

GEOPLUNGE RULES



Spring 2021 Virtual Tournament

LEVEL 2
LOGISTICS AND RULES

GeoPlunge Spring 2021 Tournament Dates

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DATES (play once, twice, three sessions, or the whole season, whatever you prefer):

- April 14 (Wednesday): Focus is on states in the Eastern Time Zone
- April 21 (Wednesday): Focus is on states in the Central Time Zone
- April 28 (Wednesday): Focus is on states in Mountain and Pacific Time Zones PLUS Hawaii and Alaska
- May 5 (Wednesday): Tournament of Champions - Focus is on all the states

TIME: ALL SESSIONS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES AND WILL BEGIN AT 4:00 PM ET*

*If the time does not work, please contact us to discuss what alternatives might work for you.

GeoPlunge 2020 Tournament Logistics

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- Players will log-in to Zoom at the 4:00 tournament time using a Player name. Throughout the tournament, they will see the questions on Zoom and vote on Kahoot!
- Once they log-on to Zoom, they will receive a PIN for the Kahoot! game.
- Using the PIN, they will log into Kahoot! with a phone or on a split screen on their computer..
- Each 30-minute session will consist of 25 questions from easy-to-learn games
(see the following pages for details on how each game will be played):
 - 6 State IQ
 - 6 Dashing States
 - 6 BorderUp
 - 6 Play the Ranks
 - The last question will be a fun trivia question

Everyone is a winner just by playing and having fun while learning and each player will receive a GeoPlunge Certificate.
Each week we will recognize at least the top 3 players and schools.

We crown an individual champ and a school, library or rec center as tournament champ from those that play the whole season.

ROUND 1 -- STATE IQ

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How to Play:

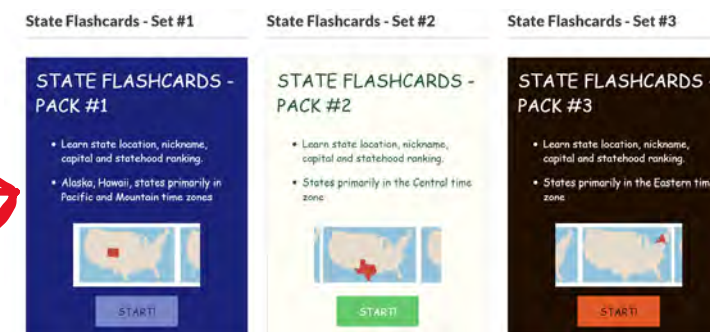
- We give 1, 2, or 3 clues from any of the following categories: first letter of capital, 1 border state, state nickname, statehood ranking, or number of electoral votes.
- The students guess the state from 4 options given

What students need to know:

- States/capitals, border states, state nickname, statehood ranking, number of electoral votes
- It's OK if they use a resource while playing, but it's a race so the more they know, the faster they can go!


Free study resources:

- Our [Kids' Zone](#) has flashcards covering each state broken down by time zone. They have all the information covered except electoral votes, which can be found [here](#).
- [Click here for downloadable maps](#)



SAMPLE STATE IQ QUESTION

STATE IQ: The Capital begins with A and New Hampshire is a border state.



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| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| ▲ Georgia | ◆ Massachusetts |
| ● Maine | ■ New Jersey |

In this example, we gave 2 clues, but in these questions, we can give 1, 2 or, 3 clues from these categories:

- First letter of capital
- 1 border state
- State nickname
- Statehood ranking
- Number of electoral votes

ROUND 2 - DASHING STATES

Sample Questions on Next Pages

How to Play: (this is the ONLY game that is NOT multiple choice)

In this game, students will move the numbered answer squares so they are in the right order

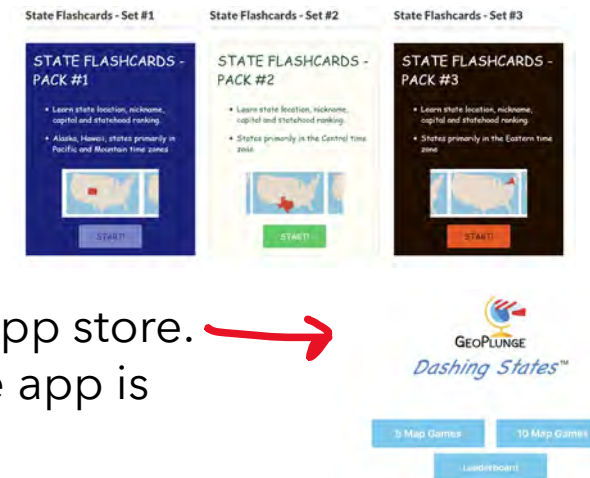
- For each question, we show 4 numbered state map cards with 1 state colored in red on each card
- For the first 3 questions, students move the answer squares placing the states in alphabetical order
- For the last 3 questions, students move the answer squares placing the state capitals in alphabetical order

