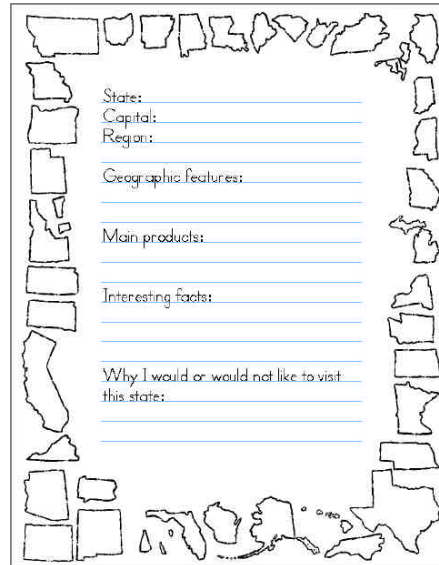


State Report

Goals

- To identify states and regions
- To research and write a brief report summarizing important facts about a state
- To formulate an opinion about the state and give supporting reasons



Overview: Students research one of the 50 states and complete a brief report that includes important state facts and reasons why they would or would not want to visit the state.

Materials

- Print and electronic resources on the 50 states
- Copies of “State Report” template printed in black and white

Directions

1. Assign or let students choose one of the 50 states.
2. Give each student a copy of the “State Report” template. Have students find and color their states in the border. If they want to color other states, have them choose a different color and use that color for all the others.
3. Give students time to research their state and complete the state report template.
4. Plan a “Tour the USA” day when students share highlights from their reports and explain why they would or would not want to visit the state. If you want, conclude by letting students vote for the state they would most like to visit.

Stationery Studio Extensions

- Have students print stationery using the business letter format and write to states for tourist information.
- Let students choose a border that reflects one of the tourist attractions in their state and then write a review of the attraction for a travel magazine or a story about a real or imaginary trip there.
- Let students choose their own stationery and print using the friendly letter format. Then have them write to friends and relatives in other states telling them about attractions in their home state.