

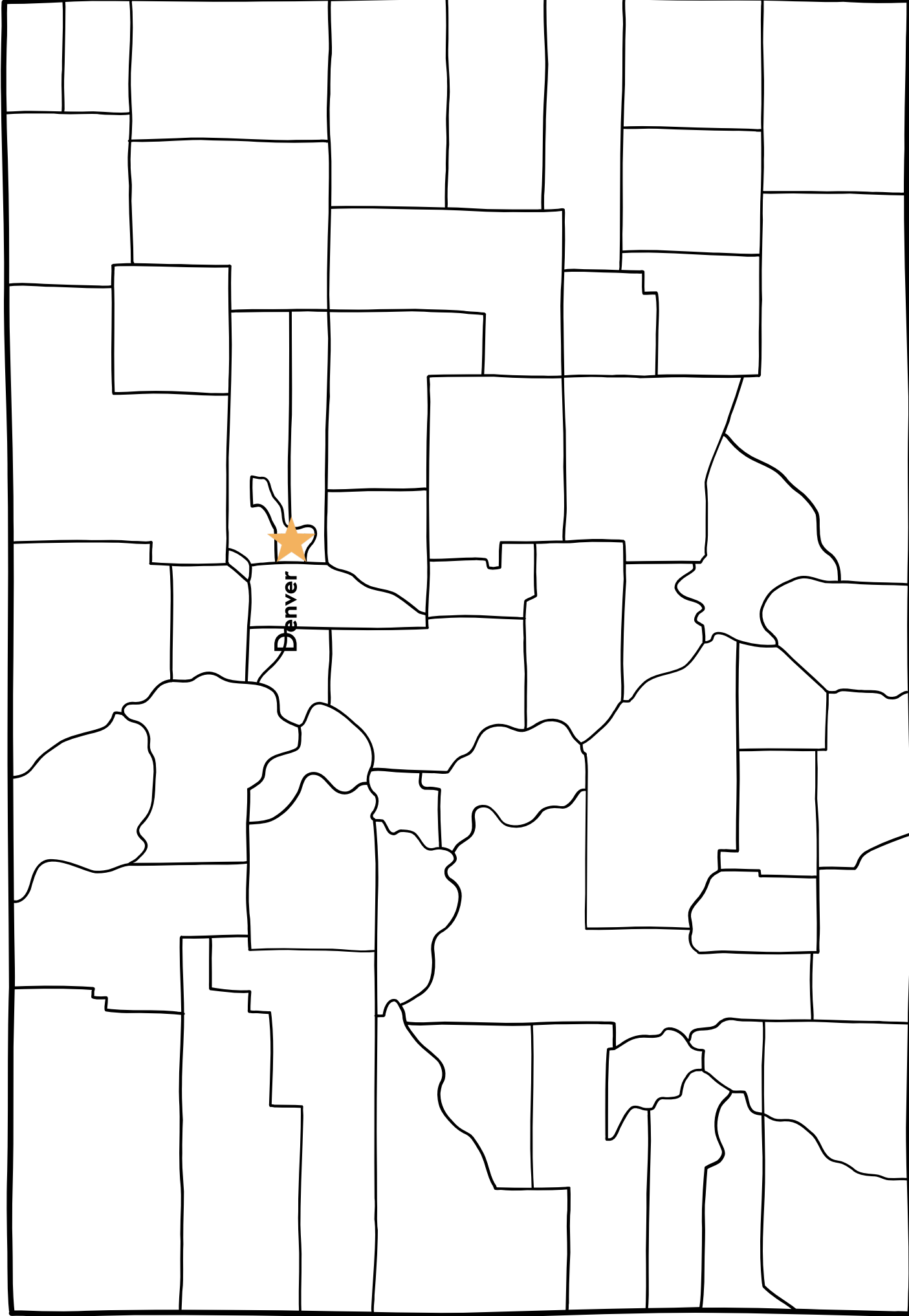
Colorful Colorado:

The People, The History, The Stories



Student Packet

TOP



Listen and Learn

Activity Description:

Meet our friend, Martin Gilmore, and learn about the bluegrass style of music

Directions:

Listen to Martin Gilmore's introduction video and listen to his song The Dry and Dusty West to learn about the bluegrass style of music and its history in Colorado. Explore the different instruments in a bluegrass band by clicking each instrument below.