What students need to know:

- Where the states are on the map and the names of the states and state capitals
- It's OK if they use resources while playing, but it's a race so the more they know, the faster they can go!

Free study resources:

- Our [Kids' Zone](#) has flashcards covering each state broken down by time zone
- [Click here for downloadable maps](#)
- Our App called GeoPlunge - Dashing States can be found in the App store. Students can play for free if they do not use the timing feature. The app is a great way to practice this game.



SAMPLE DASHING STATES QUESTION - ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY STATE

Move the squares to place the **states** in alphabetical order

The activity consists of four numbered map squares and four colored target boxes. The map squares are:

- 1: Texas highlighted in red.
- 2: North Carolina highlighted in red.
- 3: Alabama highlighted in red.
- 4: Colorado highlighted in red.

The target boxes are:

- Red box with a white triangle and the number 3.
- Blue box with a white diamond and the number 4.
- Gold box with a white circle and the number 1.
- Green box with a white square and the number 2.

These squares will be in a different order at the outset and students will move them on their device so they are in the correct order

SAMPLE DASHING STATES QUESTION - ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY CAPITAL

Move the squares to place the capitals in alphabetical order

The activity consists of four numbered maps of the United States, each with a different state highlighted in red. Below the maps are four colored squares with different shapes and numbers, intended to be dragged onto the maps to place them in alphabetical order by capital.

| Map Number | Highlighted State | Capital | Order |
|------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1 | Texas | Austin | 1 |
| 2 | Virginia | Richmond | 2 |
| 3 | Arkansas | Fayetteville | 3 |
| 4 | Wyoming | Cheyenne | 4 |

Below the maps are four colored squares with different shapes and numbers:

- Red square with a white triangle and the number 1.
- Blue square with a white diamond and the number 4.
- Gold square with a white circle and the number 3.
- Green square with a white square and the number 2.

These squares will be in a different order at the outset and students will move them on their device so they are in the correct order

ROUND 3 - BORDER UP

Sample Questions on Next Pages

How to Play:

- We show 4 state cards and players look for “winning groups.”
A “winning group” is a group of 3 cards in which one state borders the other two.
- Here are the answer options:
 - Players choose the 3 specific states that form a “winning group”
 - **This option is correct ONLY if there are just 3 cards that form a “winning group”**
 - OR if all 4 cards can be part of a “winning group” pick the “MORE THAN ONE” option
 - OR if there is no “winning group” pick NONE
 - Note that a “winning group” is never 2 states, it is always 3 states.

What students should know:

- Where the states are on the map
(the border states are listed in the question, but it could be useful to have a map as an added visual)
- It’s OK to use a map as a resource while playing, but it’s a race so the more players know, the faster they can go!

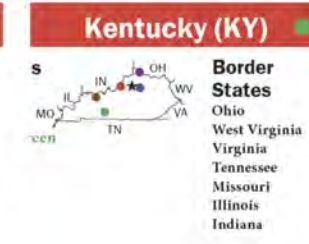
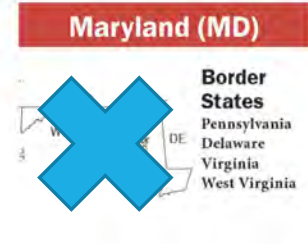
Free study resources:

- [Click here for downloadable maps](#)

SAMPLE BORDER UP QUESTION - Here there is only 1 way to form a "winning group"

BORDER UP: Find the "winning groups"

Maryland does not border any of the other states, so it is NOT part of a "winning group"



Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio all border each other and form a "winning group"



Ohio, Maryland, Kentucky

Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio

More than one

None

SAMPLE BORDER UP QUESTION - Here there is more than 1 way to form a "winning group"

BORDER UP: Find the "winning groups"

Here, all 4 cards can be part of at least one "winning group" of 3 so the answer is more than one.

