

# **The Star-Spangled Banner**

By Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

## **The Pledge of Allegiance**

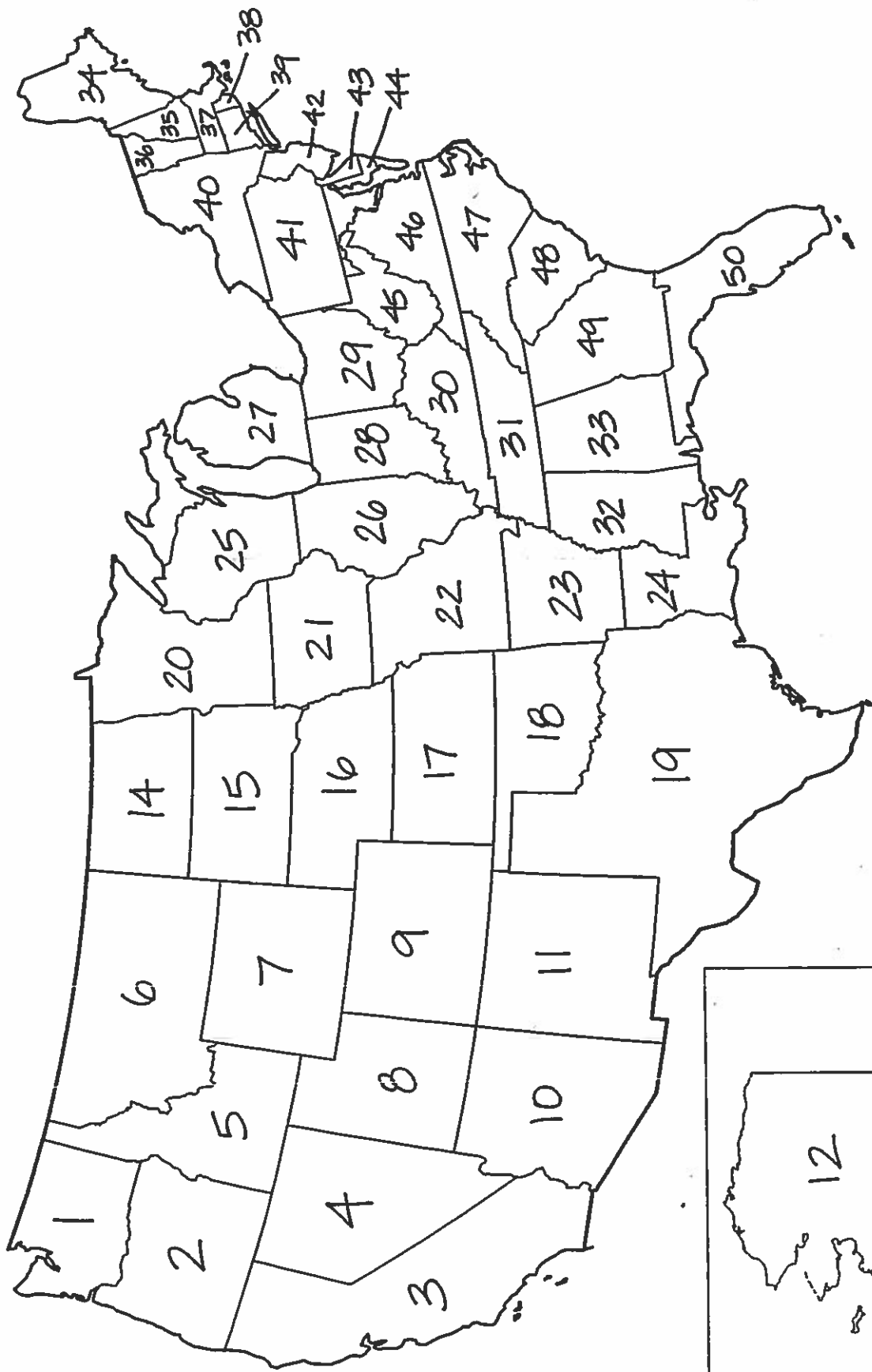
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## **Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America**

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

## STATES AND CAPITALS ANSWER KEY

1	Washington - Olympia	26	Illinois – Springfield
2	Oregon - Salem	27	Michigan – Lansing
3	California – Sacramento	28	Indiana – Indianapolis
4	Nevada – Carson City	29	Ohio – Columbus
5	Idaho – Boise	30	Kentucky – Frankfort
6	Montana – Helena	31	Tennessee – Nashville
7	Wyoming – Cheyenne	32	Mississippi – Jackson
8	Utah – Salt Lake City	33	Alabama - Montgomery
9	Colorado – Denver	34	Maine – Augusta
10	Arizona – Phoenix	35	New Hampshire -Concord
11	New Mexico – Santa Fe	36	Vermont – Montpelier
12	Alaska – Juneau	37	Massachusetts – Boston
13	Hawaii – Honolulu	38	Rhode Island -Providence
14	North Dakota – Bismarck	39	Connecticut – Hartford
15	South Dakota – Pierre	40	New York – Albany
16	Nebraska – Lincoln	41	Pennsylvania -Harrisburg
17	Kansas – Topeka	42	New Jersey – Trenton
18	Oklahoma – Oklahoma City	43	Delaware – Dover
19	Texas – Austin	44	Maryland – Annapolis
20	Minnesota – St. Paul	45	West Virginia -Charleston
21	Iowa – Des Moines	46	Virginia – Richmond
22	Missouri – Jefferson City	47	North Carolina – Raleigh
23	Arkansas – Little Rock	48	South Carolina -Columbia
24	Louisiana – Baton Rouge	49	Georgia – Atlanta
25	Wisconsin - Madison	50	Florida - Tallahassee



