U.S. States

The United States of America is one of the most diverse countries in the world—rich in natural resources, full of scenic wonders, and populated with a wide diversity of people.

Though its history is short compared with most of the world, it is complex and deserving of careful study. The format of this *More Than a Report* allows each student to take one state and look at its diversity and its historical place in the development of our nation.

By studying the states and learning about our nation’s past, students gain understanding of our nation today. This report can be a beginning in helping students become caretakers of our nation’s ideals of progress, freedom, and equality.

Complete teacher directions for “U.S. States” are on page 70.
The Glorious State of 

A glorious report prepared by: ________________

On this date in U.S. history: _________________
See ________________________________.
The state of:

Bibliography
Name: ____________________________________________

The state I am reporting on: ____________________________________________

Instructions—The diagram above shows the different parts of your report. Each number of the directions below matches the number above. This is to show you where information is to be placed on your report. Keep these sheets in your folder so you can look at them often. You’re going to have fun putting this glorious report together!

☐ Front Cover
Your front cover is not pictured here. To complete the front cover, follow these directions:
• Complete the blank line with the name of your state. Write neatly.
• Color in your state on the map using a bright color. Do not color any other states.

☐ 1 Flag of Your State
• Fold your 8.5” x 3” (21.5 x 7.5 cm) paper in half the wide way.
• Draw and color your state’s flag on one side. Be careful. It is a small and you may need to put in a lot of detail.
• Glue inside of folded paper over flag pole.
• Use tape to attach the flag to the cardboard.

☐ 2 State Tree
• Draw, color, and label your state’s official tree.

☐ 3 State Bird
• Draw, color, and label your state’s official bird.
Student Directions: U.S. States (continued)

☐ 4 State Flower
   • Draw, color, and label your state’s official flower.

☐ 5 Advertisement
   • Advertise a tourist attraction in your state.
   • Draw a picture. Use lots of color.
   • Add facts that would make someone want to visit that place.

☐ 6 State Map
   • Hand draw an outline of your state. Sketch lightly filling up the entire space.
   • Label the capital city and the five largest cities.
   • Add important physical features.
   • On the outside of the map, label everything that surrounds the state (example: other states, bodies of water, other countries).

☐ 7 MINI-BOOK

   This space is for a mini-book with information about your state. You want to make sure it is complete and accurate.

   The mini-book should be put together like this:
   • Page 1- Front cover- Use all your creativity to make your own cover.
   • Page 2- What’s In a Name?
   • Page 3- Early Historical Facts
   • Page 4- Statehood History
   • Page 5- Physical Features
   • Page 6- Political Features
   • Page 7- Weather
   • Page 8- Resources
   • Page 9- Natural Parks, Historical Sites, and Other Points of Interest
   • Page 10- Famous People
   • Page 11- Economy
   • Page 12- Visitor’s Guide

   There must be a title at the top of each page or section. Each page must be written in paragraph form. You may hand write the pages or type them out.

   Hints for completing a “glorious” report:

   Be neat. Use your best handwriting.
   Make sure your information is accurate and complete.
   Use lots of color on the cover and in the report.
   Use your imagination and creativity.
   Have fun. Your enthusiasm will add an extra spark to your report!

   YOUR REPORT IS DUE: ___________________________