

“Welcome to _____!”

Wish you were here!”

Postcards from the Edge

In addition to providing a detailed map of your state and a bibliography with at least 2 resources (for example, the internet and your textbook), you are to research the state provided for you and create a series of postcards that represent the items listed below. Each postcard should measure 4” x 6.” The front of each card should contain a picture or a drawing of your research item(s). The back of each card should include a description of the research item(s) and a letter addressed to me explaining in more detail the significance of the research item(s).

You should have at least 5 postcards. Some research items can be included together (for example, state bird, state flower, and state tree).

Include the following research items in your postcards:

- state motto
- state flower
- state tree
- state nickname
- state flag
- origin of state name
- date of statehood
- state song
- at least 2 famous people from your state
- a Native American tribe that lived or currently lives in your state

Front
(state nickname and flag)



EXAMPLE

Back
(description and letter)

The Golden State - the official motto of California since 1968. Appropriate because of the importance of the discovery of gold in 1848 and the fields of golden poppies during the spring.

Dear Mr. T,

Wow... California is great! Ever since visiting this state, I have learned so much! While in Sacramento, California's capital, I found out that the flag for this state was first raised on June 14, 1846 by American settlers in revolt against Mexican rule. The star on the flag imitated the lone star of Texas and the grizzly bear represents the many bears that are part of California. This flag was officially adopted by California in 1911. Isn't that cool?!

Wish you were here!

Sincerely,

Your favorite student

Every resource you use to create your postcards must be cited (given credit). For example, the resources I used for my sample postcards was a website and the textbook. Below is a proper way to cite my resources:

The web site:

50States.com: State Nicknames. 16 July 1996

50States.com. 12 Oct. 2004

<<http://www.50states.com/>>

The textbook:

Ritchie, Donald. American History: The Modern Era Since 1865

New York: 2001

Use the checklist below to assist you in your research:

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