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New York

New York is located in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern regions of the United States. It shares borders with New Jersey and Pennsylvania in the south. New York also borders Connecticut, Vermont, and Massachusetts in the east. New York also shares an international border with Canada.

New York is the third most populous state in the United States, and the capitol of New York is Albany. New York City is the largest city in New York and has the highest population of any city in the United States. New York City and the state of New York were both named after the 17th century Duke of York, James Stuart.

New York City has a history of being a gateway for immigration to the United States. At the mouth of the Hudson River, Ellis Island is located. Ellis Island was the main point of entry for immigrants coming to the United States from January 1, 1892, until November 12, 1954. New York City has also been a cultural, financial and manufacturing center.

Originally, New York was inhabited by different Native American tribes, like the Algonquin and Iroquois. New York was originally claimed by Henry Hudson in 1609. Dutch forts were located near Albany, and the area was colonized by the Dutch in 1624. It was later annexed by British forces in 1664.

New York became the 11th state when it ratified the Constitution on July 26, 1788. Roughly one-third of the battles of the Revolutionary War took place in New York. New York is also home to the Statue of Liberty. The Statue of Liberty was given the United States as a gift from France. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886, in New York Harbor. The Statue of Liberty is located on Liberty Island. Today, tourists are able to see the outside of the Statue of Liberty, but the interior of the Statue is closed for touring.

New York is the third most populous state, after California and Texas. New York also has one of the oldest and most extensive transportation infrastructures in the United States. New York City has a mass transit subway and four commuter railroad systems. Buffalo also has a railway. In addition, Rochester's subway operated from 1927 to 1956. Since then, Rochester's subway has not been used.

New York City is also home to Broadway, which refers to the 39 professional theaters located in the Theatre District in Manhattan. This is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the city. The World Trade Center in New York City was attacked on September 11, 2001. A memorial has been created at the original site, which many tourists visit as well.

New York's state flower is the rose. The state bird is the bluebird. The state tree for New York is the sugar maple. New York has an official song, which was written by Steve Carmen, entitled "I love New York."

New York State is also the birthplace of four different Presidents: Martin Van Buren, Millard Fillmore, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin Roosevelt.

New York is a large state. The largest cities in New York are: New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Yonkers, Syracuse, Albany, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, Schenectady, and Utica.

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New York Questions

Multiple Choice:

1. New York was the _____ state admitted to the Union.:
 - a. thirteenth
 - b. fifth
 - c. first
 - d. eleventh
2. New York was originally claimed by:
 - a. Henry Hudson
 - b. Hillary Clinton
 - c. James Stuart
 - d. Steve Carmen
3. New York's state bird is the:
 - a. robin
 - b. cardinal
 - c. finch
 - d. bluebird

Fill In:

4. New York is the _____ most populous state in the United States.
5. Broadway is located in _____.
6. New York's state flower is the _____.
7. The capitol of New York is _____.

True or False:

- _____ 8. Franklin Roosevelt was born in New York State.
- _____ 9. New York shares a border with Canada.
- _____ 10. The Statue of Liberty was given the United States as a gift from the Dutch.

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New York Answers

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Fill In:

4. New York is the _____ **third** _____ most populous state in the United States.

5. Broadway is located in _____ **New York City** _____.

6. New York's state flower is the _____ **rose** _____.

7. The capitol of New York is _____ **Albany** _____.

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