



# Homework Helper State Reports

## Getting Started:

- Ask your school librarian or teacher to help you find materials in your school library.
- When you visit the South Pasadena Public Library, remember to bring your assignment directions or teacher's instructions.
- Check out your state's Office of Tourism online.
- Ask your parents if they belong to a travel or automobile club. Sometimes these clubs will provide free state materials to members.

## Reference Materials:

- Read a general article on the state you've chosen in an encyclopedia such as the *World Book Encyclopedia*. *World Book Online* is available from the Library website at [www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library](http://www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library).
- Use the most current encyclopedia or the official state Internet site to locate population figures and other statistical information. In addition to using general encyclopedias on specific states, consult the following reference books:
 

Juv Ref 317 Time	<i>Time almanac</i>
Juv Ref 317 World	<i>World almanac and book of facts</i>
Juv Ref 929.9 Flags	<i>Flags of the world</i>
Juv Ref 973 Junior	<i>Junior worldmark encyclopedia of the states</i>
Juv Ref 973 Shearer	<i>State names, seals, flags, and symbols</i>

## Circulating Materials:

- Books on states which you may check out are located in the Juv 900 section of the nonfiction collection. See the chart to locate the call number for your specific state. Some general state books include:
 

Juv 582.16 Brandt	<i>State trees</i>
Juv 582.16 Jorgenson	<i>Grand trees of America</i>
Juv 598 Cooper	<i>Birds</i>
Juv 737.6 Berg	<i>Great state seals of the United States</i>
Juv 929.9 Maurer	<i>License plates</i>

## Magazine and Newspaper Articles:

- To locate articles about your state, you may want to consider using the following indexes:
  - Gale General Reference Center (Infotrac)*
  - Los Angeles Times*
  - Newsbank*

Access these databases by visiting the South Pasadena Public Library library's website at [www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library](http://www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library). Scroll down and click on Online Resources.

## Maps:

- Maps of individual states and regions are available in both reference books, circulating books, and online.
 

Juv Ref 031 World	<i>World book encyclopedia</i>
Juv 031 World	<i>World book encyclopedia</i> (older, circulating edition)
Juv Ref 912 Goodes	<i>Goode's world atlas</i>
Juv 973 Harrison	<i>The young people's atlas of the United States</i>
Juv Ref 973 United	<i>United States giant discovery atlas</i>



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## Useful Websites:

### 50 States and Capitols

<http://www.50states.com/>

### ClassBrain.com: State Reports

<http://classbrain.com/artstate/publish/>

### Internet Public Library: Stately Knowledge

<http://www.ipl.org/youth/stateknow/>

### Junior Worldmark Book of the States

[www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library](http://www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library) - Click on Online Resources – Gale Virtual Reference Library

### Kids Click: States

<http://www.kidsclick.org/midstat.html>

### World Book Online

[www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library](http://www.cityofsouthpasadena.us/library) - Click on Online Resources – World Book Online

### Yahooligans: Around the World: United States

<http://kids.yahoo.com/directory/Around-the-World/U.S.-States>

## Reminders:

- Take notes using notecards. These are easier to organize than sheets of paper.
- Do your own illustrations or photocopy appropriate pictures from source material. DO NOT CUT PICTURES, MAPS, ETC. FROM LIBRARY MATERIALS. *Vandalism is against the law.*
- This Homework Helper is just one tool to begin your research. If you need any other assistance, be sure to ask a librarian.

## Call Numbers for State Books:

Alabama	976.1	Louisiana	976.3	Ohio	977.1
Alaska	979.8	Maine	974.1	Oklahoma	976.6
Arizona	979.1	Maryland	975.2	Oregon	979.5
Arkansas	976.7	Massachusetts	974.4	Pennsylvania	974.8
California	979.4	Michigan	977.4	Rhode Island	974.5
Colorado	978.8	Minnesota	977.6	South Carolina	975.7
Connecticut	974.6	Mississippi	976.2	South Dakota	978.3
Delaware	975.1	Missouri	977.8	Tennessee	976.8
Florida	975.9	Montana	978.6	Texas	976.4
Georgia	975.8	Nebraska	978.2	Utah	979.2
Hawaii	996.9	Nevada	979.3	Vermont	974.3
Idaho	979.6	New Hampshire	974.2	Virginia	975.5
Illinois	977.3	New Jersey	974.9	Washington	979.7
Indiana	977.2	New Mexico	978.9	West Virginia	975.4
Iowa	977.7	New York	974.7	Wisconsin	977.5
Kansas	978.1	North Carolina	975.6	Wyoming	978.7
Kentucky	976.9	North Dakota	978.4		

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