

Unlocking the Facts

FIND OUT MORE!

Knowing your way around the Almanac is important if you want to find information quickly. There are four guides you can use to find information.

- The **Quick Thumb Index** on the back cover is most useful when you are looking for a large section, such as Sports. Use this index by moving your thumb from the topic on the back cover to its matching black-edged pages, and open the book.
- The **Contents** on page 3 of the Almanac lets you know what general topics are covered in the Almanac (in the order they appear). It is most useful when you are looking for general information or want to browse a certain topic.
- The **Quick Reference Index** on the last page (1,008) has many more specific topics—such as Academy Awards or Heads of State—arranged in alphabetical order.
- The **General Index** starting on page 979 is the most detailed of all, with 29 pages of topics and subtopics covered in the Almanac. It is most useful for finding specific information, such as the population of Georgia.

DID YOU
KNOW?

There were 1,397 daily newspapers published in the United States as of February 1, 2010, down 11 from the year before.

CHECK IT OUT

Where would you look for the following information?

First check the **Quick Reference Index**. If you don't find what you're looking for, go to the **General Index**. When you've found the answers to the questions, write the page number and topic that lead to the answer and the index you used. If the information is not found in the **General Index**, then you'll need to scan for related topics or subtopics. Sometimes you have to look in several different places in the almanac to find what you need.

	PAGE	TOPIC	INDEX
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- 1 How much money does the U.S. make from tourism? _____
- 2 Where was Will Smith, the actor, born? _____
- 3 Which state had the most public libraries in 2008? _____
- 4 What is the highest mountain peak in Africa? _____
- 5 What is the busiest airport in the U.S.? _____

Find Facts Fast

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Use the **Quick Reference Index** to help find the facts below. The **boldfaced** words will help you find the correct topic in the Quick Reference Index, or in the Sports Quick Reference Index. Write the page number of the answer in the parentheses and write the answer on the line. Then circle the answers in the puzzle. Answers go across, down, and diagonally.

- 1 Last name of 21st U.S. **president** () _____
- 2 Country whose **flag** has a white field with one red circle in the center () _____
- 3 **Planet** with the largest moon () _____
- 4 Nation that is the world's top **travel** destination () _____
- 5 U.S. suspension **bridge** that spans 3,800 feet () _____
- 6 1915 winner of the National League pennant in **baseball** () _____
- 7 State where Mesa Verde **National Park** is located () _____
- 8 State with the **postal** abbreviation ID () _____
- 9 **State** whose nickname is the Buckeye State () _____
- 10 Best-selling hardcover children's **book** in 2009 (2 words) () _____
- 11 Canadian **holiday** that will be celebrated on May 23, 2011 () _____
- 12 State where **area code** 229 is located () _____

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Connecting the Facts

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Use both the Quick Reference Index and the General Index.
Write the page number of the answer in the parentheses
and print the answer on the lines.

- 1 State whose capital is Trenton () _____
- 2 Country whose flag is solid green () _____
- 3 Birthplace of actress/singer Miley Cyrus () _____
- 4 Capital of Norway () _____
- 5 Winner of the 1961 Cy Young Award () _____
- 6 First director of the Central Intelligence Agency () _____
- 7 First woman to complete a transoceanic solo flight () _____
- 8 Book awarded the 2010 Caldecott Medal () _____
- 9 Length of the Statue of Liberty's nose () _____
- 10 1982 Heisman Trophy winner () _____
- 11 Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that abolished slavery () _____
- 12 Inventor of the remote control () _____
- 13 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner () _____
- 14 Portrait that appears on a \$10,000 bill () _____
- 15 Birthplace of author J. K. Rowling () _____
- 16 Zodiac sign that occurs after Libra and before Sagittarius () _____
- 17 State whose name is the Dakota Sioux word for "cloudy water" () _____
- 18 Symbol for the chemical element Platinum () _____

Cross-Country Trip



DID YOU KNOW?

Wyoming has the smallest population but Rhode Island is the smallest state in area.



Throughout *The World Almanac*, you'll find interesting facts about each and every state—including yours. There are over forty topics listed under "States, U.S." in the **General Index**.



FIND OUT MORE!

