

# OLD SCHOOL, NEW SCHOOL!

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## Studying your state

Our large desktop size [State maps](#) make state study easy!

The activities on our state maps are designed to take students logically through all the material necessary to learn the physical and political geography of their state. Students identify and label the important features, like cities and towns, as well as bodies of water. They draw in features like mountains, wetlands, rivers, and more. Students learn neighboring states, and infrastructure too -- like drawing in major highways!

The MAP KEY for each state map helps students learn symbols and place them on the map. Students take pride in the finished map. Inspire state pride and promote retention of facts in a fun hands-on way.

Our **"Step-by-Step Mapping"** Files allow you to show any of our maps in stages on your whiteboard or smartboard.



### California The Golden State

Welcome to California! The state of California is located on the west coast of the United States of America. California is bordered to the north by the state of Oregon and to the east by the states of Nevada and Arizona. California shares its southern boundary with the country of Mexico. To the west lies the Pacific Ocean. In terms of land area, California follows Alaska and Texas as the third largest state. California stretches for almost 800 miles north to south and about 400 miles wide at its widest point. After the most recent 2000 census, California had a population of 35,871,549 people, the highest population of any state in the USA.

California has a variety of different land types as well as climates. The topography includes mountain ranges, valleys, low-lying grasslands, and deserts. Generally speaking, the northern part of the state is moist and cool, with much rainfall. Moving south, the land gets drier and hotter and there is less rain. In the very south, much of the land is hot desert, with little rainfall.

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**MAP KEY**  
 ▲ Mountain  
 ▽ Highest elevation  
 ● Capital  
 ○ City  
 ● Town  
 — Highway  
 — Railroad  
 ✈ Airport  
 — Desert  
 — Fault Line  
 ● Mission  
 ● Precinct  
 ● Pueblo  
 — Street

### NEW HAMPSHIRE The Granite State

Welcome to New Hampshire! The state of New Hampshire is located in the northeast corner of the United States of America. It is part of the Atlantic region known as New England. New Hampshire is bordered to the east by the state of Maine and the Atlantic Ocean. Massachusetts forms the boundary to the south. To the west, New Hampshire and the state of Vermont are divided by the Connecticut River along most of the boundary. In the north, New Hampshire meets the country of Canada, and its province of Quebec.

The topography of New Hampshire is hilly and mountainous. Much of central New Hampshire is part of the region known as the New England Uplands. This area is very rough and hilly, with some mountains. To the east is the White Mountain region, which is part of the larger Appalachian Mountain Range. This area has some of the highest mountains in the eastern United States. Mount Washington, located in this area, is the highest peak in New England.

Although the state is known for its high elevations, there is also a low-lying area along the seacoast. This is the southeastern part of the state. The White Mountains National Seashore, located here, is a beautiful area with sandy beaches and rocky cliffs. The state also has some of the largest lakes in the northeast. Lake Umbagog, located in the southeast, is one of the largest.

In terms of land area, New Hampshire is the twenty-ninth largest state in the United States. At its widest point from east to west, New Hampshire is 93 miles wide. The greatest distance from north to south is 142 miles.

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 — River  
 ● Capital  
 ○ City  
 ● Town  
 — Fault Line  
 ▲ Mountain  
 ▽ Highest elevation  
 — Highway  
 — Railroad  
 ✈ Airport

