

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*
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