

State Float

Students in fifth grade have been working on state reports in class. To culminate this unit of study, we will be asking the students to create a state float to represent their state on _____.

The float should be the size of a shoe box and in the interior of the box should be a 3 dimensional diorama of an attraction that represents their state. For example, if the student were doing New York, they might have the Statue of Liberty in the New York Harbor in the foreground and the city of New York in the background. On the top of the box would be information about this historic symbol.

Example: The Statue of Liberty is located on a 12 acre island in New York Harbor. It was brought to the United States from France on the ship, "Isere" and arrived on June 17, 1885. It remained in 214 crates until 1886, waiting for the pedestal to be completed. The statue was created by the sculptor, Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi and it took much fundraising to complete it. The statue was originally created to show that France and the United States had been friends for 100 years. Over time, the Statue of Liberty has changed to mean freedom and democracy to all who come here.

To complete the float, you should cover the rest of the box with construction paper and include the following on the outside of the box:

1. Name of the State and its capital city
- *** Pictures of the following (must be labeled)**
2. State Flag
3. State Bird
4. State Tree
5. State Flower
6. Map of the State that shows where the tourist attraction is located.

You also must include **Five Facts** that make you state an interesting one to visit.

Fact 1-Geographic Fact -----Example: New York has two main rivers near its capital, the Hudson and the Mohawk Rivers.

Fact 2-Cultural Fact -----Example: Every spring, there is a Tulip Festival in Albany to celebrate the Dutch Heritage in that area.

Fact 3-Entertainment Fact -----Example: Many television shows and movies have been filmed in New York City; "Friends" is an example of a show set in N.Y.C.

Fact 4-Famous Resident Fact -----Example: Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, was born in Kinderhook, N.Y.

Fact 5-Trivia Fact (be sure to find something most people would not know about your state).-----Example: Disposable diapers were invented in New York State..

****Note:** These five facts need to be **DIFFERENT** than those used on your "Facts in Brief" sheet. Have fun with these facts- make them unusual!

We look forward to visiting your state attractions! The 5th Grade Teachers