

# United States Geography Quiz

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## Quiz 1 – American Geography Quiz

1. Which U.S. state is known for having the nickname “The Last Frontier”?
2. The Columbia River forms part of the border between Washington and which other state?
3. Can you name the highest summit of the Rocky Mountains?
4. Which U.S. state capital has a population of more than 1.5 million?
5. In March 1980, which Washington State volcano erupted in a series of explosions?
6. Which four American states border Mexico?
7. At 7,000 feet above sea level, which city is the highest U.S. state capital?
8. Washington DC was established in 1790 from land belonging to which two states?
9. What nickname of the Mississippi River refers to the large amounts of sediment and soil that turns its water brown?
10. In 1870, what name was given to the first geyser to be named in Yellowstone National Park?
11. Can you name the highest mountain peak in North America?
12. Sequoia National Park and Yosemite National Park are both in which state?
13. The Great Salt Lake is in which U.S. state?
14. Which city is the most populous in the Southern United States and the fourth most populous in the nation?
15. Lake Tahoe is a large freshwater lake in which mountain range?
16. The city of Chicago lies on the shores of which Great Lake?
17. Which U.S. states border the Pacific Ocean?
18. Which state is the least populated?
19. With its northern portion in Maryland and the southern part in Virginia, which bay is the largest estuary in the United States?
20. In which state are the Adirondack Mountains?
21. New England is a region comprising six states in the northeastern United States – can you name the states?
22. Death Valley is in which desert?
23. The distinctive Cape Cod peninsula is in which American state?
24. There are four time zones for the continental United States – name them.
25. Which state capital is located on an island?

## Answers – Quiz 1:

1. Alaska
2. Oregon
3. Mount Elbert
4. Phoenix (Arizona)
5. Mount St. Helens
6. California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas
7. Santa Fe (New Mexico)
8. Maryland and Virginia
9. Old Muddy
10. Old Faithful
11. Denali – formerly known as Mount McKinley (Alaska)
12. California
13. Utah
14. Houston
15. Sierra Nevada
16. Lake Michigan
17. Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington
18. Wyoming
19. Chesapeake Bay
20. New York
21. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut
22. Mojave Desert
23. Massachusetts
24. Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific
25. Honolulu (Hawaii)

# Quiz 2 – American Geography Quiz

1. Name the only two U.S. state capitals that nearly rhyme.
2. Which saltwater tidal estuary in New York City is actually not a river despite its name?
3. Can you name the five Great Lakes?
4. The nation's capital city, Washington, D.C., was established in 1800 after being relocated there from where?
5. Mount Rushmore is located in which state?
6. Name the highland region of forests, hills, and plateaus in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas, known for their rivers, springs, and scenic natural beauty.
7. Can you name the largest of the three Niagara Falls?
8. Which city is nicknamed the Big Easy?
9. Which state is nicknamed the "Garden State"?
10. Which trail stretches from Georgia to Maine?
11. Which U.S. state is the smallest by land area?
12. Which desert covers much of southern Arizona?
13. What name is given to the vast, slow-moving river of grass and wetlands in southern Florida?
14. How many American States start with the word "New"?
15. Which two states border Florida?
16. What name links a helicopter with a warm, dry wind along the Rocky Mountains?
17. What is the largest state in the USA?
18. Tulsa is the second-most-populous city in which U.S. state?
19. The highest point in the Great Smoky Mountains is Kuwohi (also known as Clingmans Dome), which is also the tallest mountain in which state?
20. Which U.S. Highway is nicknamed "The Mother Road"?
21. Lake Champlain forms part of the border between New York and which state?
22. Which islands form a chain extending westward from Alaska toward Russia?
23. The first land route across the present-day contiguous United States was mapped by which expedition between 1804 and 1806?
24. Which city has the largest metropolitan area in Missouri and extends into Illinois?
25. Which large borough is located near the western end of Long Island?

## Answers – Quiz 2:

1. Boston and Austin
  2. The East River
  3. Superior, Huron, Michigan, Erie, and Ontario
  4. Philadelphia
  5. South Dakota
  6. The Ozark Mountains (The Ozarks)
  7. Horseshoe Falls
  8. New Orleans
  9. New Jersey
  10. The Appalachian Trail
  11. Rhode Island
  12. Sonoran Desert
  13. The Everglades
  14. 4 (New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, and New Mexico)
  15. Alabama and Georgia
  16. Chinook
  17. Alaska
  18. Oklahoma
  19. Tennessee
  20. Route 66
  21. Vermont
  22. Aleutian Islands
  23. The Lewis and Clark Expedition
  24. St. Louis
  25. Queens
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