

State Report

Assignment Outline

You will have TWO components to pass in:

- 1) Written report 2) Mini Display Board

All students will participate in a grade-wide "State Fair" presentation on Tuesday, May 24th.

Check when complete:	Date
Due:	
___ 1. Choose a state	
My state will be _____	4/1
___ 2. Review your report packet with your parents. Have your parents sign your packet.	4/1
___ 3. Library Visits:	
▪ School	Throughout
April/May	
▪ Plainville Public Library(or another public library)	
You should locate books, reference materials, internet Resources. The PPL staff is very helpful. Ask questions!	
___ 4. Use the outline form to take NOTES	5/8
(Remember your lessons with Mrs. Lareau.)	
___ 5. Write a report on your state according to the outline.	5/18
There is an example paragraph in your packet. Each note section will be a written paragraph. The final copy may be typed or written in neat cursive writing on white lined paper.	
___ 6. Prepare a bibliography listing all sources of information.	5/18
___ 7. Prepare a mini display board for the Grade 4 State Fair.	5/20
Requirements are attached.	
___ 8. Fill out the "State Information for State Fair" page in packet.	5/20
Study this information and be prepared to engage visitors by sharing this information.	
___ 9. You may prepare "handouts" for your visitors to your display.	5/20
NO food is allowed.	

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2. bordering states
3. area of the state

B. Climate-(seasonal weather)

C. Important landforms or features

D. Bodies of water (lakes/rivers, etc.)

E. Natural resources (materials found in nature- NOT agriculture)

II. Economy

A. Agriculture

1. crops grown
2. animals raised

B. Industry

1. products manufactured
2. services provided
3. tourism – 3 places of interest

III. Government

A. Location of state capital

B. State number

C. Date of statehood

D. Current Governor

IV. Famous People (name 3 and tell why they are famous)

A. two historical

B. one “popular” culture selection (limit)

V. Miscellaneous Facts

A. State motto-explain

- B. State nickname-explain
- C. State flower- describe
- E. State flag- describe
- F. Any other "interesting" official state item-explain

State Report -Notes

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2. bordering states:

3.area of the state: _____

B. Climate-(seasonal weather):

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D. Important bodies of water (lakes/rivers, etc.):

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1. products manufactured:

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A. two historical figures

1. _____

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Bibliography Listing

Be SURE to fill this out as you complete your research. See your bibliography examples in your packet for samples.

You must use at least 2 books and 2 websites.

Books:

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(author) (book title)

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State Report: From Outline to Paragraph



The following is an example of how your notes can translate into a paragraph. Your notes are only a few words and you now need to put those thoughts into complete sentences. It is important to consider sentence variety. There are many different ways to state the same fact. For example, the outline fact for Massachusetts may be: Area: 8,262 sq. mi.; 45th in size. You could write:

- There are 44 states larger than Massachusetts, which is 8,262 square miles in size.
- OR-
- Massachusetts, measuring 8,262 square miles, is only larger than 5 other states.

Here's the completed outline for the geography of Massachusetts:

I. Geography

A. Location

1. region : northeast
4. bordering states: NH,VT,NY,RI,CT
5. area of the state: 8,262 sq. mi.; 45th in size

B. Climate-(seasonal weather): cold winters- avg. 20-40 deg.

warm/hot summers-avg. 78-85 deg.

C. Important landforms or features: jagged coastline, flatlands,

hills, upland pastures; highest point- Mt. Greylock

D. Bodies of water (lakes/rivers, etc.): Quabbin Reservoir; 4,230 mi.

of rivers- Connecticut, Charles, Mystic; borders Atlantic Ocean, 1,300+ lakes

E. Natural resources (materials found in nature- NOT agriculture):

sand/gravel; fertile soil; marble; fish; shellfish; trees

THIS becomes....



.....**THIS!**

Massachusetts is located in the northeast region of the United States and is bordered by five New England States. These states are Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York. Massachusetts is 8,262 square miles in size, which makes it smaller than forty-four other states. Summers in Massachusetts are usually very warm, between seventy-eight and eighty-five degrees. Winters can be quite cold with the temperature staying between twenty to forty degrees. There are many different types of landforms in this state such as coastline, flatlands and hills. The western part of the state is filled with hills and upland pastures. The highest point is Mt. Greylock, rising to 3,492 feet. Many rivers wind through Massachusetts. Some important rivers are the Connecticut River in the western part of the state and the Mystic and Charles Rivers in the eastern part of the state. There are over 1,300 lakes in this state as well. Important natural resources include trees, fertile soil for farming, fish and

shellfish from the Atlantic Ocean, sand and gravel production and some quarried marble.

Mini Display Board

This board is **one half** of a full size display board. A regular 36" x 48" board needs to be cut into two 18" x 48" boards. Display boards can usually be purchased at craft or office supply stores.

Required components:

Left flap- State Map:

- This is a hand drawn state map.
- Capital and important cities should be labeled.
- Important landmarks should be noted.
- Include the bordering states or waterways.
- A key is also needed.

Right Flap-State Historical Figure AND State Facts

Upper section:

- Mini (1-2 paragraph) biography on state historical figure
- Include a picture.

Lower section:

- Choose 5 interesting state facts.

Main board- "Souvenir Suitcase" and State Title

- Prominent title should appear at the top of the board.
- Souvenir suitcase directions are included.
- Souvenir suitcase will be "open" for our state fair presentation.

(picture insert)

Souvenir Suitcase

1. Brainstorm a list of places that a tourist would enjoy visiting in your state.
2. Think of ways that these sites could be represented (i.e. Cape Cod in Massachusetts → shells/ sand/cod fish)
3. Locate, draw , make or cut out different items that would represent important tourist sites in your state. **Pop up or 3D items add an interesting, creative touch!!**
4. Write a brief description of each item to display with your item in the suitcase.
5. Arrange each item along with the written description on the inside of your suitcase. (both top and bottom) The suitcase pattern will be made in class.
6. Decorate the outside of your suitcase with travel stickers/ postcards etc. from places in your state.



(picture insert)

State Fair Information

A great place to visit in _____ is

_____ because

_____.

A famous person from the state of _____

is _____. He/she is famous

because _____

_____.

Did you know that..... ("amazing" fact about your state)