Fiddle



Mandolin



Bass

Quick Facts



Banjo

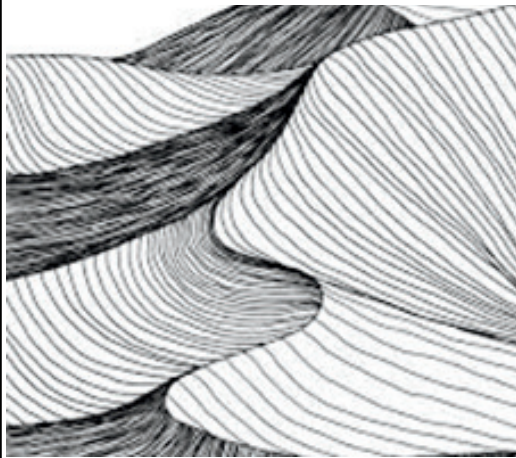
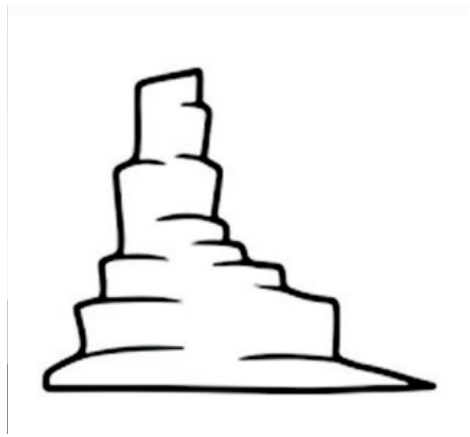


Guitar



All The Songs That Nature Sings

Time: 00	Time: 00.30	Time: 00.58	Time: 01.09
Time: 01.33	Time: 01.50	Time: 02.11	Time: 02.58

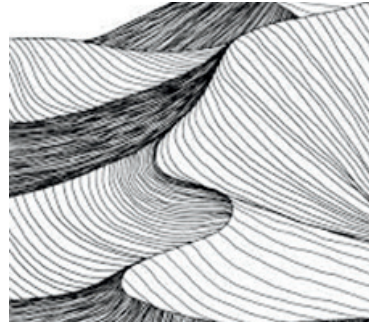


Key.

Plains



Sand Dunes



River



Lake



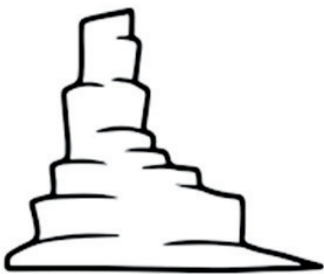
Canyon



Mountains



Monument



Summit A 14er

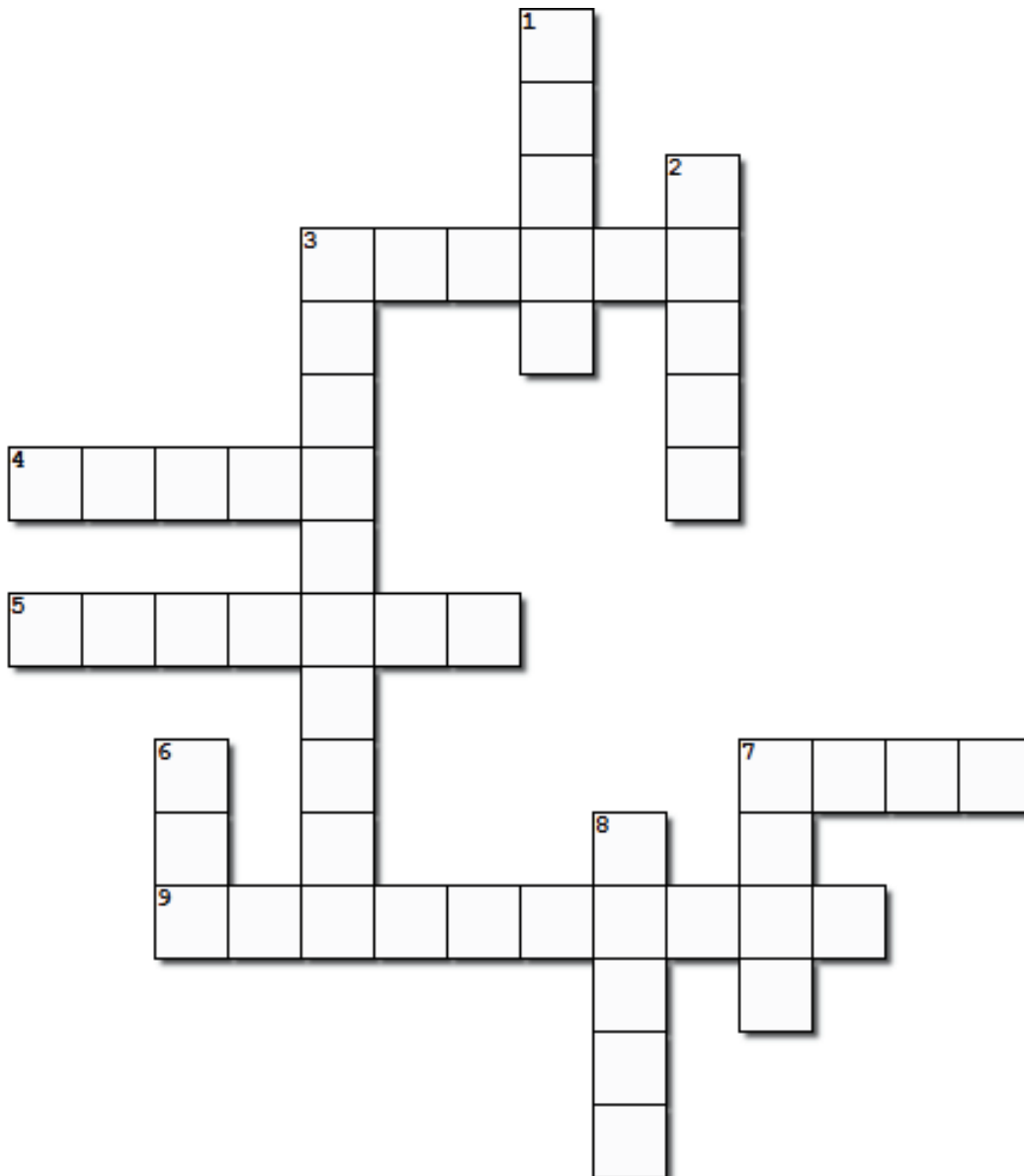
Directions:

