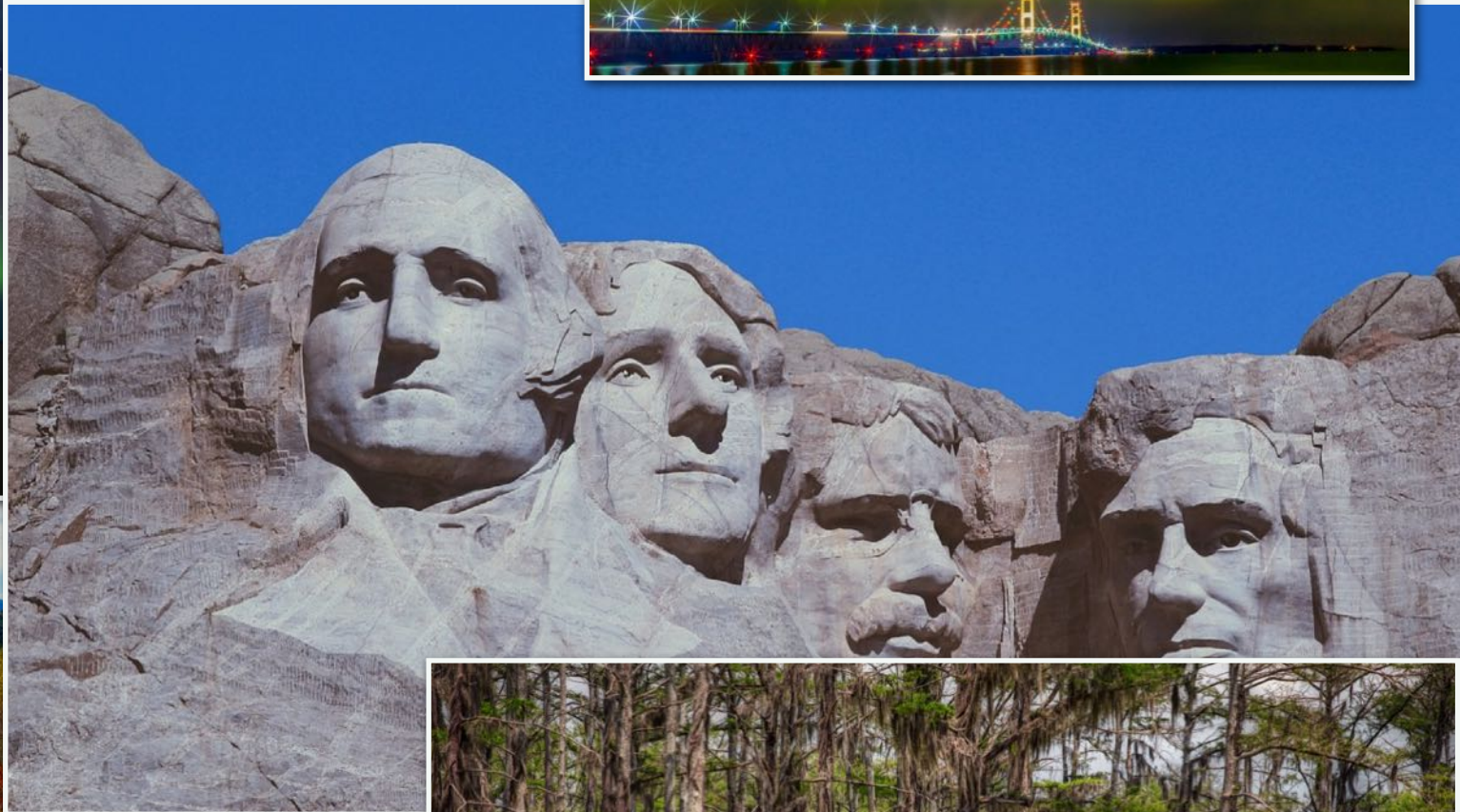


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Florida

Nickname: The Sunshine State

Statehood: 1845 , 27th state

Capital: Tallahassee

Biggest City: Jacksonville

Abbreviation: FL



Florida is surrounded by water. The only connected states are Alabama and Georgia. So Florida has many beaches. Exactly 633 miles.



The first people who ever lived in Florida lived before around 12,000 years. More and more Native American tribes lived in Florida. In 1513, Ponce de León sailed to Florida to find gold and silver. He didn't find it but he found fertile farmland and coastline. Great Britain, France, and Spain all tried to get settlements in Florida. In 1763, the British took control of Florida from Spain in exchange for Cuba. 20 years later, they got Spain Florida again because of the peace treaty. But over time, more and more U.S. settlers lived there and Spain gave Florida to the United States in exchange for Texas. So Florida became the 27th state in 1845.



