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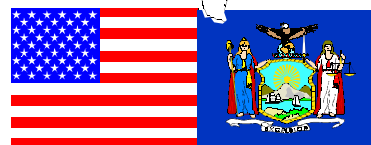
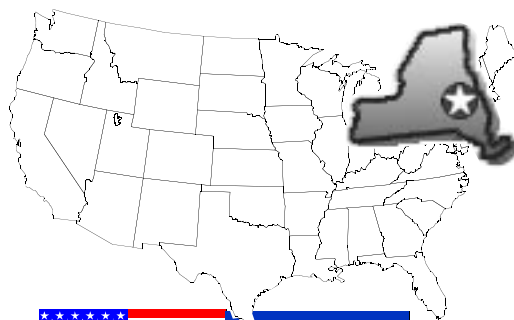
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Presents

NEW YORK
A
STATE of the **U**NION



INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

INTRODUCTION TO SERIES

The purpose of “A State of the Union” video series is to provide students with a more comprehensive understanding of the geography, history, and important developments of each state. Especially designed to appeal to younger viewers and closely aligned with state education guidelines, each up-to-date program covers early state history, geographic significance, capital cities, state government, famous citizens and the role of education and industry in relation to the states vitality.

As a complementary device with each video, an instructional guide suggests exercises to help teachers, parents and students. These interactive exercises will reinforce and further develop a student’s level of comprehension.

The instructional guide provides:

- Vocabulary
- Chronology
- People & Places
- Q & A
- Discussion Points / Activities
- Geography

Permission granted to copy the exercises provided in this guide. For educational use ONLY.

The video mentions 8 distinct land regions within the state of New York. Study the land regions on the video. Then, on the dotted black line write the number 1-8 to indicate where each land region is located on the New York Land regions map .

- • **Erie Ontario Lowland**
- • **Atlantic Coastal Plain**
- • **Adirondack Upland**
- • **New England Upland**
- • **Tug Hill Plateau**
- • **Appalachian Plateau**
- • **St. Lawrence Lowland**
- • **Hudson/Mohawk Lowland**



NEW YORK

Letters A thru C describe three places in New York. Write the name of that place on the solid black line. Then with a Black Marker write the letter **A**, **B** or **C** to indicate where on the New York Map each place is located.

A) Is the capital city of New York. _____

B) During the late 1800s, thousands of European immigrants first arrived in the U.S. through this enormous port city. _____

C) This waterfall helps to produce electricity throughout the state of New York and is located near the northwest city of Buffalo N.Y.



New York Map

There is much more to New York state than New York City, the mega-metropolis affectionately known as the Big Apple. The region was originally home to Indian tribes of the Iroquois language group. But in 1609, an English explorer named Henry Hudson sailed under the Dutch flag up an unnamed river and proclaimed the territory New Netherland. Later, after English takeover and settlement, it was renamed New York.

Many famous battles of the Revolutionary War were fought in New York including the Battle of Saratoga. After the war was over, the colonies were independent and would begin a new government of self rule. For awhile New York City served both as the capital of the United States as well as the capital for the state of New York. In 1797 the state capital of New York was moved to its present location in Albany where the magnificent state capitol building is located.

One of the oldest cities in the United States, Albany still celebrates its' Dutch heritage with an annual Tulip festival. The city is home to many state buildings including the mansion where the state governor resides. Additional institutions of interest include the New York State Library and the state museum.

Today New York produces more goods and services than many nations. It's location, population and transportation facilities help to make the state a leader in business and industry. The state also enjoys the distinction of being the nation's, as well as the world's, financial center. The development of the Erie Canal and the generation of electricity from Niagara Falls have both proven to be major assets to the state's development.

Being home to leaders, inventors, or entrepreneurs is nothing new for New York. It's dynamic living environment and diverse population assures it. The state motto "Excelsior", meaning ever upward, continues to reflect the spirit of the people of New York.

VOCABULARY of NEW YORK

ALBANY: New York's 2nd capital city after the state capital was moved from New York City in 1797. Considered one of the oldest cities in the U.S., Albany sits along the Hudson River and is 150 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

BATTLE OF SARATOGA: A famous battle fought in New York during the Revolutionary War in 1777. Almost a third of all battles fought during the Revolutionary War took place in New York.

EMPIRE STATE: Nickname for New York. According to some historians, this nickname for New York came from a statement by George Washington who, when visiting New York in 1783, predicted that it may become the center of a new empire.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH: One of three branches of the New York state government. Headed by the Governor of New York, the executive branch enforces the laws of the state. The Governor serves a 4 year term and is elected by the people of New York.

