



Middle Atlantic

Three of the Middle Atlantic states—New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania—are among our most populous, and are definitely "northern" in character. Delaware and Maryland, on the other hand, are less heavily populated and are border states, with a more southern feel. Generally speaking, this is an industrial part of the country, but any region that encompasses the Allegheny Mountains, New York City, and Chesapeake Bay is clearly very diverse. This is true of most of the regions in the U.S.

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highest point in Delaware is only 442 feet above sea level



First settled by the Swedes ★ Named for the English

Lord De La Ware ★ Part of Pennsylvania from 1682 to 1704 ★ awarded northern

Delaware

(DE)



Capital: Dover
State Bird: Blue Hen Chicken
State Flower: Peach Blossom
State Tree: American Holly

1st state to enter the Union (December 7, 1787) ★ 49th largest state



We've all heard of Paul Revere's Ride, but the most famous event in Delaware history is Caesar Rodney's Ride.

Rodney was a delegate from the Delaware counties to the Continental Congress of 1776. He returned home to help put down a threat by Tories who were gathering to fight for the king. Back in Philadelphia, the two remaining Delaware delegates were split on the issue of whether or not to support the Declaration of Independence. Rodney was needed to break the tie.

Legend has it that Tories intercepted a series of messages sent to Rodney by his colleagues in Con-

gress, but that, at the last possible minute, he got the news from a black maid who smuggled it in to him. Although many thought he couldn't possibly make it to Philadelphia on time, he jumped on his horse (or into his carriage—historians are still arguing about this) and galloped off. He stopped only to change exhausted horses on his way, and made the 90-mile trip in the nick of time. He voted for independence.

Eleven years later, Delaware became "the First State" by ratifying the Constitution before any of the other former colonies.

state line is the only rounded boundary in the U.S.—an arc drawn from Newcastle ★ In 1844, the "Bangor" (the first iron,



Dover, Delaware

Sometimes delicatessen owners just can't seem to get along and they have a deli war. Maybe the **dove over the deli war** will bring peace.

A **dove over**
(Dover) the deli war
(Delaware).

has been home to the U.S. Naval Academy since 1845 ★



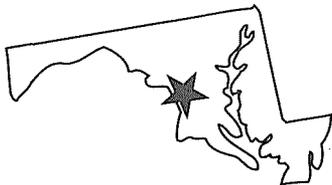
Only one of the 13 original colonies to be settled originally

history ★ Annapolis

by Catholics ★ Named in

Maryland

(MD)



Capital: Annapolis
State Bird: Baltimore Oriole
State Flower: Black-Eyed Susan
State Tree: White Oak



7th state to enter the Union (April 28, 1788) ★ 42nd largest state



of Queen

Sharpsburg in 1862 remains the bloodiest day

Maria, of England ★ Francis Scott

In September of 1814, the British were attacking up the Chesapeake Bay, and one of their objectives was the city of Baltimore. They had captured an American named William Beanes, and two of his friends wanted to get him released. John Skinner and Francis Scott Key arrived in Baltimore Harbor and won their friend's freedom, but the British told them they'd have to stay on board a prisoner-exchange ship until after the attack.

The Americans had asked Mrs. Mary Pickersgill to make a huge American flag—over 50 feet long—to fly above the fort. A great British bombardment began on September 13, and lasted all day and all night. It included, not just cannon balls

and shells, but Congreve rockets, which trailed through the sky and left a red glare in their wake. Through the smoke and haze and darkness, Key and his friends couldn't see what was happening. As the mist cleared early in the morning of the 14th, they could see a flag waving above Fort McHenry, and they soon realized it wasn't the British ensign, but Mrs. Pickersgill's star-spangled banner.

Key was so moved he sat down on the spot and wrote the poem that was eventually set to music and became our national anthem. The huge flag still exists, and you can see it at the Museum of History and Technology in Washington, D.C.

★ The battle at Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg in 1862 remains the bloodiest day in the Civil War ★ Key's grandson was arrested and imprisoned in Fort McHenry during the Civil War



Annapolis, Maryland

All the girls are named Mary so they call the place **Mary land**. They're all taking a nap and you'd better not wake them or you'll get in trouble with the **nap police**.