In Florida, there are many animals. They are mammals, reptiles, sea life, and birds. The state bird is the mockingbird. They also have many plants. More than 300 types of trees grow in Florida. One of the most famous plants is the orange blossom. It is also the state flower.



Vermont

Nickname: The Green Mountain State

Statehood: 1791, 14th state

Capital: Montpelier

Biggest City: Burlington

Abbreviation: VT

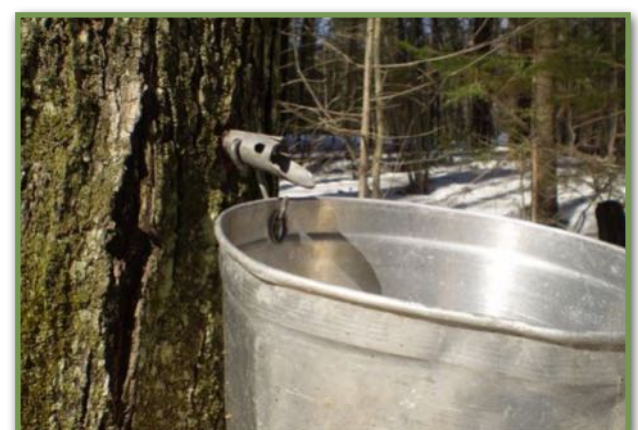
Vermont is located in the north of the USA. Canada is in the north of Vermont, to the east is New Hampshire, Massachusetts in the south, and New York in the west. Most of the state is covered in mountains and forests. The most famous range, the Green Mountains, are in the center of Vermont. They are the oldest rocks in the world. The biggest geographic region are the granite peaks. Its going from north to south in the east of the state. The Vermont Valley is also a range in Vermont. It is known for its rivers and valleys.

In Vermont lives black bears, red foxes and the state animal, the Morgan horse. But reptiles lives also there. As an example: snapping turtles and American bullfrogs.



Vermont's maple syrup is made of the sap from the sugar maple, which is also the state tree. The Mountain State is also known for its wildflowers, so also the state flower, the red clover.

The Ben&Jerry's ice cream factory is also in Vermont (Waterbury)



South Dakota

Nickname: The Mount Rushmore State

Statehood: 1889, 40th state

Capital: Pierre

Biggest City: South Falls

Abbreviation: SD

The nickname of the state, called Mount Rushmore, comes from the sculpture called like that. The sculpture is made in the Black Hills. It is a sculpture of the faces of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, and Theodore Roosevelt.

North Dakota is bordered in the north of South Dakota, in the east is Iowa and Minnesota, Wyoming is in the south of South Dakota, and Montana in the west.

The River called Missouri runs north to south trout the middle of the state. At the Eastside if the state are a lot of lakes, farmland



and low hills. The other side of the river is filled with hills and streams. The western side of the state are the Great Plains, canyons and flat-topped hills called buttes. Its also home to the Badlands, a fossil beds, where explorers have found in a ancient sea remains of saber-soothed cats, three-toed horses, and marine animals. And the Black hills are in the southwest of the state.

Mississippi

Nickname: The Magnolia State

Abbreviation: MS

Statehood:
1817, 20th state

Capital: Jackson

Biggest City: Jackson



The state is called by the name of the river which begins in the north of Minnesota. The name Mississippi came from the Ojibwa language and it means „big river“. The nickname of Mississippi is „The Magnolia State“ because of the magnolia trees that grows there.



Mississippi is a southern state. In the north of it is Tennessee, Alabama in the east, the Gulf of Mexico in the south and Arkansas and Louisiana (which is also in the south) in the west.

The Delta is a flood plain, which has a very fertile soil. The beginning is at the Mississippi and goes till the state border in the east.

The state animal, the white-tailed deer is not the only cool mammal there. There are also nine-banded armadillos and swamp rabbits. But also bird like wild turkeys and bald eagles lives there. About 65 percent of the state is covered by forests. Mississippi's hickory and oak woods are known for their beautiful grain, but also their fertile soil is good for their income.

Much stars were born in Mississippi. For example, the Muppets creator Jim Henson but also Elvis Presley was born there, where his childhood home is open for tours.

