

## Introduction

Exploring the United States: Timelines, Critical Thinking, 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 9th-12th grade. A short introduction to each state is provided along with 20 facts that the students must arrange in a timeline. Five critical thinking questions are also included for each state, challenging the students to do independent research and form their own conclusions regarding important issues and events in the state's past as well as current events.

Each state's map work includes an outline of the state on which students can draw the location of major cities, bodies of water, mountains, and bordering states or bodies of water. The location of these places does not need to be exact; the exercise is meant to help students become familiar with the approximate location of the places and their relation to each other.

Each book concludes with 10 additional state chronology projects that combine timeline information for all 10 states covered in the unit.

Get ready for a deeper look at the history of ten of our United States!

## July 26, 1788

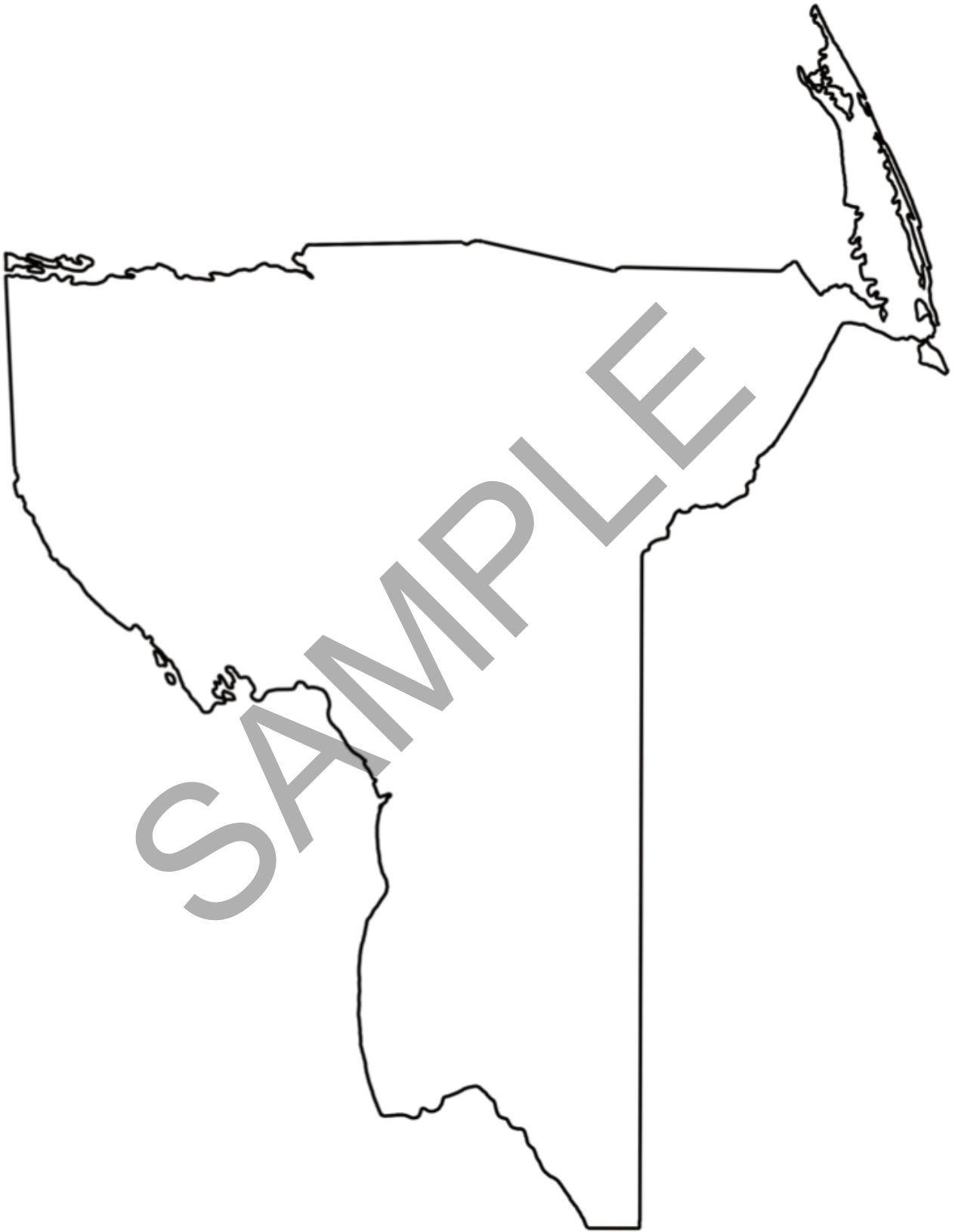
# New York Becomes a State

When studying New York, it is sometimes hard not to get overwhelmed by New York City. With its many museums, theaters, restaurants, and more, it can seem the state is one large, urban center. It is hard to think of New York as having mountains covered in beautiful forests; clear, sparkling lakes; sandy beaches; and many areas of wilderness. There are areas where people enjoy outdoor sports such as fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, and more. There are also many areas of historical interest, as New York has been deeply involved in the history of the nation since its beginning. Even during the American Revolution, about one-third of the battles were fought in New York. Many famous people are from New York, including Sojourner Truth, Donald Trump, Lou Gehrig, Barbara Bush, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rudolph Giuliani, Grace Hopper, L. Frank Baum, Grandma Moses, Eleanor Roosevelt, E.B. White, Almanzo Wilder, Emma Lazarus, Nancy Reagan, Julia Ward Howe, Norman Rockwell, Walt Whitman, Theodore Roosevelt, Gertrude Ederle, Martin Van Buren, and William Seward.

Look at the map of New York on the next page. Add the capital of New York to the map. Locate the cities of Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Yonkers, Syracuse, Ithaca, Malone, Cooperstown, Ogdensburg, Saratoga Springs, Amsterdam, Troy, Poughkeepsie, Monticello, West Point, Olean, Jamestown, Utica, Binghamton, and Tarrytown, and add them to the map. Next, add the Appalachian Mountains, Taconic Mountains, Adirondack Mountains, Catskill Mountains, Shawangunk Mountains, Mount Marcy, Algonquin Peak, and Hunter Mountain. Also, locate the Hudson River, Mohawk River, St. Lawrence River, Oswego River, Seneca River, Susquehanna River, Lake George, Finger Lakes, Chautauqua Lake, and Lake Placid, and add them. Lastly, label the states, provinces, or bodies of water that border New York.



**New York**



# Timeline of New York History

Use the facts on the following page to complete the timeline.

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1624

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1. The New York State Museum is founded in Albany, New York
2. New York becomes the eleventh state in the Union
3. The United Nations chooses New York City as the site of its headquarters
4. Fort Orange (now known as Albany) is founded
5. A Pan American Exposition is held in Buffalo
6. The New York State Canal System is completed
7. The first newspaper in the state is established
8. The World Trade Center in New York City is attacked by terrorists for the second time
9. The Erie Canal opens
10. The Niagara Power Plant opens
11. George Washington is inaugurated in New York City as the first United States president
12. The St. Lawrence Seaway opens
13. The area of present-day New York is claimed for the Netherlands by Henry Hudson
14. The Battle of Saratoga is fought
15. Many military personnel leave from the port at New York City to fight in Europe in World War I
16. The English take control of present-day New York
17. The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge opens
18. New York City becomes the capital of the United States
19. America's first commercial television station begins operations in New York
20. The New York State Library is founded in Albany, New York