A nap police
(Annapolis) in **Mary**
land (Maryland).

is the greatest supply of fresh water in the Eastern U.S. ★ The Cohanzey Aquifer

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Washington crossed the Delaware to get to New Jersey

★ Most densely populated state in the nation ★ The very earliest baseball teams played at Elysian Fields in Hoboken



New Jersey

(NJ)

Capital: Trenton

State Bird: Eastern Goldfinch

State Flower: Purple Violet

State Tree: Red Oak



3rd state to enter the Union (December 18, 1787) ★ 46th largest state

When the Revolutionary War began, a man named William Franklin was the governor of New Jersey. He was a London-trained lawyer, and as events led toward war, he supported the British, so he was what was known as a Loyalist (because he was loyal to the king), or a Tory.

He was also the son of Benjamin Franklin.

Needless to say, father and son, who had been very close most of William's life, did not see eye to eye on political matters. In 1776, William was arrested by Revolutionary officials, and he was sent to a horrible, vermin-ridden jail in Connecticut, far beyond the reach of those who might try to

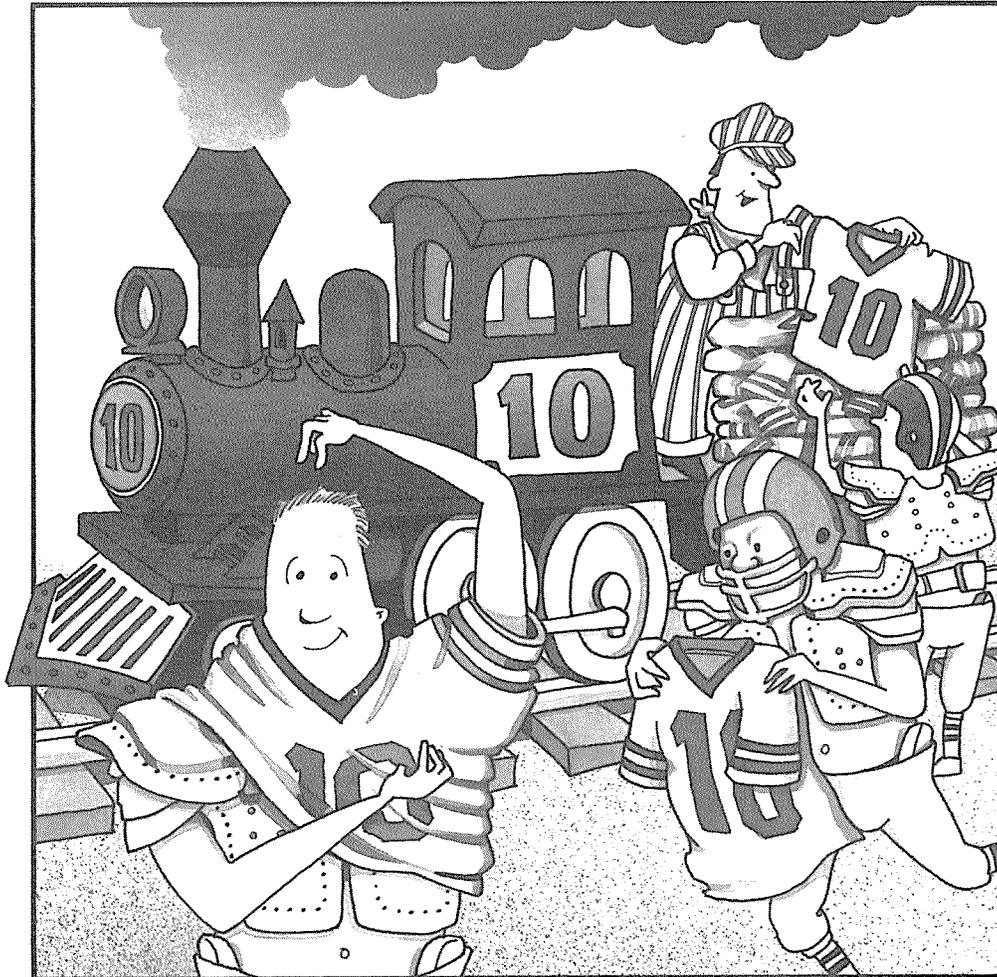
rescue him. His father, Benjamin Franklin, didn't try to help him. In fact, his father made sure he was closely watched, and that he was not exchanged for prisoners held by the British.