- Head to the track and walk or run 7 laps in order to summit one of the highest peaks in Colorado.
- You will begin your summit at a mile high, 5,280 ft.
- Each lap around the track is approximately 1320 ft.
- For each lap, add 1320 to the total elevation until you reach the summit.
- On your map of Colorado, label where Mt. Harvard is located.

Lap	Elevation Gained (ft)	Total Elevation (ft)	Notes:
		5280	Begin at the mile high city: Denver (5280 ft)
1	1320		Did you know there are 58 14ers in Colorado?
2	1320		Keep Climbing!
3	1320		Tree line is at 12,000 ft. How close are you to that? Write your answer here: _____
4	1320		The oxygen level here is about 14.3% compared to sea level which is approximately 21%.
5	1320		Keep Climbing!
6	1320		Mountain goats can live in elevations from 5,000 ft up to 13,000 ft!
7	1320	<u>Grand Total:</u>	Congratulations! You just reached the summit of Mt. Harvard, the 3 rd highest peak in Colorado.

Colorado Agriculture Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword below featuring the important agriculture found around Colorado.



Across

- 3. Dairy product made from milk
- 4. Colorado's top grain crop used in bread
- 5. Horses eat this type of dried hay
- 7. Olathe, Colorado is known for this tall plant often used for cattle feed and human consumption
- 9. A pepper grown in southern Colorado

Down

- 1. Clear liquid plants need to grow
- 2. A fruit famous in Palisade, Colorado
- 3. A sweet orange melon grown in Rocky Ford
- 6. Animal raised for bacon
- 7. Baby cow
- 8. A farm animal that gives us wool



Active Listening - The Moldau

Discussion Questions:

- Water is essential to each region in Colorado. The Colorado River alone provide water to not only Colorado, but to states as far as California. What are ways we can help ensure our water systems are protected?
- What are some sounds that water makes?
- Have you ever listened to music that tries to imitate water?

Setting the scene:

Two gentle springs bubble up in the forest before they merge into one river.

Close your eyes and listen to this section of Smetana's The Moldau. Notice what pictures come into your mind. Answer the following questions.

Happy / Sad

Loud / Soft

Fast / Slow

Light / Heavy

Smooth / Choppy

Excited / Relaxing

Straight / Twisty

Gentle / Aggressive

Dark / Bright

Write down three or four colors that match the feeling of the music.

Circle which instruments you hear.