### NEW YORK The Empire State

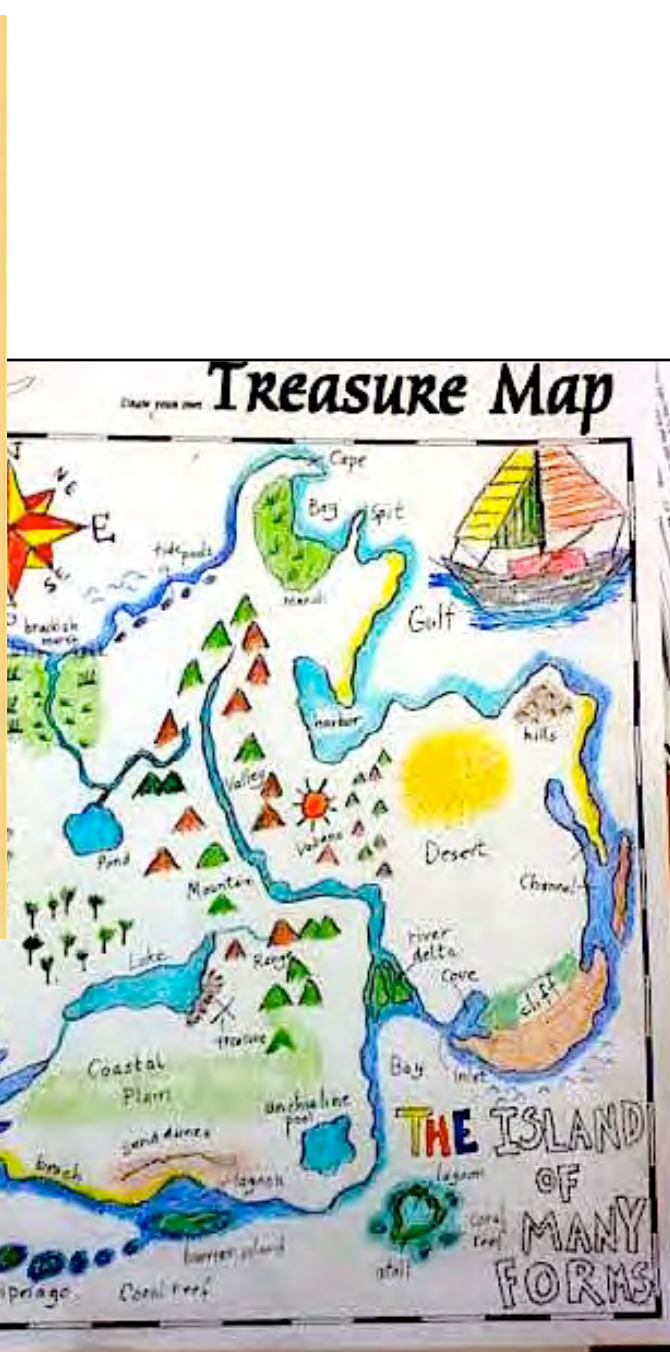
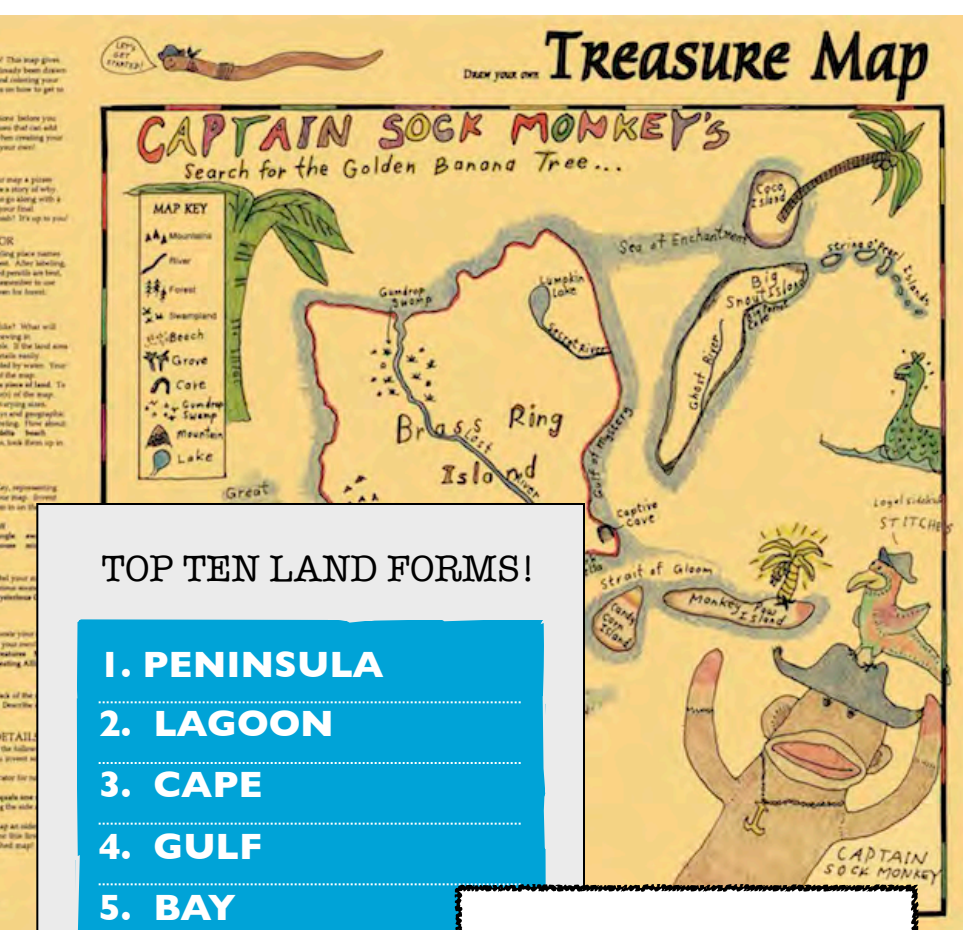
Welcome to New York! The state of New York is located in the northeastern region of the United States of America. New York is bordered to the north and west by the country of Canada and to the east by the states of Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. New York shares its southern boundary with New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The southeast corner of the state meets the Atlantic Ocean. In terms of land area, New York is the thirtieth largest state in the USA. New York stretches for about 300 miles from north to south and about 314 miles wide at its widest point.

The topography of this state is characterized by mountains, rivers and lakes. New York state has several major mountain ranges: the Adirondack, the Catskills and the Taconic Mountains. It is bordered by three large lakes: Lake Ontario, Lake Champlain and Lake Erie. Within the borders of the state are over 6,000 other smaller lakes. The Delaware River forms a natural border between New York and neighboring Pennsylvania.

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Map of the Month  
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**TOP TEN LAND FORMS!**

1. PENINSULA
2. LAGOON
3. CAPE
4. GULF
5. BAY
6. VALLEY
7. DELTA
8. VOLCANO
9. SWAMP
10. DESERT

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**This is a Wooly Monkey!**

How long will it take your students to find out.....

1. Where he lives?
2. What he eats?
3. Could he be a pet?
4. Is he endangered?