When William was finally freed in 1778, he went to New York, where the British Army had its headquarters. There he began to take his revenge by seeing to the execution of a number of prisoners held by the British.

After the war, William Franklin spent the rest of his life in England, and never reconciled with his father. Benjamin Franklin, great American statesman, seldom mentioned his son again.

★ "Old" Jersey is an island in the English Channel ★ Called the "Garden State," it still has many

Trenton, New Jersey



The engineer on **train ten** gives out **new jerseys** to the football team.

Train ten (Trenton) brings **new jerseys (New Jersey)**.

Revolution on America's side ★ Called the "Empire State"



First European settlers were Dutch ★ Region was first

New York

(NY)



Capital: Albany
State Bird: Bluebird
State Flower: Rose
State Tree: Sugar Maple



11th state to enter the Union (July 26, 1788) ★ 30th largest state

The U.S. has always been a country of immigrants, but the tide from Europe was especially strong in the last half of the last century and the first few years of this one. Between 1892 and 1924, most people coming to the United States sailed into New York Harbor, glided past the Statue of Liberty, docked in Manhattan, were off-loaded into barges, and were ferried to Ellis Island.

Here, they walked under a large canopy into a huge building, picked up their belongings in the Baggage Hall, and then moved into the Great Hall, where doctors and inspectors processed up to 10,000 people a day. Immigrants had to be healthy,

so everyone was examined. Most people—about 80 percent—passed, but those who didn't were deported—sent back to the country they'd come from. This rejection often caused terrible anguish. Imagine how families felt when one member could not be allowed in.

About a third of the people who passed through Ellis Island stayed in the New York area. The rest, of many nationalities and religions, fanned out across the country, looking, as new Americans always had, for a place to put down roots, live a decent life, and savor the freedom of the new world.

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Saratoga

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called "New Netherland" and New York City was "New Amsterdam" # Peter Minuit

"bought" Manhattan Island from local Indians for trinkets worth \$24 ★ The U.S. Military Academy was established at West Point

Albany, New York



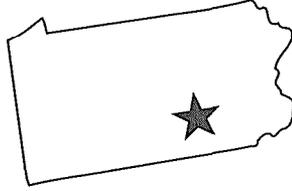
The **owl** and **bunny** sure
like riding on the brand
new yak.

An **owl** and **bunny**
(Albany) on a new
yak (New York).



Pennsylvania

(PA)



Capital: Harrisburg
State Bird: Ruffed Grouse
State Flower: Mountain Laurel
State Tree: Hemlock