Each clue below leads to one state. Write the page number of the answer in the parentheses and the state's postal abbreviation (see page 379) on the line next to it.

- 1 Home of the first Secretary of Homeland Security () _____
- 2 Birthplace of 10th U.S. president John Tyler () _____
- 3 Site of Yosemite National Park () _____
- 4 State with the Mt. St. Helens volcano () _____
- 5 State where the U.S. center of population was located in 2000 () _____
- 6 State where the area code 207 is located () _____
- 7 State admitted to the Union on Jan. 3, 1959 () _____
- 8 Birthplace of writer Stephenie Meyer () _____
- 9 State with tallest U.S. building () _____
- 10 State with the largest population () _____
- 11 State with the largest area of the 48 contiguous states () _____
- 12 State whose geographic center is in Twiggs () _____
- 13 Site of Canyonlands National Park () _____
- 14 State in which largest U.S. reservoir, Lake Powell, is located () _____
- 15 State that used (consumed) the least energy in 2008 () _____
- 16 State with the longest coastline () _____
- 17 State that is home to Brown University () _____

State the Facts

CHECK IT OUT!

Write the answers to the questions on the numbered blanks. Then put each letter into the diagram in the matching numbered squares. When you've finished, read the grid from left to right, starting at the top, and you'll find the answer to the following question: What motto appears on the Great Seal of the United States?

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- What is the capital of North Carolina?
5 14 1 6 32
- What state entered the Union on March 1, 1803?
33 21 30
- In which state is Canisius College located?
29 41 22
- In which state was President Ronald Reagan born?
18 15 3 11 9
- What is the state tree of Hawaii?
4 12
- What is the state bird of Alabama?
27 36 16 26 25
- What is the state motto of Louisiana?
10 19 40' 8 17 44'
39 31 37
- What is the state tree of West Virginia?
34 23 38 28 20
- What is the capital of Massachusetts?
7 24 42 43
- What is one of the two rivers on which Washington, DC, is located? (Hint: Only one will have the right number of letters.)
2 35 13

Armchair Traveling

DID YOU KNOW?

In recent years France has had the most visitors to its country, but the United States has made the most money from tourism.

FIND OUT MORE!

Using the map on pages 464-465, plan a five-stop tour of South America, starting in Caracas. Do you want to swim in the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans? Do you want to see major cities, countryside, or both? How many countries do you want to visit? The "Nations of the World" section of the almanac will help you make your travel decisions.

Number and label the stops you expect to make on the map of South America below. The first stop, Caracas, is done as an example. You can visit popular tourist destinations, the seashore, the mountains, or any place that captures your imagination.

Stop 1

Caracas, capital of
Venezuela

Stop 2

Stop 3

Stop 4

Stop 5



Flags of the World

FIND OUT MORE!

Find the answers to the following questions by looking at the flags section on pages 457-460 of *The World Almanac*.

- 1 How many stars does Algeria have on its flag? _____
- 2 What color are the stars on the Comoros flag? _____
- 3 Are the stars on Papua New Guinea's flag all the same size? _____
- 4 What shape do the stars on Venezuela's flag form? _____



Now use the Quick Thumb Index to find the Nations of the World section. Draw a line from each of the following nations to its type of government.

Argentina
Spain
Denmark
Ghana
Cambodia
Luxembourg
Bolivia
South Africa
Uganda
Monaco

Monarchy

Republic

DID YOU KNOW?

Nepal is the only flag with an untraditional shape: the red flag with white symbols and a blue border appears to be two triangles above one another. Switzerland and Vatican City have square flags.



There are common elements in many flags. Stars are often used as symbols, as are stripes, crosses, and the color red.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

On the back of this sheet, design a flag for your family. The symbols you choose could be special interests, symbols of your state or town, or something representing your parents' ethnic backgrounds. Explain the meanings of the symbols you chose. Have fun!

Picking a President

DID YOU KNOW?

Only three presidents in U.S. history lost the popular vote while winning the election. They were Hayes in 1876, Harrison in 1888, and Bush in 2000.

FIND OUT MORE!

- 1 How many Electoral College votes does a presidential candidate need to win?

