

## Introduction

Exploring the United States: Puzzles, Activities, and Map Work Volume 3 explores the states of Illinois, Alabama, Maine, Missouri, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Texas, Iowa, and Wisconsin. 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.

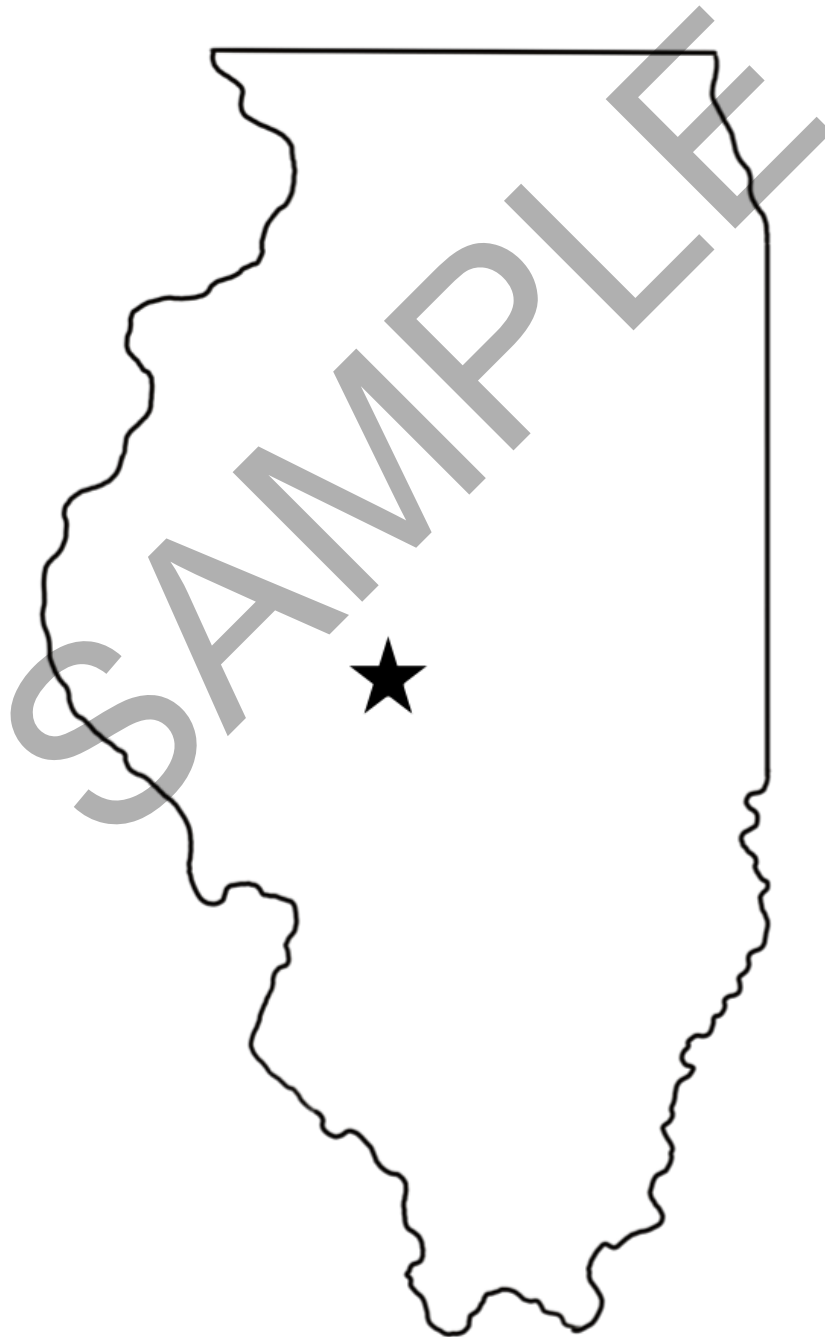
I hope you're ready for a closer look at the fascinating history of ten of our United States!

# December 3, 1818 Illinois Becomes a State

## Illinois Facts:

Capital	Springfield
Major Rivers	Mississippi River, Illinois River, and Spoon River
Highest Point	Charles Mound
Borders	Wisconsin, Kentucky, Lake Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, and Indiana

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



## Illinois State Motto and Popular Name Decoding

Write the words for the Illinois 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

                                              
 A5-D5 A1-D4 A2-D5 A1-D4 A4-D3

                                                                                                    
 A5-D5 A3-D3 A2-D4 A4-D3 A5-D4 A4-D3 A3-D1 A1-D5 A3-D2 A1-D4 A4-D2

                                                                         
 A3-D2 A2-D5 A1-D4 A3-D1 A3-D3 A3-D2 A2-D5 A2-D2

                                              
 A1-D2 A3-D2 A3-D1 A3-D3 A3-D2

Popular Name

                                                                                           
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 A2-D2 A3-D1 A3-D2 A4-D4 A3-D3 A2-D2 A3-D2

## Illinois Fill-In

Fill in the correct word from the box below to complete each sentence. Please note: one answer will be used twice.

