Research questions students need to answer

Name: _____

State Research Project

Fill in the information below about your state. You will use this information to complete your research project.

State name: _____
State nickname: _____
State motto: _____
Capital city: _____
Bordering states: _____
_____

State bird: _____
State flower: _____
State tree: _____
State song: _____
Population: _____
State rank (according to size) compared to the rest of the U.S.: _____
Area in square miles: _____
3 largest cities: _____
_____
Major rivers or lakes: _____
_____
Any interesting geographical features or information: _____
_____
_____

State government:
   Who is the governor: _____
   How many: state senators _____ state representatives _____
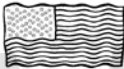   How many: U.S. senators _____ U.S. representatives _____
   How many: electoral votes _____ counties: _____

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Name: _____

State Research Project

Fill in the information below about your state. You will use this information to complete your research project.

Climate information:
   Average January temperature: _____ Average July temperature: _____
   Highest recorded temperature: _____ Lowest recorded temperature: _____
   Average rainfall a year: _____ Average snowfall a year: _____
Agricultural resources/products: _____
_____
Manufacturing products/industry: _____
_____
_____

Famous people from the state. List their name and what they are known for.
_____
_____
_____

3 places to visit in the state:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
If you went to visit this state, what ways could you spend your free time?
_____
_____

Any interesting facts: _____
_____
_____
_____

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**Summarizing notes graphic organizer**

Name: _____

SUMMARIZING YOUR NOTES

Find 3 sources on your topic. Write the source information in the top box. Take notes from each source. Then summarize the main idea of your notes at the bottom.

My topic: _____

Source #1:	Source #2:	Source #3:
Notes:	Notes:	Notes:

Main idea: _____
_____

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Research Plan graphic organizer

Name: _____

Mapping Out a Research Plan

Complete the sections below to help plan your research plan.

① What information sources do you think will be useful in researching your topic?

_____ books   _____ print encyclopedia
_____ dictionary   _____ online encyclopedia
_____ almanac   _____ online database
_____ magazine   _____ website

_____ other _____

② What are the key words or phrases that you think will help you in your research?
_____
_____

③ After reviewing some of the sources from above, which ones have information about your topic? Write them below. Then circle your rating for each source using the code.

A – lots of information	C – some information
B – enough information to help me	D – not much information at all

Source: _____
A B C D

Source: _____
A B C D

Source: _____
A B C D

Source: _____
A B C D

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Note taking pages

Name: _____

My notes about _____

Basic state information

Special state facts

State population and cities

Name: _____

My notes about _____

Places to visit/things to do

Interesting facts

Source list

Name: _____

My notes about _____

Geography of state

Climate of state

Famous people from state

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

CLIMATE INFORMATION

Average January temperature: _____

Average July temperature: _____

Highest recorded temperature: _____

Lowest recorded temperature: _____

Average yearly rainfall:

_____

Average yearly snowfall:

_____

Agricultural products/industry:

Manufacturing products/industry:

3 places to visit:

1. _____

_____

2. _____

3. _____

Famous people:

Ways to spend free time:

Other interesting facts:

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FAST FACTS

Nickname:

State motto:

State bird:

State flower:

State tree:

State song:

Population:

State rank:

State government information:

Governor:

# of state senators:

# of state representatives:

# of U.S. senators:

# of U.S. representatives

# of electoral votes: # of counties:

Major rivers or lakes:

Show where this state is on the U.S. map.
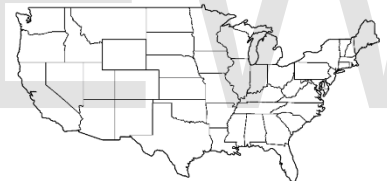
Area in square miles:

Bordering states:

Mark the state capital with a ★
Label the 3 largest cities ① ② ③

Each poster template is identical

VIRGINIA

FAST FACTS

Nickname: Old Dominion

State motto: Thus Always to Tyrants

State bird: Cardinal

State flower: Dogwood

State tree: Dogwood

State song: Our Great Virginia

Population: 8,000,024

State rank: 12th

State government information:

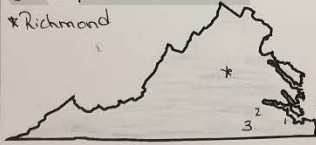Governor: Ralph Northam

# of state senators: 40

# of state representatives: 100

# of U.S. senators: 2

# of U.S. representatives: 11

# of electoral votes: 13   # of counties: 95

Major rivers or lakes:

Shenandoah River
James River
York River

Lake Drummond
Mountain Lake

Show where this state is on the U.S. map.

Area in square miles: 40,599

Bordering states:

Maryland   Kentucky
West Virginia   North Carolina
Tennessee

Mark the state capital with a ★
Label the 3 largest cities ① ② ③

1. Virginia Beach
2. Norfolk
3. Chesapeake
★ Richmond

VIRGINIA

CLIMATE INFORMATION

Average January temperature: 36

Average July temperature: 75

Highest recorded temperature: 110°

Lowest recorded temperature: -30°

Average yearly rainfall: 43 inches

Average yearly snowfall: Varies greatly

Agricultural products/industry:

cattle   turkeys
corn   wheat
eggs   tobacco

Manufacturing products/industry:

chemicals   machinery
food products

Famous people:

Patrick Henry
James Madison
Nat Turner
Booker T. Washington
Chris Brown
Allen Iverson

3 places to visit:

1. Mount Vernon
   George Washington's home
2. Jamestown
3. Skyline Drive

Ways to spend free time:

Hiking
museums
battlefields
historic places
camping

Other interesting facts:

60% of the state is forest

8 presidents were born in Virginia

The first peanuts grown in the U.S. were grown in Virginia

Over half of the Civil War battles were in Virginia