

## Introduction

Exploring the United States: Puzzles, Activities, and Map Work Volume 2 explores the states of New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi. 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 or label 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.

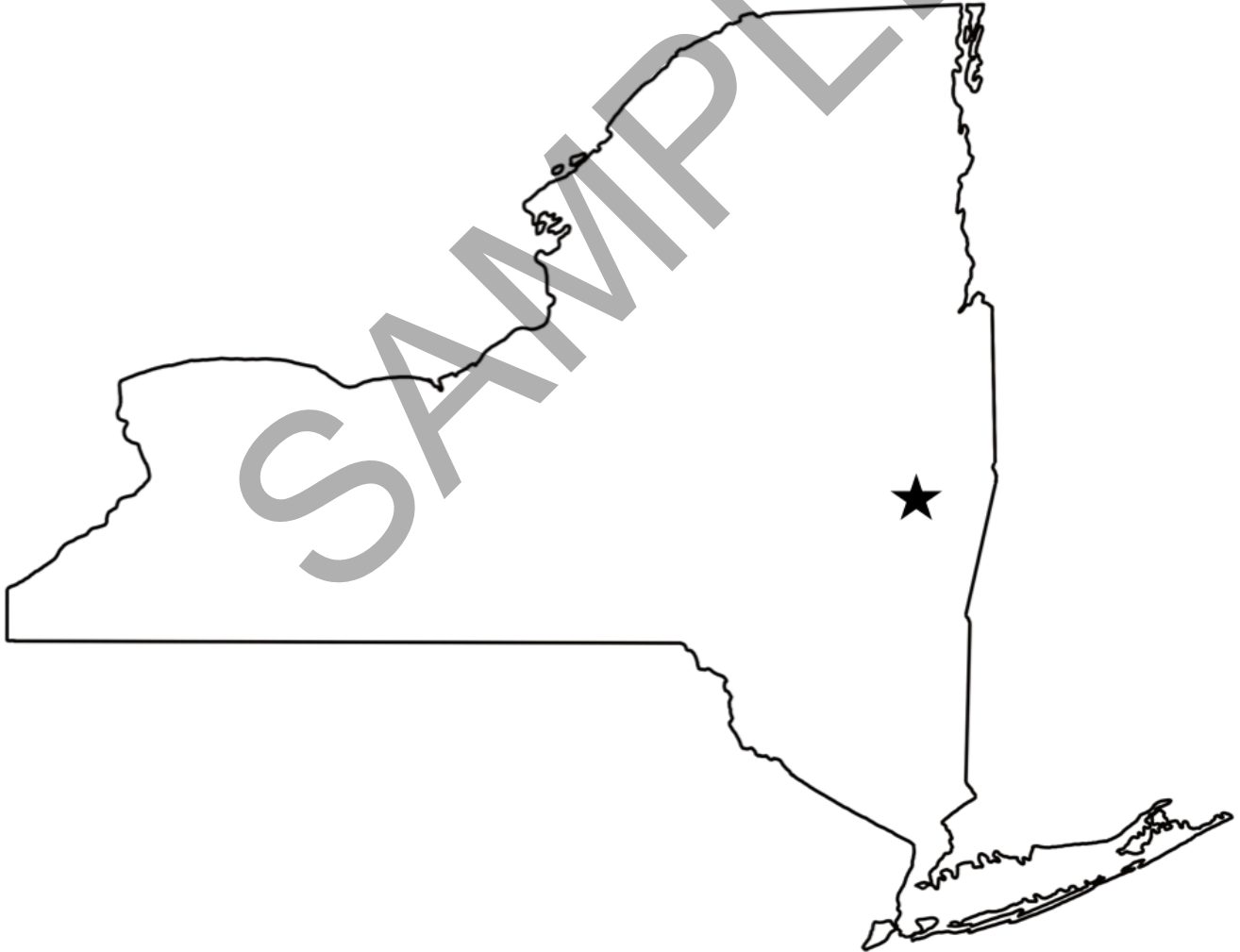
I hope you're ready for a closer look at the fascinating history of ten of our United States!

