

Project Tips

Step 1 Choose a State

Choose a state to research. If you have trouble finding books, consider choosing a different state.

Step 2 Research and Take Notes

Use books, encyclopedias, and the internet to find information. Take notes of facts you want to use in your report.

Step 3 Create an Outline

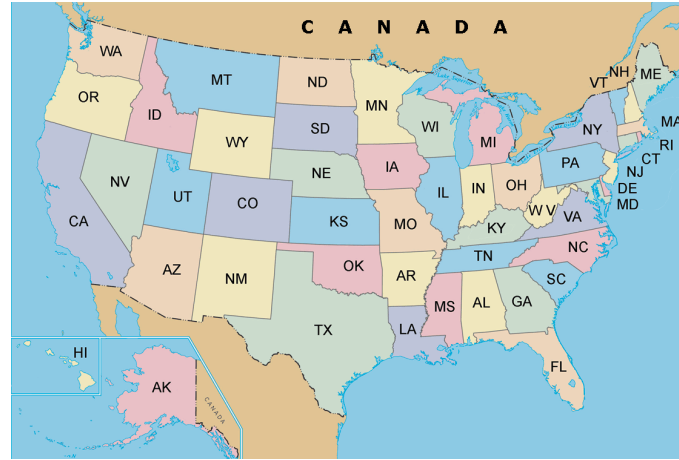
Decide how you will organize your report by creating an outline. In the outline you will want to include the title of your report, a short summary of the topic, the main state facts you want to write about, and a conclusion.

Step 4 Write the Report

Use your outline as a roadmap for your report.

Step 5 Reread and Edit the Report

Use spell-check on the computer before printing out the final copy. Have a parent or other adult read your report to check for errors.



Orange Public Library Children's Services

Orange Public Library & History Center
407 E. Chapman Ave., Orange CA 92866
(714) 288 - 2420

Taft Branch Library
740 E. Taft Ave., Orange CA 92865
(714) 288 - 2436

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State Reports

History & Famous Places

Symbols & Songs

Facts & Figures

Maps & Flags



Homework Helper

Using Our Library Catalog

1. In the **Search for** box, type in the name of your state.
2. Click on **Subject**. Wait for search results to come up on screen. Use the scroll bar to move to a title you are interested in.
3. Click on a book title (it will be a blue link) to see whether the item is available at this library.
4. Click on **Go Back** to see another item from the results list. Items that have Dewey Decimal numbers with a **J** are located in the Children's aisles.



You may only check out
3 books per state.

Books

Books on individual states are located in the **J 970s** in the Children's aisles. If you can't find what you're looking for, try looking in these books for information on your state:

- J 031 WOR **World Book Encyclopedia**
- J 582.13 LAN **State Flowers Including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**
- J 598.2973 LAN **State Birds Including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**
- J REF 784.0973 FIF **Fifty Songs – Fifty States**
- J 782.42 TRA **State Songs**
- J 912.73 CIO **State-by-State Atlas**
- J REF 912.73 FAC **State Maps on File**
- J REF 929.9 BE **Great State Seals of the United States**
- J 929.92 BRA **State Flags Including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**
- J 929.92 SHE **State Names, Seals, Flags & Symbols**
- J 973 MIL **The United States of America : a State-by-State Guide**



Websites

Every state has their own government website full of facts! On your computer, do an internet search for your state. Official state websites end in **.gov**. For example, California's website is www.ca.gov. Here are some other websites:

America's Story from America's Library
Stories and facts about each state provided by the Library of Congress.
<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/es/index.php>

Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government
Links to government facts.
<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>

Current State Flags
State flags listed by the University of Oklahoma.
<http://www.law.ou.edu/ushistory/flags/stflag.shtml>

Fact Monster
State facts, games and quizzes.
<http://www.factmonster.com/states.html>

Kids.gov
The Official Kids Portal for the US Government.
<https://kids.usa.gov/learn-about-the-states/index.shtml>

Student State Facts
State facts from the U.S. Census Bureau.
<http://www.census.gov/schools/facts/>