GEORGE WASHINGTON: Commander of American troops during the Revolutionary War. After the war, the colonists won their independence from England, and in 1789 George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States on the steps of Federal Hall in New York City.

HUDSON RIVER: A river named after Henry Hudson, who in 1609 sailed up this river to claim the present-day area of New York for the Dutch.

IROQUOIS: Name of the Indian tribe which occupied New York and some of its surrounding territory before the arrival of Europeans.

GEOGRAPHY of NEW YORK

The State of New York is bordered by nine geographical regions. On the solid black line name each of these bordering regions. Choose from the Answers list.

Answers List:

New Jersey • Lake Ontario • Pennsylvania
Vermont • Canada • Lake Erie • Connecticut
Atlantic Ocean • Massachusetts

1 _____	6 _____
2 _____	7 _____
3 _____	8 _____
4 _____	9 _____
5 _____	



Discussion Points / Activities

1. If possible visit some of the locations in New York as discussed in the video. For example, the Capitol Building & Governor's Mansion (Albany), Niagara Falls (Upper State New York, near Buffalo), The Egg (Albany), New York Harbor (New York City) or other significant places as noted in the video.
2. Draw a map (if you like, use a computer or the map provided on page 12 or 13) of New York, indicating significant points of interest. For example, Albany the capital city, important events, e.g. the Battle of Saratoga in 1777, or Federal Hall where George Washington was inaugurated as the first U.S. President (New York City).
3. During the 1770s, tensions mounted between the colonies (New York) and England, eventually resulting in the Revolutionary War. Discuss or debate what issues created those tensions.
4. After winning the Revolutionary War, discuss what the leaders of the colonies (especially New York) had to develop and organize for this newly created Union: For example, elect public officials to legislate, enforce and apply laws (otherwise known as the three branches of state government: Legislative, Executive and Judicial); select a location for the new state capital; design a new flag; etc.

JUDICIAL BRANCH: One of three branches of the New York state government. The judicial branch applies the laws for each individual case. This branch refers to both the judges and courts including the New York State Supreme Court.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH: One of three branches of the New York state government. The legislative branch makes the laws of the state. This branch includes the New York State Senate of which there are 61 Senate members and the State Assembly of which there are 150 assembly members - all of which were voted into office by the people of New York.

NEW NETHERLAND: In 1609 Henry Hudson, an English explorer, sailed under the Dutch flag, while traveling up the river which today bears his name, the "Hudson River". During his journey he claimed the present-day area of New York & some of its neighboring states for the Dutch Netherlands. The Dutch then named the area the "New Netherlands." But in 1660, under the authority of King Charles of England, the English captured the "New Netherlands" & renamed it New York after the Duke of York.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR: The people of New York and other colonies under English control, grew tired of England's strict laws and taxes. As tensions mounted war resulted. Eventually the colonies won the war and their independence from English rule. The colonies formally united, renamed themselves the United States of America, and in 1788 New York became the 11th state of the Union.

STATUE OF LIBERTY: One of the largest statues ever built, located at the entrance to New York Harbor. Was given to the United States from France as a gift of "Friendship" in 1884. Symbolically the statue represents the ideal of "liberty" shared by both nations.

CHRONOLOGY of NEW YORK

1609: Henry Hudson, an English explorer, sails up the river bearing his name, the "Hudson River". During his journey he claims the present-day area of New York, and some of its neighboring states for the Dutch Netherlands. The Dutch then name the area the "New Netherland."

1621: The Dutch West India Company is formed and begins to organize numerous colonies in New Netherland.

1626: The Dutch Colonial Governor Peter Minuit purchases Manhattan Island from the Indians with trinkets worth about 24 dollars. Over the next thirty years, the New Netherland colony under Dutch control begins to flourish.

1660: King Charles of England, decides to claim the "New Netherlands" from the Dutch as England's territory. After capture, the English rename the territory New York after the Duke of York.

1775: Revolutionary War begins

1785-1790: New York City is the U.S. Capital

1788: New York becomes the 11th state of the Union.

1789: George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States on the steps of Federal Hall in New York City.

Fill in the blank by selecting the words from the answers list:

ANSWERS LIST :

New York City • Executive • Republic of England • Erie Canal • Thomas Fuller • New Netherland • State Senate • Peter Minuit • State Assembly • Albany • Hudson River • New York • Dutchland • New England • Henry Hudson • United States • Congress • Niagara Power Plant • New York Power Plant • Ameritech

A) In 1609 _____, an English explorer, claimed the present-day New York territory for the Dutch Netherlands. The Dutch then named the territory _____.

