

State Report

State _____ by _____

Mrs. Renz 4th Grade

Due Date: May 16, 2003

STANDARDS:

- Writing (Report Writing, Ideas & Content, Conventions, Citing Sources)
- Social Studies (Locate & identify regions & physical features U.S. Examine/prepare maps & interpret geographic info.)

ORGANIZATION: Attach to specially folded file folder the following items:

- Front Cover: State name, map of the state (see below), your name, 4th grade, date
- Inside Left page- glue state symbols information/pictures & captions
- Inside Middle Section – written report will be attached here and may be written in cursive or word processed
- Inside Right Page – timeline (see below)
- Back Cover – U.S. map with only your state colored & labeled

WRITTEN REPORT PARAGRAPHS

Research using our classroom website: <http://www.redmond.k12.or.us/patrick/renz> and take notes on the organizer. Write a rough draft for each section on a separate sheet of paper. Edit it with Mrs. Renz, then recopy or type on separate sheets. Label each section with the title.

- 1) Introduction – Introduction to your state report and why you chose it
- 2) Climate & Physical Features - What region it is in, climate, and the most important physical features (rivers, mountains, etc.)
- 3) Economy & Natural Resources– How do people earn a living in your state? What are the natural resources in your state?
- 4) Important Events - Tell about three important events in the state's history including when it became a state
- 5) Things to See and Do – Why would people want to travel to your state? (parks, major attractions, things to see and do)
- 6) Interesting Information –Famous people from your state, interesting facts, etc.
- 7) Conclusion – Conclusion paragraph
- 8) Bibliography of Resources Used (see separate handout)

Drawings and Map Instructions

- 1) State Symbols (bird, tree, flower, animal)
Draw or include a picture of the symbol, and write a short caption for each. You can include extra state symbols for a higher score. Pictures should be 2"x3" maximum and may be printed off a computer.
- 2) Maps
 - a) State map – This map will go on the cover - Label major physical features (river, mountains or mountain ranges, the capital, and 5 of the state's largest cities)
 - b) U.S. outline map - This map will go on the back of the file folder - Color only your state or color the whole map one color with your state in a different color.

Historical Timeline

Choose at least three events in your state's history or events leading up to statehood. Include a brief caption, EXTRA CREDIT: Include more than three events and draw a colored picture next to each date.