- 2 Which president is buried in North Bend, OH?

- 3 How many children did President John Tyler have?

- 4 Whose presidential library is located in Abilene, Kansas?

- 5 Who was the first president to be impeached?

- 6 Who is the only president to serve two nonconsecutive terms (with somebody else elected in between)?

- 7 Who is the only president who never got married?

- 8 What party did Bob Barr represent in the 2008 presidential election?

- 9 Which state is the home state of the most presidents?

- 10 How many electoral votes did John McCain receive from Nebraska in 2008?

CHECK IT OUT

Unscramble the names of the following presidents. Then write a fact about that president on the line.

- 11 kolp _____
- 12 snojkac _____
- 13 ovhreo _____
- 14 heesnewrio _____
- 15 tracer _____
- 16 nekdeyn _____
- 17 limoferl _____
- 18 turrha _____

Facts and Figures

MAKE CONNECTIONS

Sentences A through P below can be completed with a number. Write the page number of the correct answer in the parentheses and write the answer on the line. Then put each answer (number) in the square with the matching letter on the grid.

When you are done, each row and column will form a mathematical equation that can be solved from left to right or top to bottom.

A The name of a famous auto racing competition is the Indianapolis _____
()

B North Carolina's rank among state populations in 2009 _____ ()

C The Baltimore Ravens' winning point total in the 2001 Super Bowl was _____
()

D The Roman numeral XVI equals _____
()

E *Ordinary People* won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 19_____
()

F A great blizzard struck the Eastern U.S. March 11–14, 188_____
()

G The denomination of U.S. paper money bearing a portrait of Abraham Lincoln is the _____ dollar bill ()

H The total number of medals the Dominican Republic won in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games _____
()

I The highest rated TV program in 1991-92 was _____ Minutes ()

J The Belgium flag has _____ stripes
()

K Illinois was the _____ state to join the Union on December 3, 1818 ()

L The width of the Statue of Liberty's mouth is _____ feet ()

M Andrew Jackson was the _____th President of the United States ()

N The term of office for a member of the Senate is _____ years ()

O The atomic number for the element oxygen (O) is _____ ()

P The age actress Emma Watson will turn in 2011 is _____ ()

A	÷	B	−	C	=	D
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E	÷	F	÷	G	=	H
÷		X		−		+
I	+	J	÷	K	=	L
=		=		=		=
M	+	N	+	O	=	P

Getting Around the Facts

FIND OUT MORE!

Whether they're taking a vacation or driving to work, people travel a lot. Here are some questions about transportation and travel.. Write the page number of the answer in the parentheses, and circle the letter of the correct answer. Then transfer the letters onto the numbered blanks at the bottom of the page.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Port of South Louisiana—the busiest port in the United States—handles more than 223 million tons of products annually. The busiest U.S. airport—Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson—serves more than 88 million passengers each year. When it comes to transportation, getting around is faster and more convenient than ever before. We can catch a bus, hop in a car, or board an airplane. Stop and think for a minute how transportation affects your life. How did the food you ate for breakfast get to you? How did you travel to school today?

- 1** Which country produced the most cars in 2009? ()
R The United States
S Japan
T China
- 2** Where is the world's fastest roller coaster located? ()
G Japan
H New Jersey
I Florida
- 3** Who invented the motorcycle? ()
D Ford
E Daimler
F Harley
- 4** Which ship sank in May 1915? ()
W Lusitania
X Titanic
Y Eastland
- 5** Who was the first woman in space? ()
F Shannon Lucid
G Sally Ride
H Valentina Tereshkova
- 6** Charles Furnas became the first American airplane passenger in what year? ()
C 1906
D 1907
E 1908
- 7** What was the top selling passenger car in the U.S. in 2009? ()
E Toyota Camry
F Ford Focus
G Honda Accord
- 8** Which two lines did the 1869 transcontinental railroad join? ()
J Union Pacific and Great Southern
K Amtrak and Central Pacific
L Central Pacific and Union Pacific

What was the most important invention in the history of transportation?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Facts You Can Count On

To find the volume of a pyramid, multiply the area of the base by the height and divide by 3.



