

The Fifty States-Where to look for information

Encyclopedias (World Book, Compton's, Encarta Reference) and **Books** (use the card catalog).

Student Resource Center database:

This is a subscription database bought by the ACA Library for our students to use for research. It can be used both at school and at home if your home computer has Internet access. Go to the website <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/mont508> and type in the password **aca** (all lower case letters). This database can be searched to find articles in reference books, magazines, and newspapers. Just type the name of your state in the search box. Click on the tabs at the top of the search results to get a list of reference books, magazines, or newspapers. The results will give you a list of titles with a brief description. When you want to look at the whole article, just double click on the title of the article. The article can be printed.

Websites (below is a list of reliable websites to use)

Fact Monster from Information Please Almanac

<http://www.factmonster.com/states.html>

Click on a state for a profile, maps, flags, trivia, etc.

Country Reports.org

<http://countryreports.org/>

Culture, history, geography, statistics, games, maps, etc. For states, just choose "US State Reports" then click on a state on the map.

Stately Knowledge Facts about the United States

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

America's Story: Explore the States

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/es>

Short introductions to each state along with entertaining real stories about life in the state.

Ben's Guide to Government for Kids

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/nation/index.html>

Find quick facts about each of the 50 states at this government page.

FirstGov for Kids

<http://www.kids.gov>

Choose Grades K-5 then click on "state websites." Connect to official kids' pages of many U.S. states from this site.

50states.com—States and Capitals

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

Information on everything from famous people to sports teams.

NetState

<http://netstate.com/states/>

State symbols, flags, seals, geography

Atlas—Xpeditions @ National Geographic.com

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/atlas/>

You can print a map of your state from this site. In the "Select Location(s)" box choose United States of America from the drop down list. From a second drop down list on the right choose your state.

Kid Zone Geography: United States

<http://www.kidzone.ws/geography/usa/>

Print flags and maps for many of the 50 states.