Clarinet

Percussion

Violin

Flute

Trumpet

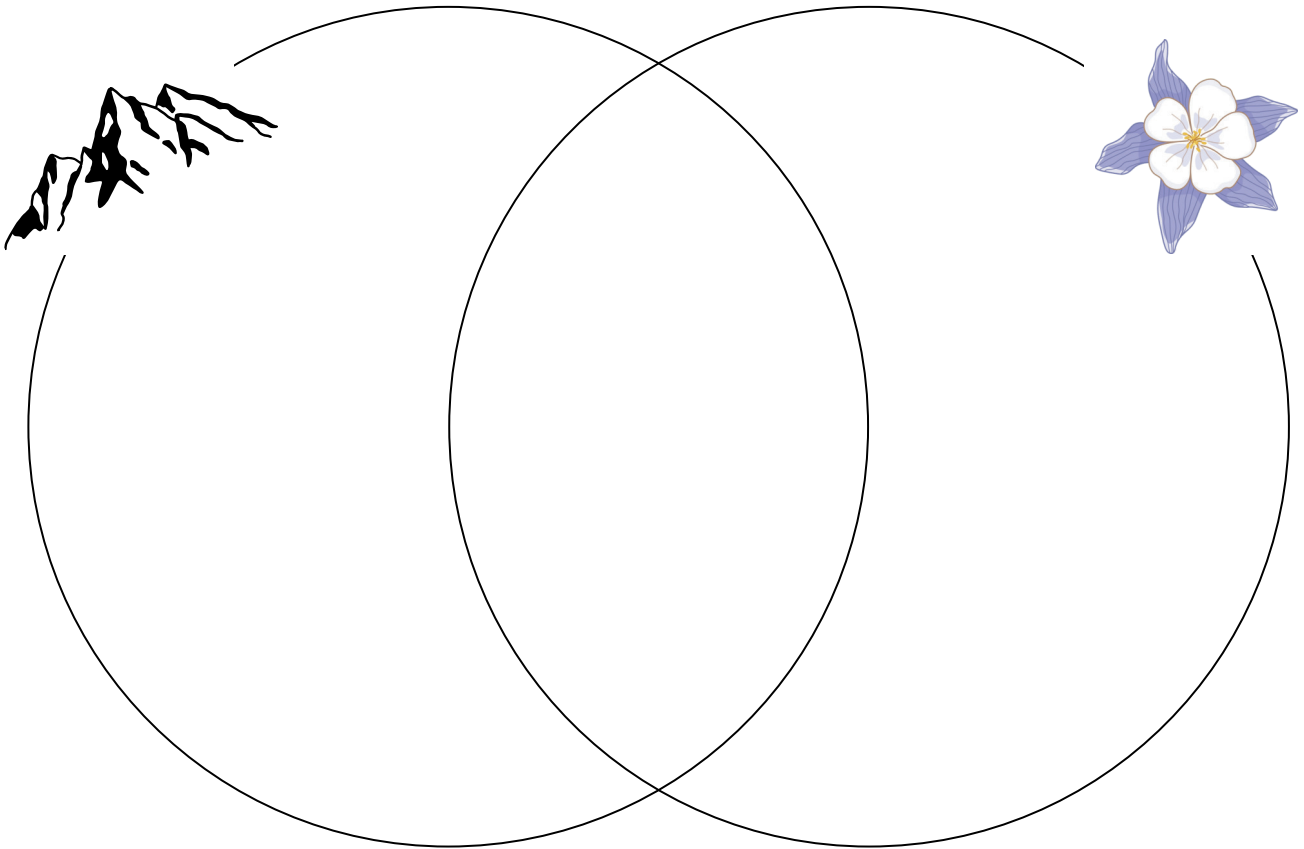
Oboe

Horn

- The Santa Fe Trail opens.
- Spanish explorer Francisco de Coronado visits Colorado.
- The Sand Creek Massacre occurs and many Cheyenne and Arapaho are killed.
- French explorer Robert de La Salle claims the land for France.
- The United States buys eastern Colorado from France as part of the Louisiana Purchase.
- The Anasazi culture develops in the region.
- Fort Bent is established as the first permanent settlement
- The United States acquires western Colorado from Mexico after the Mexican-American War.
- Gold is discovered.
- The Colorado Territory is formed by the U.S. Congress.
- Denver City becomes the capital of the territory.
- The Denver Pacific Railway reaches Denver.
- American explorer Zebulon Pike follows the Arkansas River through Colorado.
- Colorado is admitted to the Union as the 38th state.
- The city of Denver is established.
- Colorado becomes the second state to give women the right to vote.

Compare and Contrast

Use the Venn diagram below to compare and contrast our two state songs. Then, write about the similarities and differences. (Think about lyrics, sound, tempo, etc.)