The next time you need a little help with your math homework, turn to your almanac. You'll find mathematical formulas, tables of weights and measures, and conversion charts for temperature and metric measurements.

FIND OUT MORE!

Do these facts add up? Find the Weights and Measures chapter and complete each equation with an = (equals) or \neq (does not equal) sign. If the two are not equal, replace the underlined number with one that would make them equal.

1 1 acre _____ 4,840 square yards _____

2 1 tablespoon _____ 3 fluid drams _____

3 30°C _____ 86°F _____

4 1,000 kilograms _____ 2 metric tons _____

5 1 bushel _____ 4 pecks _____

Now find the answers to these mathematical questions. Write the page number of the correct answer in the parentheses and the answer on the line.

6 What do each of these prefixes mean?

a. mega () _____

b. nano () _____

c. yocto () _____

7 What are each of the following measures associated with?

a. ream () _____

b. knot () _____

c. carat () _____

8 How long is an inch in centimeters? () _____

9 How can you abbreviate these words?

a. bushel () _____

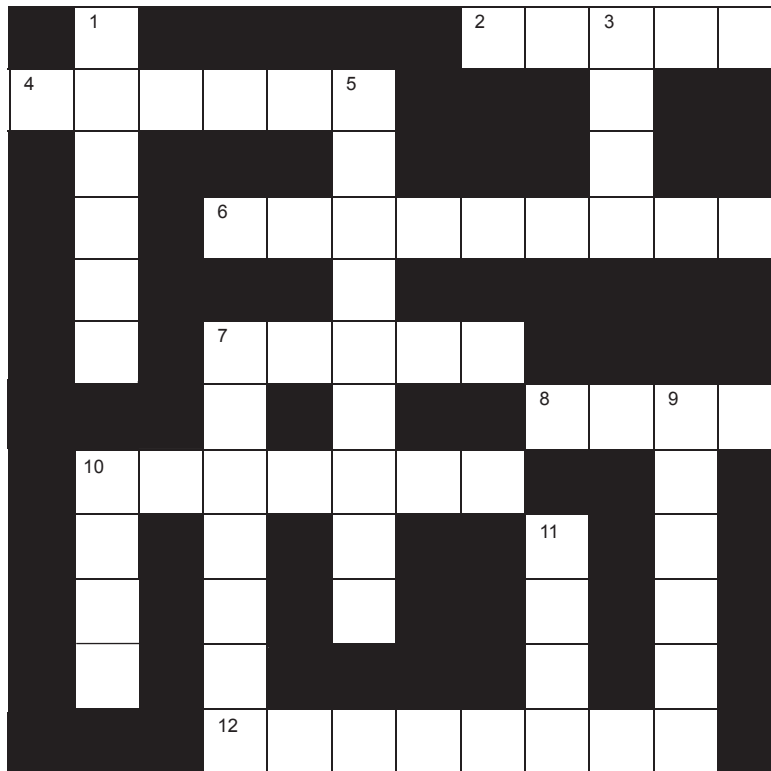
b. gallon () _____

10 What is the Roman numeral for 1,000? () _____

Athletic Facts



Use the following clues to solve this crossword! Write the page number of the answer after each clue (in the parentheses), and put the answer itself in the crossword. When a person's name is asked for, use the person's LAST NAME. When a team name is asked for, use the team nickname, not the city or state.



ACROSS

- 2 Woman with the most Grand Slam tennis titles ()
- 4 Basketball player with the all-time record for number of NBA games played ()
- 6 Team with the second most World Series wins since 1901 ()
- 7 Country that won the 2010 World Cup ()
- 8 NFL football receiver with the most receptions of all time ()
- 10 2005 Indianapolis 500 winner ()
- 12 Winner of the 1980 Sun Bowl ()

DOWN

- 1 Winner of Super Bowl XLIV ()
- 3 School that won the 1975 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship ()
- 5 Major League Baseball pitcher with the best ERA in 2010 ()
- 7 Holder of the women's world record for 100-meter freestyle swimming ()
- 9 Country with the most gold medals in the 2010 Winter Olympics ()
- 10 1931 men's champion at Wimbledon tennis tournament ()
- 11 The National Hockey League's Rookie of the Year in 1937 ()