

New York State Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

New York State questions worksheet (pages 2-3),
18 New York State fact cards (pages 4-8),
scissors, and scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the New York State questions worksheet (2-sided).

Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 New York State fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them.



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other. You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- on a student's locker
- on the back of the teacher's chair
- on the side of your classroom bookshelf

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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New York State

Fact Card

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Native Americans settled in New York around 5,000 years ago. Today, New York State is home to many nations of Native Americans, including the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora.

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The Erie Canal is a 350-mile (about 563-kilometer) waterway that runs across New York State, connecting the Hudson River to Lake Erie.



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Fact Card

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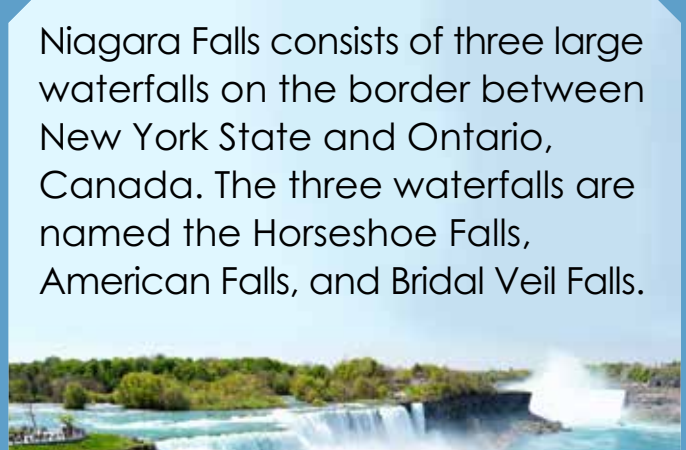


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Fact Card

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Niagara Falls consists of three large waterfalls on the border between New York State and Ontario, Canada. The three waterfalls are named the Horseshoe Falls, American Falls, and Bridal Veil Falls.



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The largest and most populous city in New York State is New York City. About 8,500,000 people live there.

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Buffalo is the second-most populous city in New York State. About 277,000 people live there.



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Fact Card

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In 1621, the Dutch East India company started a colony on the land that is now New York State. They called their colony New Netherland. They built a fort near the land that is now Albany. They called it Fort Orange. This was the first...



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In 1664, New York was named to honor the Duke of York. The duke was the brother of King Charles II of England.



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New York was one of the Thirteen British Colonies in America. In 1788, it became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution and enter the union.



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The flag of New York features the state's coat of arms on a dark blue background. Personifications of

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The state bird of New York is the Eastern Bluebird.



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The official state animal of New York is the beaver.

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New York's state flower is the rose.



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New York's highest point is



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Side A

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Fact Card 1: What is New York State's nickname?

Fact Card 2: New York State's motto is *Excelsior*. What does this Latin phrase mean in English?

Fact Card 3: When did Native Americans first settle on the land that is now New York State?



Fact Card 6: How many waterfalls make up Niagara Falls?

Fact Card 7: About how many people live in New York City?

Fact Card 8: What is the second most populous city in New York?

Fact Card 9: What is the third most populous city in New York?

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Fact Card 10: In 1621, the Dutch East India company started a colony on the land that is now New York State. They called their colony...

Fact Card 11: Who was New York State named after?

Fact Card 12: In 1788, New York became the 11th state to do what?



Fact Card 15: What is the state animal of New York?

Fact Card 16: What is the state flower of New York?

Fact Card 17: New York is the only state the borders which two bodies of water?

Fact Card 18: What is the name of New York's highest mountain?

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The Empire State

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Rochester

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Fact Card 18: What is the name of New York's highest mountain?

Mount Marcy