

## Introduction

Exploring the United States: Puzzles, Activities, and Map Work Volume 1 explores the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Virginia. It's ideal for 4th-8th grade and includes numerous puzzles to sharpen research and language arts skills. The state motto, popular name, geography, historic events, famous people, and more are studied through decoding puzzles, acrostics, matching, fill-ins, crosswords, letter puzzles, multiple choice, and various other types of puzzles and activities.

Each state's map work includes an outline of the state on which students can draw the location of the capital, bordering states or bodies of water, key rivers, and important mountains. The location of these places does not need to be exact; the exercise is meant to be a basic introduction to the approximate location of the places and their relation to each other.

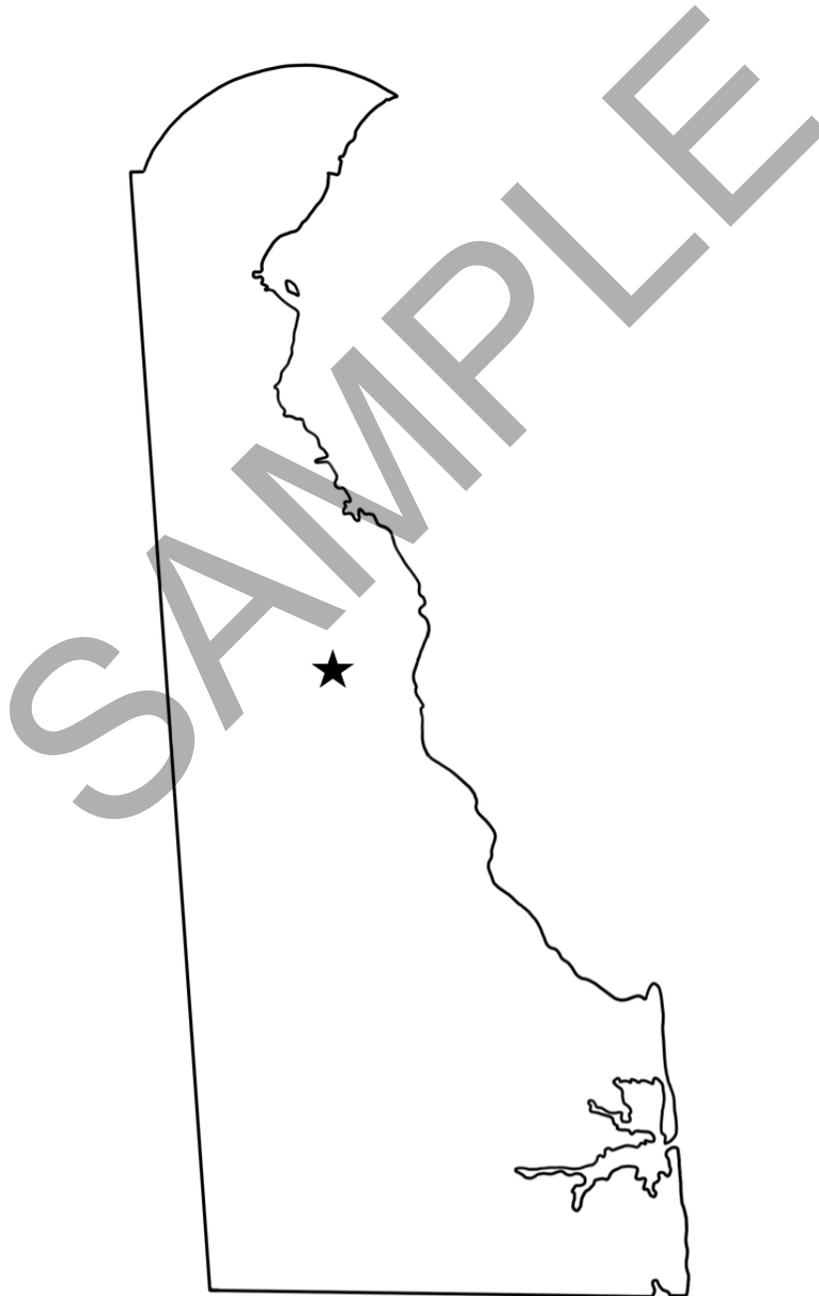
I hope you're ready for a closer look at the fascinating history of ten of our United States!