B) The English captured the present-day New York Territory from the Dutch and renamed it _____.

C) The two houses of the New York State Legislature are _____ and _____.

D) _____ produces electricity for the state of New York and is one of the largest hydroelectric plants in the world.

E) Before Washington D.C., _____ was the Capital of the United States.

F) This man made waterway opened in 1825. The _____ took eight years to build and connects the Hudson River (near Albany) with Lake Erie (near Buffalo).

G) In 1609, Henry Hudson, an English explorer, claimed present day New York while sailing for the Dutch. His journey included sailing up the _____ which today bears his name.

Q & A for NEW YORK

1. Name and define the three branches of the New York state government?
2. How many members belong to the New York State Senate and State Assembly?
3. Who elects the Governor of New York? How many years make up the term of N.Y. state's governor? How many terms may a New York Governor serve?
4. What country gave The Statue of Liberty to the U.S.? Why?
5. Where was the first state capital of New York? Then in 1797, the state capital of New York moved to what City?
6. What does the motto "Excelsior" on the New York state flag represent?
7. Before the arrival of Europeans what Indian Tribe occupied New York and some of its surrounding areas?
8. Thousands of European Immigrants first entered the U.S. through what harbor?
9. Why did the colonists declare war on England?

- **1797:** New York's State capital is moved from New York City to Albany.
- **1818:** New York's State Library, considered one of the oldest state libraries in the country, is established. This Library has a collection of more than 19 million books, documents, maps, & other resources.
- **1825:** The Erie Canal, which connects the Hudson River (Albany) with Lake Erie (Buffalo) is opened. By cutting freight rates by 90%, this canal allowed New York City to become the nation's leading port during the 1800's.
- **1876:** Leopold Eidlitz and Henry Hobson Richardson begin to design New York's State Capitol Building. The new Capitol Building took over thirty years to build at a cost of over 25 million dollars. Today the same building would cost over a half a billion dollars.
- **1880:** Architect Isaac Perry is commissioned to remodel the Governor's Mansion.
- **1884:** As a gift of "friendship" and the ideal of "liberty" shared by both countries, The Statue of Liberty is given to the United States by the people of France.
- **Late 1800's - early 1900's:** New manufacturing centers are established throughout New York causing thousands of European immigrants to relocate to the United States.
- **1947:** University of New York is established.
- **1961:** Niagara Power Plant ,one of the world's largest hydroelectric plants opens and begins to produce electricity for New York State.

PEOPLE of NEW YORK

ADAM SANDLER: Popular comedian, musician and actor.

FOUR FORMER U.S. PRESIDENTS (All born in New York) :
Millard Fillmore, Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Theodore Roosevelt, and Martin Van Buren

GEORGE EASTMAN: Founder of Kodak Company, whose inventions have enhanced the development of photography.

JONAS SALK: Physician and microbiologist who discovered the vaccine for polio.

MICHAEL JORDAN: Famous basketball player born in Brooklyn, New York.

WALT WHITMAN: A famous poet. Major poetic works include; Leaves of Grass (1855), Democratic Vistas (1871), and Specimen Days and Collect (1882).

WILLIAM KENNEDY: A renowned, Pulitzer Prize winning writer

PLACES of NEW YORK

Consider visiting these important places in New York:

CAPITOL BUILDING: (Albany) Considered an architectural masterpiece, the Capitol Building took thirty years to construct (1876-1906), and cost over 25 million dollars to build (half a billion dollars today).

GOVERNOR'S MANSION: (Albany) Home to more U.S. Presidents than any other residence except the White House.

NEW YORK HARBOR: (New York City) View the Statue of Liberty, and witness the same journey which thousands of European immigrants took as they first entered the United States (Ellis Island N.Y.) during the late 1800's.

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY: (Albany) Established in 1818 and considered one of the oldest state libraries in the country. This Library has a collection of more than 19 million books, documents, maps, & other resources.

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM: (Albany) Oldest museum in the nation with more than 5 million artifacts and specimens.

NIAGARA FALLS: Located northwest of Buffalo, New York on the U.S./Canadian border, between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The Niagara River drops 160 ft. into Lake Ontario providing tremendous electrical power for the state of New York.

WALL STREET: (New York City) Considered one of the most influential financial districts in the world.