# The United States

(not to scale)

# Presidents of the United States

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|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | George Washington      | 23 | Benjamin Harrison     |
| 2  | John Adams             | 24 | Grover Cleveland      |
| 3  | Thomas Jefferson       | 25 | William McKinley      |
| 4  | James Madison          | 26 | Theodore Roosevelt    |
| 5  | James Monroe           | 27 | William Howard Taft   |
| 6  | John Quincy Adams      | 28 | Woodrow Wilson        |
| 7  | Andrew Jackson         | 29 | Warren G. Harding     |
| 8  | Martin Van Buren       | 30 | Calvin Coolidge       |
| 9  | William Henry Harrison | 31 | Herbert Hoover        |
| 10 | John Tyler             | 32 | Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| 11 | James K. Polk          | 33 | Harry S. Truman       |
| 12 | Zachary Taylor         | 34 | Dwight D. Eisenhower  |
| 13 | Millard Fillmore       | 35 | John F. Kennedy       |
| 14 | Franklin Pierce        | 36 | Lyndon B. Johnson     |
| 15 | James Buchanan         | 37 | Richard Nixon         |
| 16 | Abraham Lincoln        | 38 | Gerald Ford           |
| 17 | Andrew Johnson         | 39 | Jimmy Carter          |
| 18 | Ulysses S. Grant       | 40 | Ronald Reagan         |
| 19 | Rutherford B. Hayes    | 41 | George H. W. Bush     |
| 20 | James Garfield         | 42 | Bill Clinton          |
| 21 | Chester A. Arthur      | 43 | George W. Bush        |
| 22 | Grover Cleveland       | 44 | Barack Obama          |

## The Gettysburg Address

Delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863,  
At the dedication of the Cemetery at Gettysburg

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate... we can not consecrate... we can not hallow... this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

# How to Memorize State Capitals Quickly

There aren't any magic shortcuts to memorization, but there are several ways to make memorizing state capitals painless or even fun.

## Step 1

First, spend time looking at a map that has just the capitals marked, for example, the map here: <http://www.50states.com/cap.htm> If you have a few days to memorize state capitals, print out the map and put it somewhere like in front of your desk or by your bed. If you have less time, just study it for several minutes.

## Step 2

Then, listen several times to the state capitals song. Try this version <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNUDDaEOvuY> or try <http://www.songsforteaching.com/recall/50statescapitals.htm> or this one <http://www.mrsjonesroom.com/songs/50capitals.html> Annoying? Yes. But it will be stuck in your head for days, which is what we want.

## Step 3

Next, take a quiz on the state capitals. There are lots of quizzes available online, Here are some quiz websites to try:

[www.ilike2learn.com/ilike2learn/CapitalUnitedStates.html](http://www.ilike2learn.com/ilike2learn/CapitalUnitedStates.html)

[www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/usaquiz.html](http://www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/usaquiz.html)

[www.sheppardsoftware.com/web\\_games.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm)

[www.marlenesite.com/aspmar/usastatescapitals/default.asp](http://www.marlenesite.com/aspmar/usastatescapitals/default.asp)

Another way to do it is to simply print up a blank US map and fill in each state with its capital. Or print up a list of the states and fill in the blanks

## Step 4

Take the quiz several times in a row. You may want to make it into a game by timing yourself or giving yourself treats as you memorize state capitals. Try challenging your parents or someone else who thinks they already know the state capitals and see if you can do better than them.

If you can sing back the state capitals song from memory, or if you can consistently get almost all of the capitals right on your quiz, you're done!

## Memorization Songs for the 44 Presidents of the United States

1. A teacher wrote this song to help you memorize the presidents...

<http://www.icompositions.com/music/song.php?sid=2170#>

2. View the list and hear music, you sing along.

<http://www.mrsjonesroom.com/songs/usapresidents.html>

3. This is actually a CD and sort of a country music song that has both first and last names.

<http://www.musicalrecall.com/mp3/presidents.m3u>

4. Another helpful website is <http://www.teachertube.com>

5. You can also just practice with this song that goes along with a familiar tune

### The Presidents Song

Sung to the tune of "10 Little Indian Boys"

Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison  
Monroe, Adams, Jackson, Van Buren,  
Harrison, Tyler, Polk and Taylor,  
Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan.

Lincoln, Johnson, Grant and Hayes,  
Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, (Cleveland)\*  
McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson.  
Harding, Coolidge, Hoover.

Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy,  
Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter.  
Reagan, Bush, Clinton, Bush,  
and President Obama

\*Cleveland's 2<sup>nd</sup> term is not included in the song, but you must know it.