Introduction

Exploring the United States: Puzzles, Activities, and Map Work Volume 5 explores the states of Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii. 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.
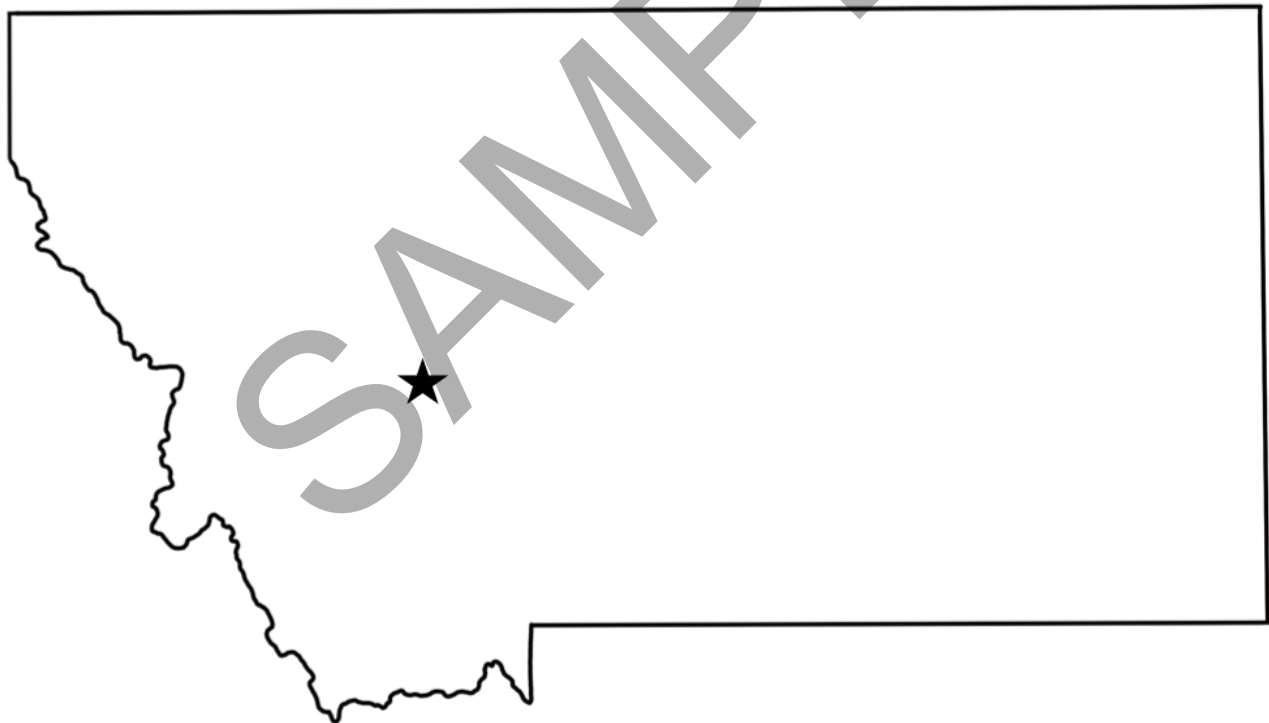
I hope you're ready for a closer look at the fascinating history of ten of our United States!

November 8, 1889
Montana Becomes a State

Montana Facts:

Capital	Helena
Major Rivers	Missouri River and Clark Fork River
Highest Point	Granite Peak
Borders	North Dakota; South Dakota; Idaho; Wyoming; British Columbia, Canada; Alberta, Canada; and Saskatchewan, Canada

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

Montana State Motto and Popular Name Decoding

Write the words for the Montana 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
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

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

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

Popular Name

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

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
A4-D4 A3-D3 A1-D2 A3-D2 A1-D4 A5-D4 A4-D2

Montana True and False

Label each of the following statements "T" for true or "F" for false. If the statement is false, see if you can change it to make it true.

_____1. A nickname of Montana is "Big Ground Country."

_____2. The Utah & Northern Railroad was the first railroad in Montana.

_____3. The highest mountain in Montana is Granite Peak.

_____4. The Bighorn River is formed by the juncture of the Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Rivers where they meet at Three Forks.

_____5. Some tribes of Native Americans in Montana were the Arapaho, Assiniboine, Blackfeet, Cheyenne, and Crow on the plains, and the Bannock, Flathead, Kalispel, Kootenai, and Shoshone in the mountains.

_____6. The Battle of Bear Paw and the Battle of Big Ditch were two battles between the soldiers and the Nez Perce.

_____7. The largest natural lake in Montana is Fort Peck Lake.

_____8. St. Mary's Mission was the first attempt at settlement of Montana, near Stevensville.

_____9. The lake that was formed by a landslide caused by an earthquake that blocked the Madison River became known as Canyon Ferry Lake.

_____10. Grasshopper Creek was a site where copper was found.

_____11. General Custer and his men fought the Battle of Little Bighorn, also known as Custer's Last Stand, on the Little Bighorn River against a group of Sioux, Cheyenne, and Arapaho.

_____12. Fort Benton was built by the American Fur Company on the Missouri River.

Montana Matching

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

_____ 1. Lobbied for territorial status and was the first governor of Montana Territory

_____ 2. Nez Perce who surrendered to the U.S. after fighting a number of battles

_____ 3. First governor of the state of Montana

_____ 4. Artist famous for his depictions of cowboys and life in the west

_____ 5. First person to fly over the Rocky Mountains

_____ 6. Brought the first herd of cattle into the area

_____ 7. Actor who won Academy Awards for *Sergeant York* and *High Noon*

_____ 8. Served in the U.S. House and Senate; ambassador to Japan

_____ 9. First woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives

_____ 10. Operated a hotel in Yellowstone Park

a. Richard Grant

b. Jeannette Rankin

c. Gary Cooper

d. Sidney Edgerton

e. Mike Mansfield

f. Charles Russell

g. Joseph Toole

h. Cromwell Dixon

i. John Yancey

j. Chief Joseph

Montana Places

Write the name of the correct place that goes with each fact. Some places are used once, and others are used more than once.

_____ 1.   Largest city

_____ 2.   Began as a trading post on the Mullan Road

_____ 3.   Founded by Paris Gibson

_____ 4.   Home to the World Museum of Mining

_____ 5.   Founded by Marcus Daly as Copperopolis

_____ 6.   State capital

_____ 7.   Called the "City That's a Mile High and A Mile Deep"

_____ 8.   Named for the president of the Northern Pacific Railroad at the time the railroad came through the area

_____ 9.   Originally called Clark's City

_____ 10.   Home to the Museum of the Rockies

_____ 11.   Home to Giant Springs State Park

_____ 12.   Located at the junction of the Yellowstone and Tongue Rivers

_____ 13.   Main street is known as Last Chance Gulch

Anaconda	Butte	Livingston
Billings	Great Falls	Miles City
Bozeman	Helena	Missoula

Montana Mountains and Bodies of Water Decoding

Below is a table showing the capital of Montana. 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.

H	E	L	E	N	A	M	O	N	T	A	N	A
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

1. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
      8 8 10 4 12 13   2

2. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
          6   5   10 4   2   6

3. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   4 11   10 1   13   2   3 11   4

4. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___.
      2   6   2   1   4 13   7 10

5. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
          1   8   9   4

6. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   3   6   4   8   8   11 9   13

7. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   10 4 10 8   5   2

8. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
          10 10 4   8   8 10   11 12   4

9. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
   10 8   9   2   4

10. ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
        2   3   3   8   10 8   5   2   4