The two songs are similar because

They are different because



State Symbols Scavenger Hunt

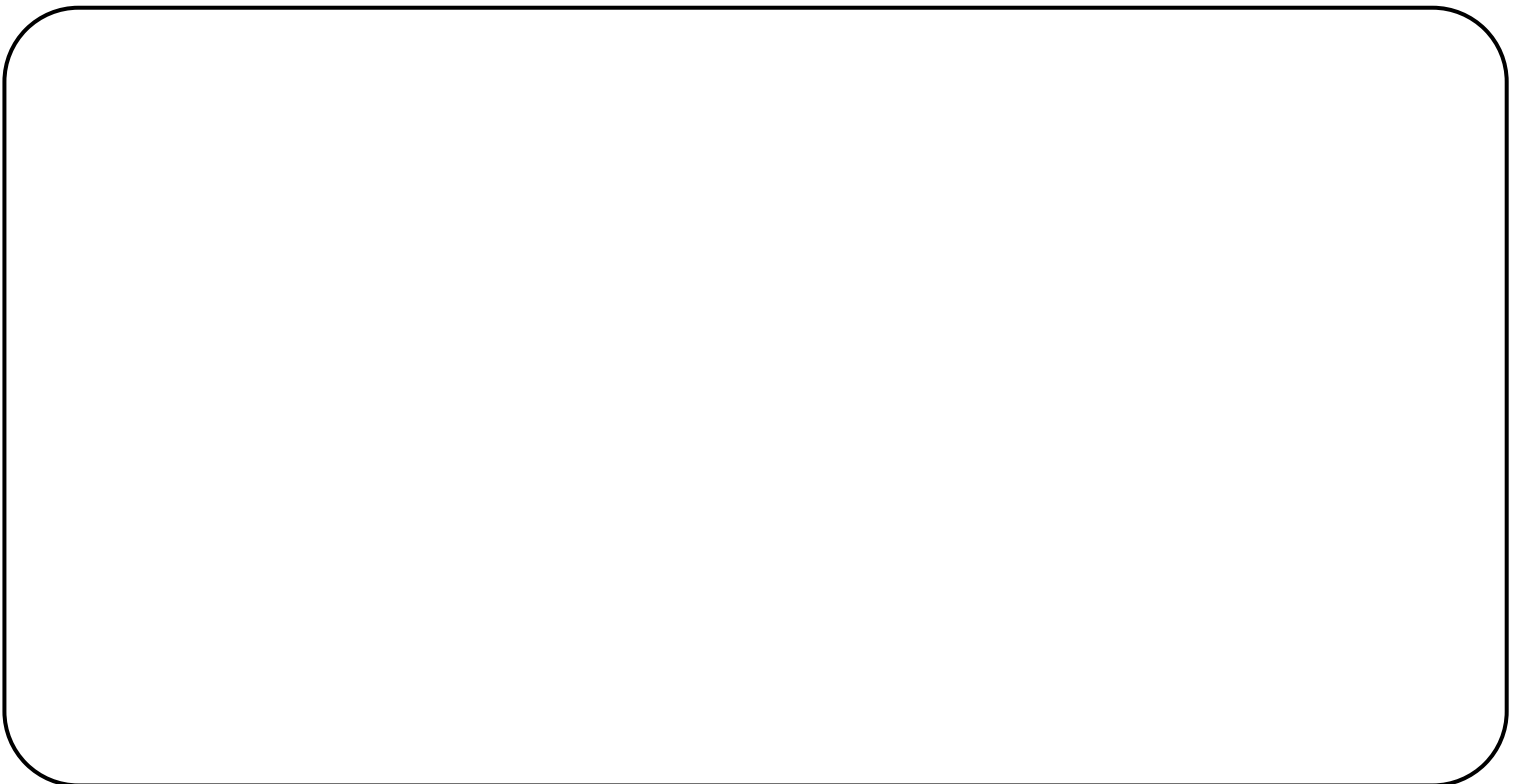
See how many state symbols you can find and learn about!

Nickname	
Population (2024)	
Capital	
State Songs	
State Bird	
State Flower	
Slogan	
Amphibian	
Cactus	
Fish	
Insect	
Mammal	
Mushroom (est. 2025)	
Pet	
Reptile	
Tree	
Folk Dance	
Fossil	
Gemstone	
Mineral	
Rock	
Summer Sport	
Winter Sport	

Think & Share: Sand Creek Massacre

We can't change what happened at Sand Creek, but we can always learn and grow from it. What are some ways we can show respect, fairness, and kindness to others?

Write a sentence or draw one way you can be a keeper of peace in your own life:



Biography Research

Biography of:

This person is known for:

Picture:

Early life:

Famous Quote:

Important life events:

Accomplishments:

Fun facts:

MUSIC REVIEW

PIECE TITLE:

COMPOSER NAME:

WRITE A REVIEW OF THIS PIECE AND WHAT YOU LIKED AND DIDN'T LIKE

What is something about your heritage that you love?

If you were to write a song about your family, who would it be about and why?

RATE THIS PIECE





POSTCARD

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