# December 7, 1787 Delaware Becomes a State

## Delaware Facts:

Capital	Dover
Major River	Delaware River
Borders	Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland

Delaware was the first state to join the Union. Find the places listed above on a map of Delaware and then draw and/or label them on the map below.



## Delaware State Motto and Popular Name Decoding

We are going to write the words for the Delaware state motto and the popular name of Delaware by finding each letter in a graph and then writing the letter on the line provided. Follow the directions for finding each letter. For example, if the directions say Across 4, Down 3 (A4-D3), follow the Down row 3 over to Across column 4 and find the letter **e**. In the instructions, we will use A for Across and D for Down.

		A c r o s s				
		1	2	3	4	5
D o w n	1	j	d	i	w	x
	2	u	l	n	y	p
	3	k	q	o	e	m
	4	t	v	h	c	r
	5	g	a	f	b	s

Motto

Popular Name

## Delaware Fill-In

Choose the correct word from the box below to fill in the blank for each sentence about Delaware history.

1. The first settlement in Delaware was settled by the Dutch and named \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The name of the first permanent settlement in Delaware was \_\_\_\_\_; it was the first \_\_\_\_\_ settlement in America.
3. In 1664, \_\_\_\_\_ captured all of New Netherland and made it a part of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The region of Delaware was given to William Penn by the Duke of York and made a territory of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The British invaded Delaware and won a battle at \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was built to protect the harbor of Philadelphia and Wilmington, but it was later used to house prisoners of war during the Civil War.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge connects Delaware and New Jersey.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_, under the command of Peter Heyes, brought Dutch settlers to Delaware.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ was built to protect Philadelphia and factories along the Delaware River during World War II.
10. The first railroad in Delaware was the New Castle and \_\_\_\_\_ Railroad.

Coochs Bridge	Fort Christina	Frenchtown	Swedish
Delaware Memorial	Fort Delaware	New York	Walvis
England	Fort Miles	Pennsylvania	Zwaanendael

## Delaware Matching

Match the person to the description of what he or she is known for by writing the correct letter in the space provided.

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|-----------|---|-----------------------------|
| _____ 1.  | Person whose home was Belmont Hall, a meeting place for the Delaware legislature during the American Revolution   | a. Éleuthère Irénée du Pont |
| _____ 2.  | First governor of Delaware  | b. Peter Stuyvesant         |
| _____ 3.  | Wrote the state song, "Our Delaware"  | c. Ruth Ann Minner          |
| _____ 4.  | Founded the Victor Talking Machine Company  | d. Caesar Rodney            |
| _____ 5.  | First female governor   | e. Thomas Collins           |
| _____ 6.  | Built a gunpowder works that later became the DuPont Company  | f. John McKinly             |
| _____ 7.  | Signer of the Declaration of Independence who rode 80 miles to make sure he cast his vote on time   | g. George B. Hynson         |
| _____ 8.  | Established Fort Casimir  | h. Mary Ann Shadd Cary      |
| _____ 9.  | Paid \$50 by the U.S. government for the land where the Fenwick Island Lighthouse now stands  | i. E.R. Johnson             |
| _____ 10. | First African American woman to establish and edit a weekly newspaper; also established schools for African Americans in Delaware, New York, and Pennsylvania | j. Mary Hall                |



## Delaware Bodies of Water Decoding

Below is a table showing the capital of Delaware. Each letter in the name of the capital and the state has a number below it. Using those numbers, fill in the correct letter in the name of each of the bodies of water shown below in the decoding. Then, see if you can figure out the rest of the letters to complete the names of the bodies of water in Delaware.

D	O	V	E	R	D	E	L	A	W	A	R	E
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

1.    —    5   2   11   1   —   —   8   8   12   —   3   7   5
2.    —   —   —   —   —   8   8   —   2   —   5   —   3   4   12
3.    —   11   —   —   —   —   2   —   4   12   —   3   4   5
4.    1   4   8   9   10   11   5   7   —   5   —   3   13   12
5.    5   7   —   2   —   —   —   —   12   —   3   7   5
6.    —   —   12   —   —   —   —   —   11   5   —   3   4   12
7.    —   5   11   —   1   —   10   —   —   13   —   5   7   13   —
8.    —   —   —   12   —   11   12   —   3   13   5
9.    —   —   —   5   7   —   —   —   10   9   —   —
10.   —   2   —   2   —   2   —   7   5   —   3   4   12