimo
- b) Prince Joseph
- c) Sitting Bull

• NEVADA / ARIZONA •

What invention gets the credit for making Arizona and Nevada attractive places to live?

- a) Superhighways
- b) Air conditioning
- c) Telecommunications



● **NEVADA / ARIZONA** ●

The largest Indian reservation is mainly in Arizona. Which tribe is it reserved to?

- a) The Apaches
- b) The Navajos
- c) The Cherokees

● **NEVADA / ARIZONA** ●

Arizona was among the last states to enter the union. When was it first explored by Europeans?

- a) 1536 (just a few years after Columbus!)
- b) 1736
- c) 1836

● **NEVADA / ARIZONA** ●

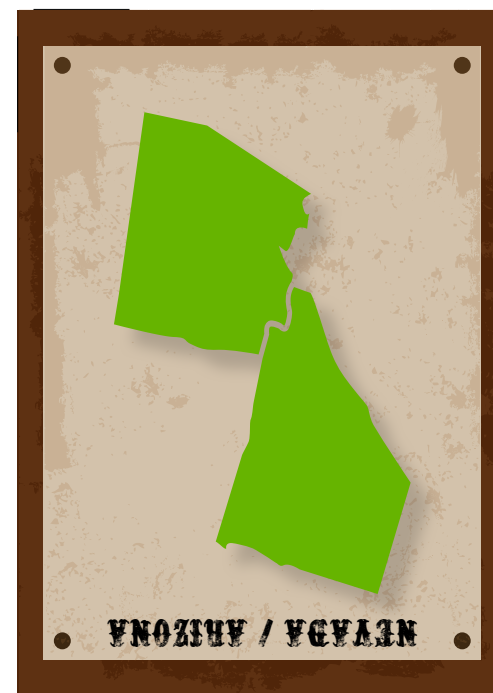
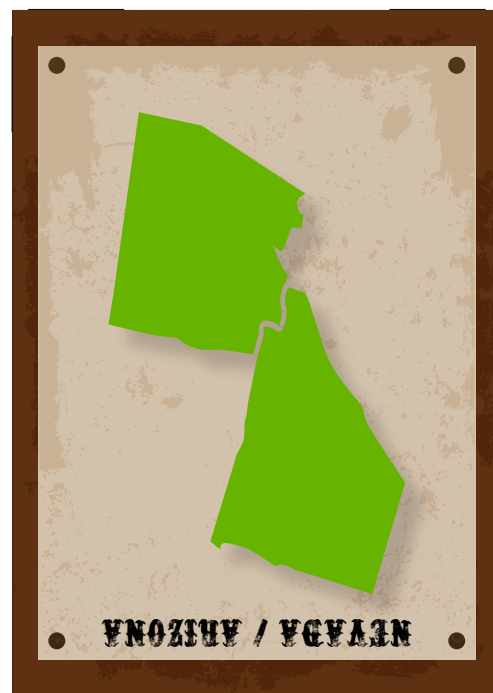
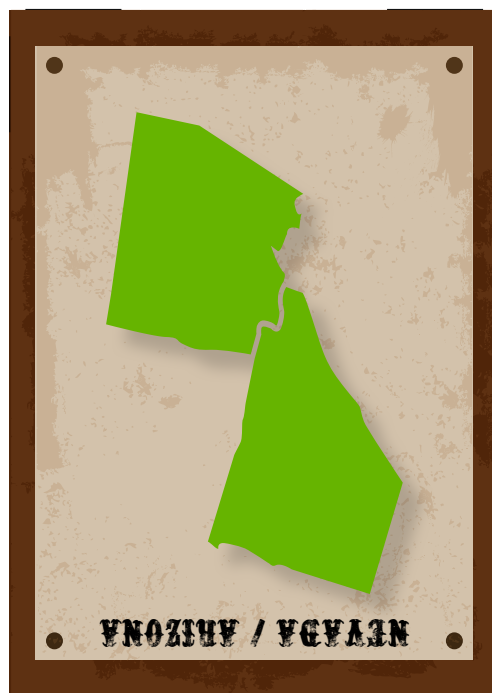
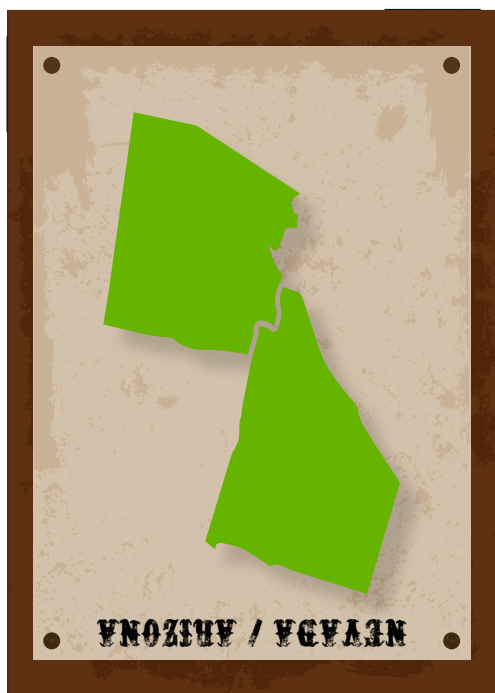
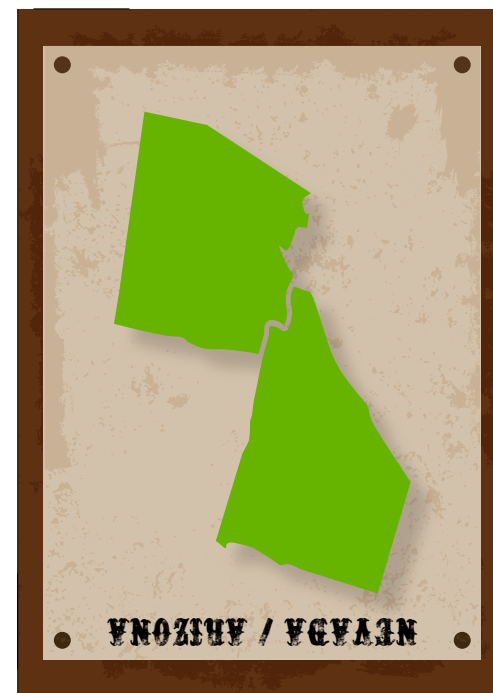
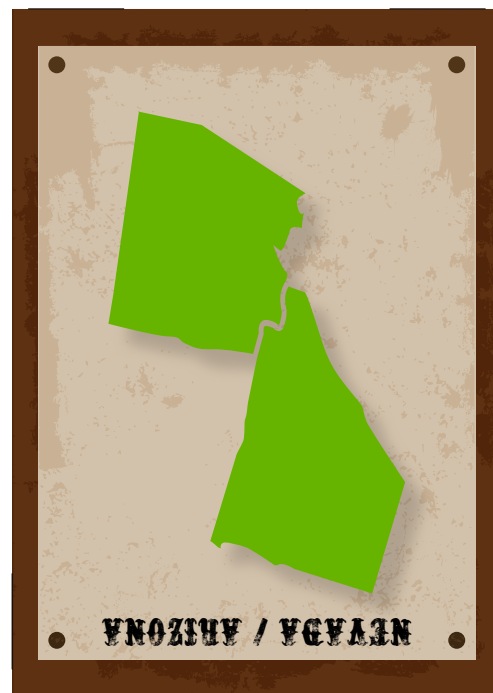
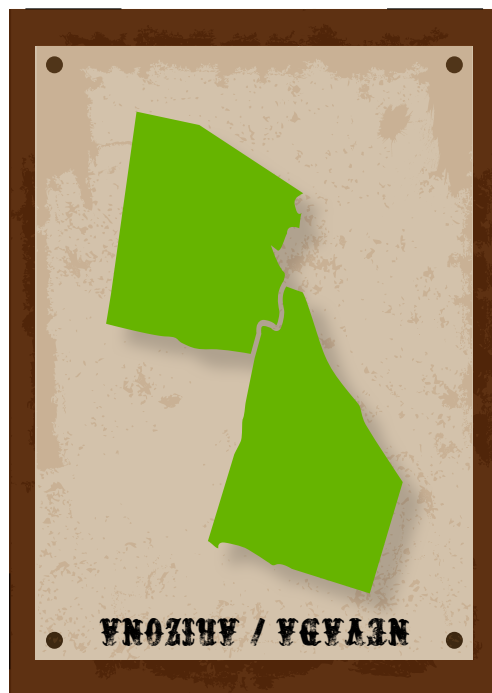
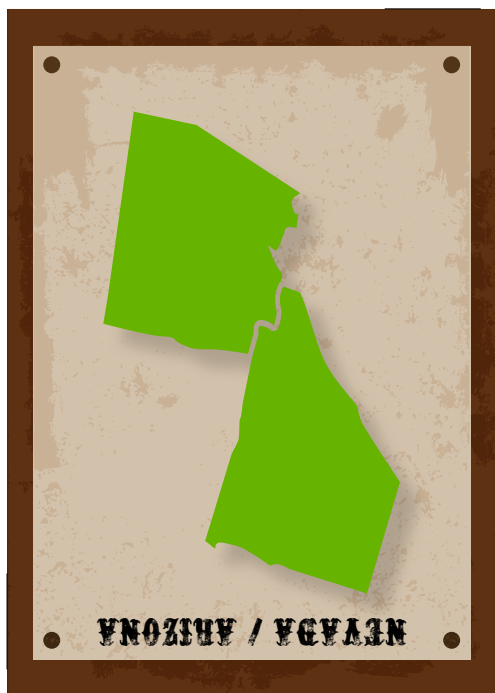
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● **WASHINGTON /**
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The largest city in Washington state is famous for the Space Needle, grunge and high-tech industries. Its name comes from an Indian chief— what is it?