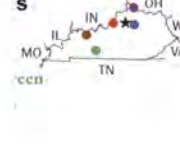
- WV, OH, KY
- IN OH, WV

West Virginia (WV)



Border States
Pennsylvania
Maryland
Ohio
Virginia
Kentucky

Kentucky (KY)



Border States
Ohio
West Virginia
Virginia
Tennessee
Missouri
Illinois
Indiana

Ohio (OH)



Border States
Pennsylvania
West Virginia
Kentucky
Indiana
Michigan

Indiana (IN)



Border States
Michigan
Ohio
Kentucky
Illinois

▲ Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky

◆ Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio

● More than one


■ None

ROUND 4 - PLAY THE RANKS

How to Play:

In this game, we are focusing on the state rankings:
Statehood, Population and Size (see card to the right)

- Our clue will give the following information about a base card:
(In the following example, New Hampshire will be the base card)
 - Whether we are playing closer to 1 or 50
 - The name of the state we are playing
 - The ranking category of Statehood, Population or Size
- The correct answer will depend on whether we are playing Closer to 1 or Closer to 50
- We will show you what we mean in the next slides

| New Hampshire (NH) | | |
|--|---|---|
| Statehood 9 June 21, 1788 |  | Population 42 |
| PATOS None | Size 46 9.3K sq. mi 4% | Censuses 2000 1.2M 2010 1.3M Elec. Votes 4 |

ROUND 4 - PLAY THE RANKS

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- **EXAMPLE:** In this example, New Hampshire is the base card, but we will not show it face-up.

This is the information we give:

New Hampshire, Statehood, Playing closer to 1

- New Hampshire is ranked 9th in statehood (this is easily found in our state charts).
- Once you know the base card's ranking, look at all the answer options and identify those that have a statehood ranking closer to 1 than New Hampshire (1-8).
- In this example, if more than 1 option exists where the statehood ranking is closer to 1 than New Hampshire's ranking, pick the option that is closest to New Hampshire.

What students should know:

- The Statehood, Size and Population rankings. Players do not have to memorize this information. They can use the rankings chart we provide.

Free study resources:

- If students want to learn the rankings, the information is contained in ABC's of States in our [Kids' Zone](#). Note population rankings are based on when the cards were printed.

SAMPLE PLAY THE RANKS QUESTION

PLAY THE RANKS: New Hampshire, Statehood, **Playing closer to 1**

NH ranks 9th in statehood. Looking at the options below, only Maryland and New Jersey have statehood rankings closer to 1 than New Hampshire's ranking. So those are the only options to consider.



Just focusing on Maryland and New Jersey, Maryland's statehood ranking is closer to NH's statehood ranking so that is the right answer.

| State | Statehood Rank | Population | Size | Censuses |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|------|--------------------------|
| Maryland (MD) | 7 | 19 | 42 | 2000 5.3M 2010 5.8M |
| New Jersey (NJ) | 3 | 11 | 47 | 2000 8.4M 2010 8.8M |
| Ohio (OH) | 17 | 7 | 34 | 2000 11.4M 2010 11.5M |
| Florida (FL) | 27 | 3 | 22 | 2000 16.0M 2010 18.8M |

SAMPLE PLAY THE RANKS QUESTION

Washington, Size, Playing **closer to 50**

Here we are playing Size and Closer to 50. Washington ranks 18th in size. Looking at the options below, only Hawaii's size is closer to 50 than Washington's size. So, Hawaii is the correct answer.



| State | Statehood Rank | Size Rank | Population | Correct |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Hawaii (HI) | 50 | 43 | 40 | Yes |
| Wyoming (WY) | 44 | 10 | 50 | No |
| Idaho (ID) | 43 | 14 | 39 | No |
| Utah (UT) | 45 | 13 | 33 | No |

The image displays four state cards from the GeoPlunge game. The Hawaii (HI) card is highlighted with a red border and has a blue circle around its size rank of 43. The Wyoming (WY), Idaho (ID), and Utah (UT) cards each have a large blue 'X' over their size ranks (10, 14, and 13 respectively). The Hawaii card also shows its statehood rank (50), population (40), and other details like its president (Dwight D. Eisenhower) and size (11K sq. mi).

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We are happy to walk you through the games or answer any other questions.

Contact us any time!

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