

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”?

Answer: *Alaska*

2. The Columbia River forms part of the border between Washington and which other state?

Answer: *Oregon*

3. Can you name the highest summit of the Rocky Mountains?

Answer: *Mount Elbert*

4. Which U.S. state capital has a population of more than 1.5 million?

Answer: *Phoenix (Arizona)*

5. In March 1980, which Washington State volcano erupted in a series of explosions?

Answer: *Mount St. Helens*

6. Which four American states border Mexico?

Answer: *California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas*

7. At 7,000 feet above sea level, which city is the highest U.S. state capital?

Answer: *Santa Fe (New Mexico)*

8. Washington DC was established in 1790 from land belonging to which two states?

Answer: *Maryland and Virginia*

9. What nickname of the Mississippi River refers to the large amounts of sediment and soil that turns its water brown?

Answer: *Old Muddy*

10. In 1870, what name was given to the first geyser to be named in Yellowstone National Park?

Answer: *Old Faithful*

11. Can you name the highest mountain peak in North America?

Answer: *Denali – formerly known as Mount McKinley (Alaska)*

12. Sequoia National Park and Yosemite National Park are both in which state?

Answer: *California*

13. The Great Salt Lake is in which U.S. state?

Answer: *Utah*

14. Which city is the most populous in the Southern United States and the fourth most populous in the nation?

Answer: *Houston*

15. Lake Tahoe is a large freshwater lake in which mountain range?

Answer: *Sierra Nevada*

16. The city of Chicago lies on the shores of which Great Lake?

Answer: *Lake Michigan*

17. Which U.S. states border the Pacific Ocean?

Answer: *Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington*

18. Which state is the least populated?

Answer: *Wyoming*

19. With its northern portion in Maryland and the southern part in Virginia, which bay is the largest estuary in the United States?
Answer: *Chesapeake Bay*

20. In which state are the Adirondack Mountains?
Answer: *New York*

21. New England is a region comprising six states in the northeastern United States – can you name the states?
Answer: *Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut*

22. Death Valley is in which desert?
Answer: *Mojave Desert*

23. The distinctive Cape Cod peninsula is in which American state?
Answer: *Massachusetts*

24. There are four time zones for the continental United States – name them.
Answer: *Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific*

25. Which state capital is located on an island?
Answer: *Honolulu (Hawaii)*

Quiz 2 – American Geography Quiz

1. Name the only two U.S. state capitals that rhyme.
Answer: *Boston and Austin*
2. Which saltwater tidal estuary in New York City is actually not a river despite its name?
Answer: *The East River*
3. Can you name the five Great Lakes?
Answer: *Superior, Huron, Michigan, Erie, and Ontario*
4. The nation's capital city, Washington, D.C., was established in 1800 after being relocated there from where?
Answer: *Philadelphia*
5. Mount Rushmore is located in which state?
Answer: *South Dakota*
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.
Answer: *The Ozark Mountains (The Ozarks)*
7. Can you name the largest of the three Niagara Falls?
Answer: *Horseshoe Falls*
8. Which city is nicknamed the Big Easy?
Answer: *New Orleans*
9. Which state is nicknamed the “Garden State”?
Answer: *New Jersey*
10. Which trail stretches from Georgia to Maine?
Answer: *The Appalachian Trail*
11. Which U.S. state is the smallest by land area?
Answer: *Rhode Island*
12. Which desert covers much of southern Arizona?
Answer: *Sonoran Desert*

13. What name is given to the vast, slow-moving river of grass and wetlands in southern Florida?

Answer: *The Everglades*

14. How many American States start with the word "New"?

Answer: *4 (New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, and New Mexico)*

15. Which two states border Florida?

Answer: *Alabama and Georgia*

16. What name links a helicopter with a warm, dry wind along the Rocky Mountains?

Answer: *Chinook*

17. What is the largest state in the USA?

Answer: *Alaska*

18. Tulsa is the second-most-populous city in which U.S. state?

Answer: *Oklahoma*

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?

Answer: *Tennessee*

20. Which U.S. Highway is nicknamed "The Mother Road"?

Answer: *Route 66*

21. Lake Champlain forms part of the border between New York and which state?

Answer: *Vermont*

22. Which islands form a chain extending westward from Alaska toward Russia?

Answer: *Aleutian Islands*

23. The first land route across the present-day contiguous United States was mapped by which expedition between 1804 and 1806?

Answer: *The Lewis and Clark Expedition*

24. Which city has the largest metropolitan area in Missouri and extends into Illinois?

Answer: *St. Louis*

25. Which large borough is located near the western end of Long Island?

Answer: *Queens*
