



## U.S. STATE REPORTS

1. State reports **MUST BE TYPED !!!** 10points
2. Attractive Cover for Folder 2 points
  - a. Name (first, last)
  - b. Class period
  - c. State name
  - d. Picture (illustration of something to do with Your state)
3. Title Page 2 points
  - a. Name of state
4. Table of Contents 2 points
  - a. list of subjects with page numbers
5. Division pages 2 points
  - a. page must have heading of subject
  - b. illustration is optional
6. Fact Sheet 4 points
7. The Mystery State 7 points
  - a. give 10 clues about your state
  - b. answer must be included at the bottom of the paper
  - c. must have a graphic
8. Write a poem about your state 7 points
  - PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF POEMS
    - a. 5 senses poem
    - b. build a name poem
    - c. phone number poem
9. History of state 7 points
  - a. Write a brief synopsis of the historical events of your state
  - b. Be sure to include the year your state entered the union
  - c. Important historical events i.e. The Alamo was attacked by 6,000 men in 1836 and was defended by only 182 men.
10. Climate and Geography of State 7 points
  - a. Name the specific type of climate for your state and give a Brief description of the climate.

- b. Name and describe the geographical features of your state  
i.e. Colorado River, Rocky Mountains, etc. with descriptions

**11. State Symbols** **7 points**

- Computer generated graphic of each symbol
  - a. flag
  - b. seal
  - c. song
  - d. bird
  - e. flower

**12. Tourist Attractions/Points of Interest** **25 points**

- a. Create a powerpoint presentation showing at least 5 places  
To visit in your state. Your presentation must have graphics and descriptions of the place you would visit, plus a reason why you think this place would be worthwhile seeing.
- b. Powerpoint presentation needs to have at least 3 graphics, a Transition between each slide, sound, use of at least 2 different Fonts, and font colors, no more than 7 slides and no less than 5.

**13. Famous Person** **7 points**

- \*Choose a famous person from your state
- \*Choose a type of poetry and write about that person
  - a. Acrostic
  - b. Bio
  - c. Mystery
  - d. Song

**14. Map of State** **7 points**

- Major cities and landforms need to be identified
- Map may be drawn by hand or computer generated

**15. Bibliography** **2 points**

- \*List of resources used:  
examples:  
Books: Sobel, Dava. Longitude. 1995 Penguin Books, New  
New York. (5-10).  
Internet: <http://www.nps.gov/parklists/pickstates.html>.

**16. Checklist** **2 points**

## EXAMPLES

### Mystery State

1. Somewhere in this state is a huge Statue of Paul Bunyan and his blue Ox, Babe.
2. Canoeing is a favorite pastime of many People in this state.
3. This state is 12<sup>th</sup> in area size of all the States.
4. A lot of breakfast cereal comes from this state.
5. The state bird is the goldfinch.
6. The first white men arrived in the land Which is now this state in the 1650's
7. This is known as the Gopher State.
8. The capital of this state is St. Paul.
9. This territory became a state in 1858.
10. This has been a state for more than 100 years.

ANSWER: MINNESOTA

### STATE BUILD A NAME POEM

U ndeveloped land  
T reeless in many places  
A wesome Salt Lake  
H as many copper mines

### STATE PHONE NUMBER POEM \*EACH LINE HAS THE NUMBER OF SYLLABLES IN A CHOSEN PHONE NUMBER.

3 French trappers  
3 and traders  
4 explored this state  
7 prospectors discovered gold  
6 in 1862  
6 bringing many settlers  
9 and statehood in 1864

MONTANA

### 5 SENSES POEM

#### LINE

- 1-COLOR California is yellow as the sun.  
2-SOUND It sounds like the surf pounding.  
3-TASTE It tastes like fresh oranges.  
4-SMELL It smells like sea salt.  
5-SIGHT It looks like an ocean shadowed by mountains and palm trees.  
6-FEELING It makes me feel like playing.

## EXAMPLES CONTINUED

### BIO POEM

Abraham

Tall, thin, lanky, bearded,

Son of Nancy and Tom, husband of Mary Todd,  
Father of Robert, Edward, Willie, and Tad.

Who cares deeply about all men

Who feels sad much of the time, sometimes  
Alone in the world,

Who needs to win the hearts of all his countrymen,

Who gives love to his family, advice to his generals,  
Consolation to a sorrowing nation,

Who fears the dissolution of the American union,

Who would like to see every man respected for his  
God-given dignity,

Resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.

### Bio Poem Formula

Line 1 Name

Line 2 Four traits

Line 3 Related to

Line 4 Who cares deeply for

Line 5 Who feels

Line 6 Who needs

Line 7 Who gives

Line 8 Who fears

Line 9 Who would like to see

Line 10 Resident of

### MYSTERY PERSON

- Follow the same criteria  
As the Mystery State example

### THE ACROSTIC

W ar correspondant  
I n South Africa, 1899  
N ortorious Boer enemy  
S eizes armored  
T rain  
O f those aboard, he is captured.  
N o hope of escape.

C hecks out prison camp.  
H igh walls, floodlights, sentries.  
U p, over the wall, in an unguarded moment  
R acing heart, he scales the heights.  
C amp left behind.  
H opping railroad cars  
I n dead of night finds British help.  
L auded as a hero.  
L eader of the future.

\*examples from Research Reports by Nancy Polette