1. A group of Native Americans from Illinois who were moved to a reservation in Kansas were the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Illinois has had three capitals: Kaskaskia, \_\_\_\_\_, and Springfield.
3. The first railroad was the \_\_\_\_\_, and it ran from the Illinois River to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The first state park in Illinois was \_\_\_\_\_ State Park.
5. Some of the groups of Native Americans that belonged to the Illinois Confederacy were the Cahokia, Kaskaskia, \_\_\_\_\_, Peoria, and Tamaroa.
6. The mission at \_\_\_\_\_ was founded by French priests as a fur trading post; it was the first permanent settlement in Illinois.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was built by the French as a stronghold for the villages in southwestern Illinois.
8. Kaskaskia and Cahokia were captured by George Rogers Clark and a group of frontiersmen known as the \_\_\_\_\_ and made a part of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ was founded by Jesuit priests.
10. The Great \_\_\_\_\_ Fire destroyed much of the city in 1871.
11. Illinois has been a part of \_\_\_\_\_, then the \_\_\_\_\_ Territory, then a part of \_\_\_\_\_ Territory, before becoming the \_\_\_\_\_ Territory.

Big Knives	Fort de Chartres	Indiana	Moingwena	Springfield	Vandalia
Cahokia	Illiniwek	Kaskaskia	Northern Cross	Starved Rock	Virginia
Chicago	Illinois	Michigamea	Northwest		

## Illinois Multiple Choice

Read each statement and underline or circle the name that fits the description.

1. First governor of the state of Illinois
  - a. Eliot Ness
  - b. Shadrach Bond
  - c. Al Capone
2. Started a company that improved sleeping cars for railroads
  - a. George Pullman
  - b. Allan Pinkerton
  - c. Charles Duryea
3. Grew up in Illinois and had a law practice in Springfield; later became president
  - a. Abraham Lincoln
  - b. Ronald Reagan
  - c. Barack Obama
4. Convinced Congress to push the boundary of Illinois further north to include Chicago
  - a. Dwight L. Moody
  - b. Marshall Field, I
  - c. Nathaniel Pope
5. Poet who also wrote a biography of Abraham Lincoln
  - a. Ernest Hemingway
  - b. Carl Sandburg
  - c. Carl Van Doren
6. First woman to win consecutive heptathlons at the Olympic Games
  - a. Julia Lathrop
  - b. Jackie Joyner-Kersey
  - c. Albertina Walker
7. Founded *Poetry: A Magazine of Verse* magazine, which helped launch the careers of many poets
  - a. Harriet Monroe
  - b. Jane Addams
  - c. Vachel Lindsay
8. The first territorial governor of Illinois
  - a. Paul Douglas
  - b. Ninian Edwards
  - c. Joseph Cannon
9. Opened a business selling plows in Moline, Illinois
  - a. Elbert Gary
  - b. John Logan
  - c. John Deere
10. Senator from Illinois known for his debates with Abraham Lincoln
  - a. John A. Logan
  - b. Everett Dirksen
  - c. Stephen Douglas
11. Designed many types of fonts and type faces
  - a. Frederic Goudy
  - b. Lyman Trumbull
  - c. Harold Washington

## What City Am I?

Write Chicago if the fact refers to Chicago; if it does not, see if you can write the name of the Illinois city it refers to.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Home to the Buckingham Memorial Fountain
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Site of the first school in Illinois
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Third-largest city in the country
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Home of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Originally named McCarty's Mills
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Home to O'Hare International Airport
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Birthplace of Ronald Reagan
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Fire in 1871 destroyed much of the city
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Home to the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Home to Midway International Airport
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Home to Fort Dearborn
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Home of the Grand Army of the Republic
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Site of the first public library
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Site of fur trading post operated by Jean Baptiste Point du Sable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Home to the Century of Progress Exposition
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Settlement originally called Fort Crevecoeur
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Home to the Willis Tower
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Home to the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition

## Illinois Mountains and Bodies of Water Decoding

Below is a table showing the capital of Illinois. 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.

S	P	R	I	N	G	F	I	E	L	D	I	L	L	I	N	O	I	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

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3.    1    —    16   6    —    —    17   16   3   8    9   3
4.    10   —    —    9    —    —    14    —    9    —
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10.   1   2   17   17   5    3   12    —    9   3