



Flags of Our Nation III



Independence Date: July 4, 1776
Capital: Washington, DC
National Motto: In God We Trust
National Floral Emblem: Rose
National Bird: Bald Eagle
Patriotic Symbol: Statue of Liberty

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Capital: Frankfurt
Statehood Date: June 1, 1792 (never a territory, it was part of Virginia until statehood)
15th State
State Motto: United we stand, divided we fall
State Flower: Goldenrod
State Bird: Northern cardinal
State Tree: Tulip poplar
Nickname: The Bluegrass State



Capital: Augusta
Statehood Date: March 15, 1820 (what is now the state of Maine, before statehood, was called the District of Maine and belonged to Massachusetts)
23rd State
State Motto: I Direct
State Floral Emblem: Pine cone and tassel
State Bird: Black-capped chickadee
State Tree: White pine
Nickname: The Pine Tree State



Capital: Baton Rouge
Statehood Date: April 20, 1812 (with certain boundary changes, had been the Territory of Orleans)
18th State
State Motto: Union, Justice, and Confidence
State Flower: Magnolia
State Bird: Brown pelican
State Tree: Bald cypress
Nickname: The Pelican State



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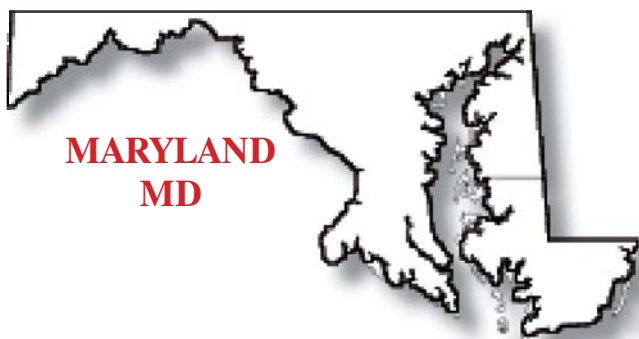
Statehood Date: April 28, 1788
Capital: Annapolis
7th State
State Motto: Manly deeds womanly words
State Flower: Black-eyed Susan
State Bird: Baltimore oriole
State Tree: White oak
Nickname: The Old Line State



**MASSACHUSETTS
MA**



Statehood Date: Feb. 6, 1788
Capital: Boston
6th State
State Motto: By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty
State Flower: Mayflower
State Bird: Black-capped chickadee
State Tree: American elm
Nickname: The Bay State



**MARYLAND
MD**



**MINNESOTA
MN**

Statehood Date: May 11, 1858
Capital: St. Paul
32nd State
State Motto: The star of the north
State Flower: Pink and white lady's slipper
State Bird: Common loon
State Tree: Red pine (Norway pine)
Nickname: The North Star State





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Statehood Date: Aug. 10, 1821 (The state was much smaller than the territory. The area to the west and northwest of the state, which had been in the territory, was commonly known as the "Missouri Country" until May 30, 1854, and certain of the post offices in this area show a Missouri abbreviation in the postmark.)

Capital: Jefferson City

24th State

State Motto: The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law

State Flower: Hawthorn blossom

State Bird: Eastern bluebird

State Tree: Flowering dogwood

Nickname: The Show Me State

Statehood Date: Jan. 26, 1837

Capital: Lansing

26th State

State Motto: If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you

State Flower: Apple blossom

State Bird: American robin

State Tree: White pine

Nickname: The Great Lakes State



Statehood Date: Dec. 10, 1817

Capital: Jackson

20th State

State Motto: By valor and arms

State Flower: Magnolia

State Bird: Northern mockingbird

State Tree: Magnolia

Nickname: The Magnolia State



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Stars and Stripes:
The 13 horizontal stripes represent
the 13 original colonies;
the 50 stars represent the 50 states.
Snapshot art depicts the "amber waves of
grain" of "America the Beautiful,"
by Katharine Lee Bates.



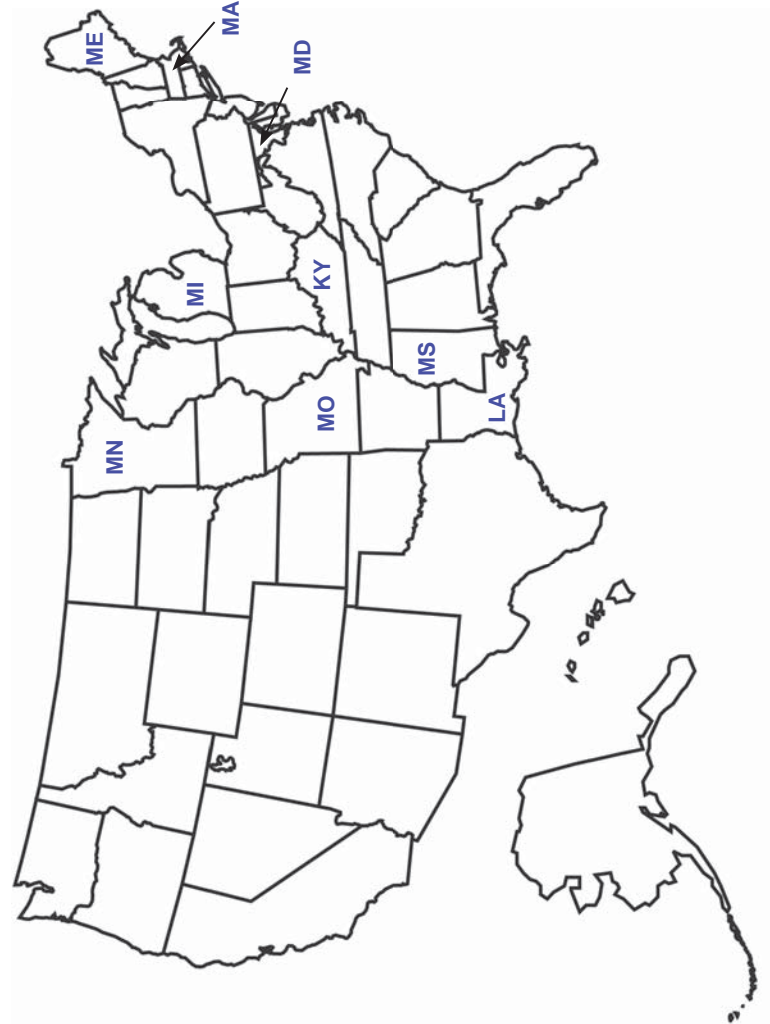


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