Seattle

● **WASHINGTON /**
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The largest building in the United States is in Everett, Washington. This one building covers more than 19 hectares and is part of a factory. What do they make there?

- a) Ships and boats
- b) Cars and trucks
- c) Airplanes

● **WASHINGTON /**
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Washington is famous for a certain fruit. Macintosh, Red and Golden Delicious and Granny Smith are among the varieties produced. Which fruit is it?

Apples

● **WASHINGTON /**
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What are the «Cascades»?

- a) canyons
- b) mountains
- c) a park

● **WASHINGTON /**
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Washington highways have signs that show a number in the silhouette of a person. Who is the person?

- a) **President Washington**
- b) An Indian chief
- c) A cowboy

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Mount Hood, near Portland and Mount Rainier are examples of what type of mountains?

- a) Old eroded mountains
- b) Young granite mountains
- c) **Volcanoes** (They're part of the Pacific «Ring of Fire»)

● **WASHINGTON /**
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The wettest place in the United States is in Hawaii (number 2 is in Washington!). How much rain does Mount Waialeale get every year? (Reference: Maine-et-Loire gets approx 60cm)

- a) 300cm
- b) 700cm
- c) **1100cm** (460 inches)

● **WASHINGTON /**
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What is the name of the largest of Hawaii's islands?

- a) **Hawaii**
- b) Oahu
- c) Mauna Loa



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What is the name of the
US Navy base near
Honolulu?

- a) Honolulu naval base
- b) Pearl Harbor naval base
- c) Mid-Pacific naval base

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What was the English
name of Hawaii that was
given by Captain Cook (in
1778)?

- a) Hawaii
- b) The Sandwich Islands
- c) The Mid-Pacific Islands

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What is the state fish of
both Alaska and Oregon?

- a) Trout
- b) Swordfish
- c) Salmon

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Linus Pauling of Oregon is the
only person, other than Marie
Curie, to win two different
Nobel Prizes. He won the first
in chemistry, for his work on the
bonding of molecules. What was
his second prize?

- a) Physics, for his work on
quantum theory
- b) Medicine, for developing
medical applications for his
chemical research
- c) Peace, for his work
demonstrating the dangers of
atomic war.

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According to a US
Census Bureau report
issued in May 2014,
people in Portland Oregon
do something more often
than the people of any other
city. What is that activity?

- a) Riding a bike to work (6.1%)
- b) Doing yoga
- c) Speaking Chinese at home.

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