# July 26, 1788 New York Becomes a State

## New York Facts:

Capital	Albany
Major Rivers	St. Lawrence River, Mohawk River, and Hudson River
Highest Point	Mount Marcy
Borders	Lake Erie; Lake Ontario; Vermont; Massachusetts; Pennsylvania; the Atlantic Ocean; Connecticut; New Jersey; Ontario, Canada; and Quebec, Canada

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



## New York State Motto and Popular Name Decoding

Write the words for the New York state motto and the popular name of the state 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.

		Across				
		1	2	3	4	5
Down	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

## New York Fill-In

Fill in the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Mount \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest peak in the state.
2. The Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onodaga, and Seneca were the five tribes of the \_\_\_\_\_ Confederacy that lived in New York.
3. The first permanent Dutch settlement in New York was known as Fort \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ was built by the French on Lake Champlain in preparation to take over northern New York.
5. Fort \_\_\_\_\_ was captured by Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen with little resistance from the British during the American \_\_\_\_\_; it was later recaptured by the British before the end of the war.
6. President William McKinley was assassinated in \_\_\_\_\_ while at the \_\_\_\_\_ Exposition.
7. Fort \_\_\_\_\_ was built by the French and captured by the British during the \_\_\_\_\_ War and used by the British during the American Revolution.
8. The first lighthouse on the Hudson River was at \_\_\_\_\_; it was also the site of a battle of the American Revolution.
9. The Battles of Saratoga are also know as the First and Second Battles of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. At the end of the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_, General Washington's army retreated from General Howe by ferrying his men across the river to Manhattan.
11. The American victory at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ stopped the British from invading New York and forced them to retreat back to Canada.

Buffalo	French and Indian	Long Island	Orange	Stony Point
Crown Point	Iroquois	Marcy	Pan American	Ticonderoga
Freeman's Farm	Lake Champlain	Niagara	Revolution	

## New York 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.  | Purchased Manhattan from the Native Americans                                                | a. Samuel de Champlain   |
| _____ 2.  | First settler in the area of the Bronx                                                       | b. Louis Comfort Tiffany |
| _____ 3.  | Sailed up the Hudson River and claimed the territory of present-day New York for the Dutch   | c. Martin Van Buren      |
| _____ 4.  | Artist who started painting in her 70's                                                      | d. Henry Morgenthau, Jr. |
| _____ 5.  | Invented a new way to freeze foods                                                           | e. Jonas Bronck          |
| _____ 6.  | Known for the role he played in building the railroads of the United States                  | f. George Clinton        |
| _____ 7.  | Secretary of the Treasury who organized the Victory Bond campaign during World War II        | g. Henry Hudson          |
| _____ 8.  | Introduced a low-cost way to take photographs and created the Kodak Company                  | h. Grandma Moses         |
| _____ 9.  | Claimed the northern part of New York for the French                                         | i. George Eastman        |
| _____ 10. | First governor of New York state and vice president under Thomas Jefferson and James Madison | j. Clarence Birdseye     |
| _____ 11. | One of four governors of New York to become president                                        | k. Jay Gould             |
| _____ 12. | Famous designer of stained glass                                                             | l. Peter Minuit          |

## What City Am I?

Write NYC if the fact refers to New York City. If it does not, see if you can write the name of the city it refers to.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Home of the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, and Chrysler Building
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Capital of New York
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Largest city in the United States
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Headquarters of the United Nations
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Home to the New York State Fair
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Made up of five boroughs—Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, and Staten Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Home of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and the Farmer's Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Fell to the British during the American Revolution
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Second-largest city in New York
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Settled by Dutch colonists at the southern tip of Manhattan Island
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Temporary capital of the United States
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Home of the George Eastman Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Location of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Nicknamed the "Big Apple"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Home to One Seneca Tower
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Home of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Guggenheim Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Stamp Act Congress met here
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Nicknamed the "Cradle of the Union"

## New York Mountains and Bodies of Water Decoding

Below is a table showing the capital of New York. 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 mountains or bodies of water shown in the decoding. Then, see if you can figure out the rest of the letters to complete the names.

A	L	B	A	N	Y	N	E	W	Y	O	R	K
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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