State Report Research Questions

Put each question and the notes that answer it on a different note card. Remember to write the source on the card.

April 7, 2015

1. What’s in a Name? (Heading for your card)
   1. Explain how the state got its name.
   2. What is the nickname that the state has been given? Explain how my state got its nickname.
2. Early Historical Facts
   1. Who were the first known inhabitants?
   2. Describe the exploration.
   3. Describe how your state was settled.
   4. What was your state like during colonial or territorial days?

April 8, 2015

1. Statehood History
   1. Your state is the \_\_\_\_\_ state in the United States. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.)
   2. How did it become a state?
2. Physical Features
   1. How many main land regions does your state have? Describe each region.
   2. What is the highest point in the state? Name it and include the elevation.
   3. What is the lowest point in the state? Name it and include the elevation.
   4. What is the area of the state? How does it rank in size among the states?
   5. Draw or print a physical map of your state.

April 13, 2015

1. Political Features
   1. What is the population of your state? When was that population recorded?
   2. How many counties are in the state? What is the largest county by size? How many square miles is it? What is the largest county by population? How many people does it have?
   3. What are the five largest cities and their populations? When were these populations recorded?
   4. What are the major highways in the state?
   5. Draw or print out a political map of your state.
2. Weather
   1. What are the high temperatures? What are the low temperatures? What is the average rainfall?
   2. What other weather information can you find?

April 15, 2015

1. Resources
   1. What water resources does your state have?
   2. Describe the soil of your state?
   3. What minerals does your state have?
   4. What is the plant life of your state like?
   5. What is the animal life of your state like?
2. National Parks, Historical Sites, and Other Points of Interest
   1. List the national parks.
   2. List the historical parks.
   3. List the battlefields.
   4. List the memorials, monuments, and the historic sites.
   5. List any other areas administered by the National Park Service.

April 20, 2015

1. Famous People
   1. List the famous residents of your state and what they did to become famous.
2. Government
   1. How many U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives does the state have? How many electoral votes?
   2. Who is the Governor of your state? Describe the make-up of the state legislator.
   3. Describe the local government of your state.
   4. What other facts can you find relating to your state’s government?

April 22, 2015

1. Education
   1. What year were the public school systems established? What ages does the state law require children to attend school?
   2. What are other facts about education in your state?
   3. How many school districts are in your state? What is the total public school enrollment? How many pupils per teacher? Number of classroom teachers? Teacher’s average pay? Total private enrollment?
   4. Make a list of universities and colleges and their locations.
2. Economy
   1. Make a list of the main goods your state produces.
   2. What are the agricultural products?
   3. What are the minerals?
   4. What are the manufactured goods?
   5. Make or print a product map of the location of the leading areas for agricultural, mineral, and manufactured goods.

April 27, 2015

1. Population Growth and Density
   1. Find the population for the last 5 censuses. Write the year and the population.
   2. Find the population density for three different years.
2. Employment
   1. How many people were employed in the most recent year?
   2. Find the number of people in certain types of jobs for the most recent year.

April 29, 2015

1. Visitor’s Guide
   1. Find areas in your state that would be interesting to visit. Name its location and a description of what makes the place interesting.