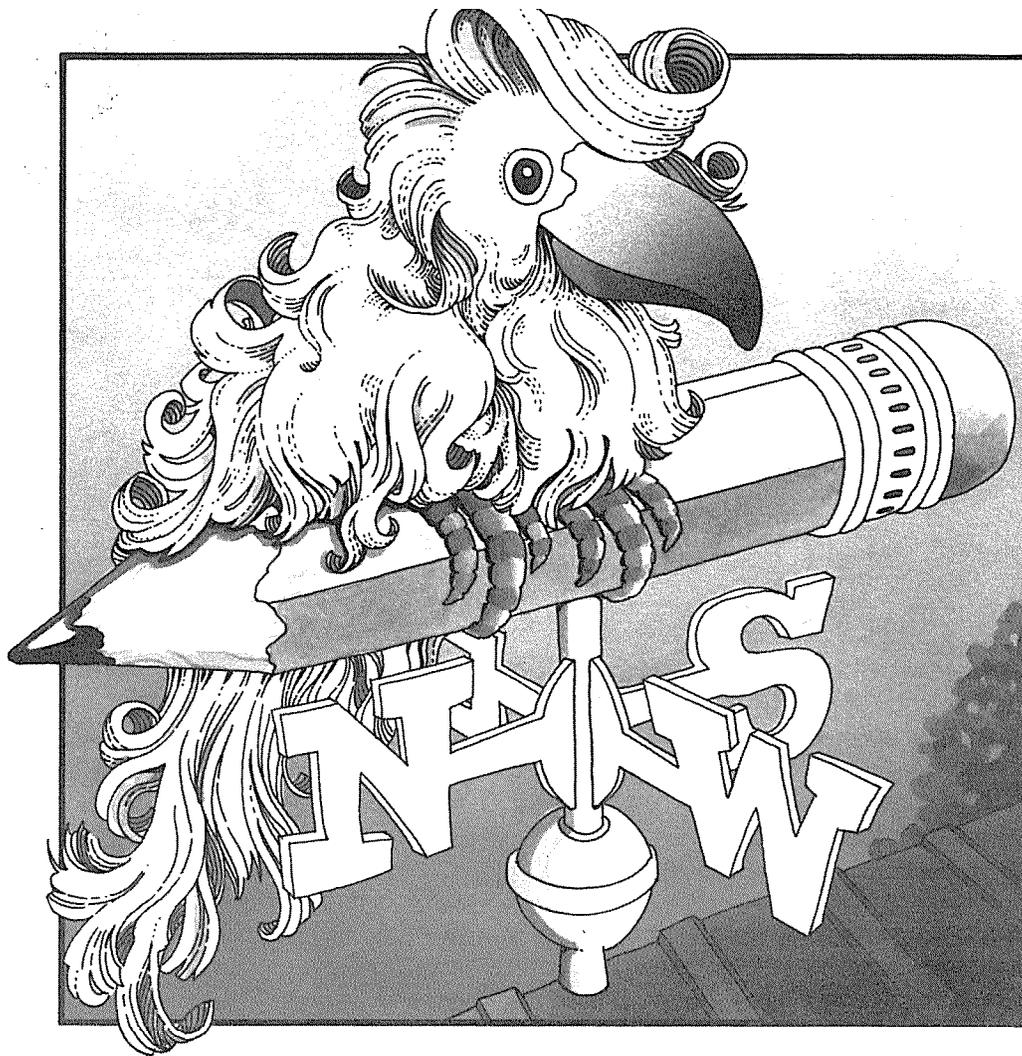
2nd state to enter the Union (December 12, 1787) ★ 33rd largest state

During the Revolution, armies didn't campaign against each other during the winter—it was too hard to get around. The winter of 1777–1778 was an especially difficult one for the Americans. The British had taken Philadelphia, forcing Congress to flee, and General Washington had established his winter camp at Valley Forge.

During a fierce winter, the Americans faced their first, but by no means their last, great test of misery. Thousands of soldiers died of cold, hunger, and disease. Farmers in the countryside seemed much more eager to sell food for gold to the British

in Philadelphia than for Continental dollars to the starving army at Valley Forge.

Washington feared a mutiny. Instead, he got a better-drilled army. Baron von Steuben (who wasn't really a Baron, but who was a highly professional soldier) arrived in February to teach military skills to the poorly-trained Americans. Morale improved, though conditions didn't. Washington broke camp in June. He and his army faced many more dark days before defeating Cornwallis at Yorktown, but Valley Forge became the symbol of hardships overcome.



Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Which way is the wind blowing? Well, look up at the **hairy bird** on the **pencil vane**.

A **hairy bird**
(Harrisburg) on the
pencil vane
(Pennsylvania).



Let's see what you remember.



What is the peace dove over, that he might have a chance of stopping?

Where do the nap police patrol?



What does train ten give out to the team?

What do the owl and bunny ride on?



What type of vane does the hairy bird sit on?



What flies over the deli war?



Who will arrest you for making noise in Mary land?

Which train brings the new jerseys?



What two animals ride on the new yak?

What type of bird sits on the pencil vane?