Michigan



Nickname: The Wolverine State

Statehood: 1837, 26th state

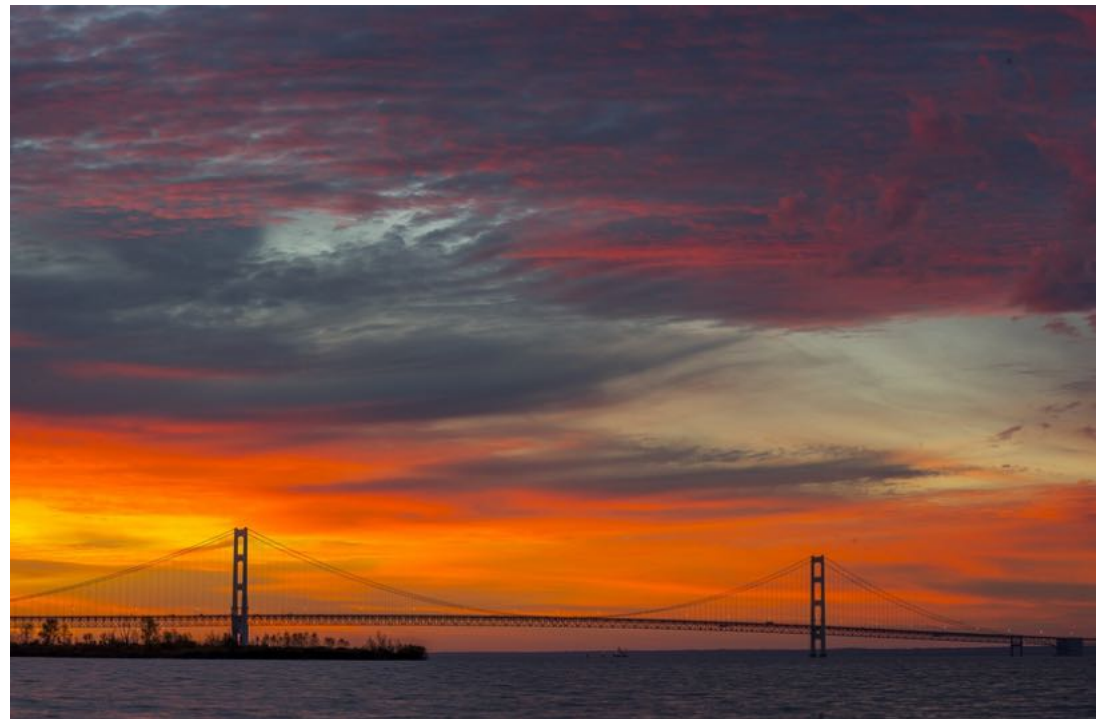
Capital: Lansing

Biggest City: Detroit

Abbreviation: MI

It's not known why Michigan called Michigan, but experts think that it might be named after Lake Michigan. The word came from the Native American and called something like „big lake“. The nickname is also unknown, because in Michigan don't even live many wolverines. On the one hand, we have the theory, that traders exchanged animal pelts, including wolverines', in Michigan. On the other hand, we have the theory, that in the year 1835 in the land skirmish with Ohio, the people called their Michigan neighbors „wolverines“ as an insult.

In the south of Michigan is Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin, the Great Lakes and Canada in the east, north and west. The lakes Superior, Huron, Michigan and Erie borders with Michigan. The state is split into two. The north one is the „Upper Peninsula“, and the south one is „the mitten“. They're connected by the Mackinac Bridge



Many types of animals live in Michigan. Especially the white-tailed deer. They were wiped out by hunters but have made a comeback. But in Michigan also live many birds like short-eared owls or peregrine falcons. Of course there are also snakes like the Red-bellied snake.

Alaska

Nickname: The Last Frontier

Statehood: 1959, 49th state

Capital: Juneau

Biggest City: Anchorage

Abbreviation: AK

The first people arrived about 13,000 Years ago. They may have walked from Russia, because the countries were connected. In the year 1784 Russians settled there and in the year 1867 the United States bought it. Everyone thought it was a mistake until gold was found in the year 1872. Alaska became the 49th U.S. state.

The name Alaska means „great land“

In the west of Alaska is Canada, in the north is the Beaufort Sea and the Arctic Ocean, in the east are the Bering and the Chukchi Sea and the Gulf of Alaska and the Pacific Ocean in the south.



Alaska has the reputation for being cold. The permafrost covers much of the state. A glacier, called Bering Glacier, is the biggest glacier in North America and sits in Alaska. The Bering Glacier is about the size of the state of Delaware. The center of the state is the taiga forest. There are trees, lakes and meadows, but Alaska has also over 40 active volcanoes. In Alaska you will see polar bears and whales, but also birds such as eagles or an albatross. Alaska is also known for the northern lights. These are lights that appear green. These are electrically charged particles from the sun that penetrate our atmosphere and look pretty magical.