#### Fun Facts, Puzzles, Games & More!



# National States & Capitals Day

September 22<sup>nd</sup>





National States & Capitals Day focuses on raising awareness and sharing education about all 50 states and their capitals on National States & Capitals Day.





Dick & Jane are the proud founders of National States & Capitals Day.

The National Day Calendar gets over 30,000 applications every year for new, national holidays, but they only choose 10 per year. In 2022, National States & Capitals Day was chosen and became an official, national holiday!

Let's celebrate!







4 state capitals are named after U.S. Presidents – Jackson, MS,

Jefferson City, MO
Lincoln, NE &
Madison, WI.

Des Moines, IA was originally named "Fort Racoon."

Montpelier, VT is the smallest U.S. capital by population.

17 state's capital city is also the largest

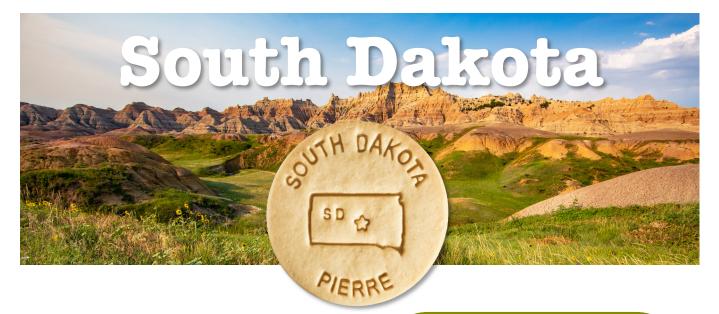


Juneau, Alaska is the **LARGEST** U.S. capital by land area.

Honolulu, HI has the highest average annual temperature of all U.S. capital cities.

Phoenix, AZ
is the most
populous U.S.
state capital
with over
1.6 million
people.

figure out the **ONLY** letter not used to spell any state name?





40<sup>th</sup> State to join the Union on November 2, 1889.

#### **Fun Facts:**

South Dakota is home to a mountain with the highest peak in the US east of the Rockies – Black Elk Peak (AKA – Harney Peak).

It is also home to Mount Rushmore – featuring the faces of four U.S. presidents carved into it.

Pierre was named after French fur trader Pierre Chouteau, Jr in 1880.

## The Mount Rushmore State

State Tree



White Spruce

State Bird



Ring-Necked Pheasant

State Capital



Pierre

State Flower



American Pasque

State Mammal

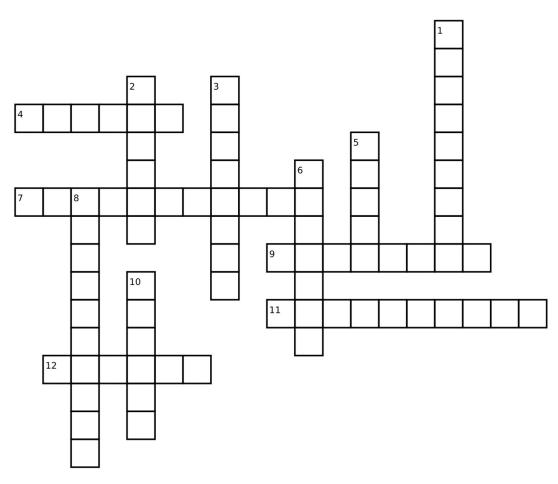


Coyote

Pierre

## \* Crossword Puzzle

Answers found in the States & Capitals Learn More magazine.



Down:

- 1. The state flower of Kansas.
- 2. The 50<sup>th</sup> state the join the Union.
- 3. The Great Lakes State.
- 5. The state flower of New Mexico.
- 6. The state tree of Georgia.
- 8. The capital of California.
- 10. The state mammal of Oregon.

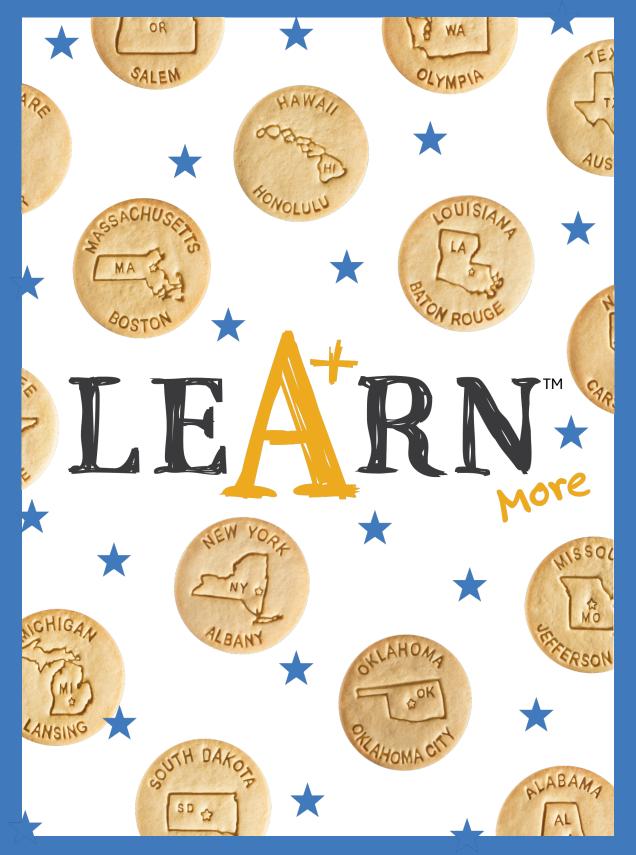
Across:

4. The only U.S. capital inaccessible

by car.

- 7. The Magnolia State.
- 9. The 1st state to join the Union.
- 11. The capital of Louisiana.
- 12. The capital of Colorado.

### ALL 50 STATES



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