

US STATES BUNDLE

Created by a certified
school librarian

Growing Bundle

Presentation +
activities for each state

Grades 2-5

WOULD YOU RATHER?



snowboard in the Virginia mountains

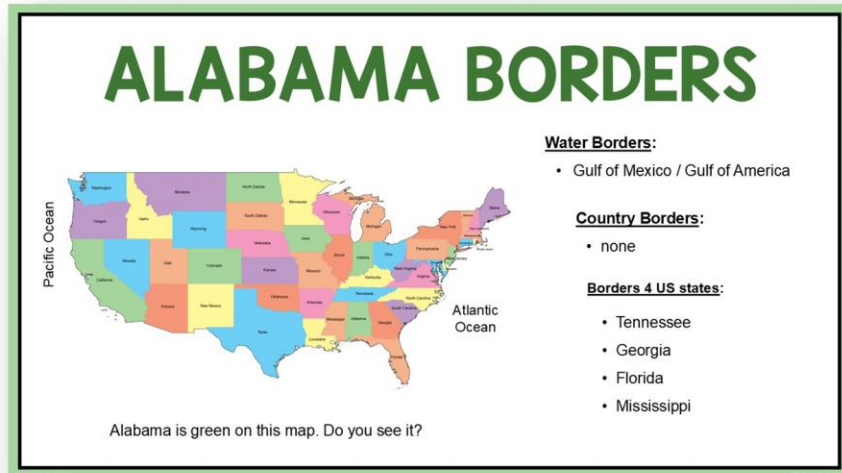
OR



kayak on a Virginia river

HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL GET

Alabama



One 2-part lesson presentation for each US state



Seek-and-find scavenger hunt activities to accompany the lesson presentations – two hunts for each state



Recommended Reads lists – one for each state

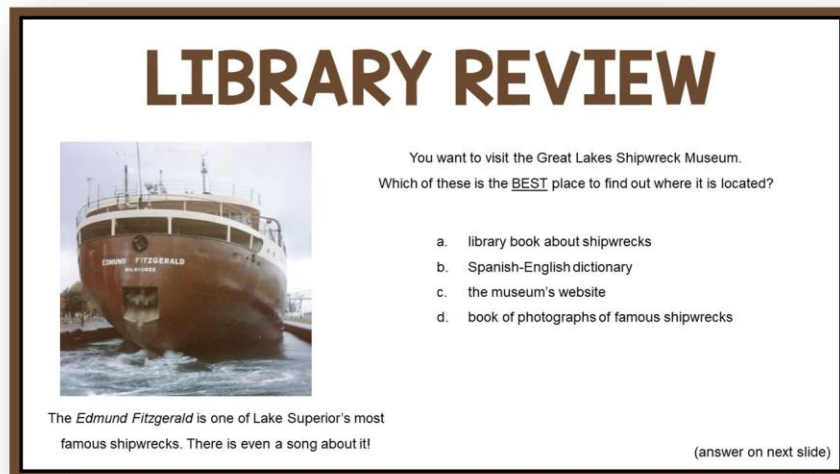


Standards-aligned, editable lesson plan templates – one for each state



Editable PPT and Google Slides versions of all parts; PDFs editable in Adobe Acrobat Pro

Michigan



GROWING BUNDLE

- This US States Bundle is growing!
- It will eventually have all 50 states, plus Washington, DC.
- My goal is to create a new state each month until the bundle is complete. This is not a guaranteed timeline, but it is the goal.
- Once you buy the bundle, you get all future states added to the bundle for FREE.
- Bundle price will increase as new states are added.

FOODS TO TRY IN KENTUCKY



Try some burgoo!

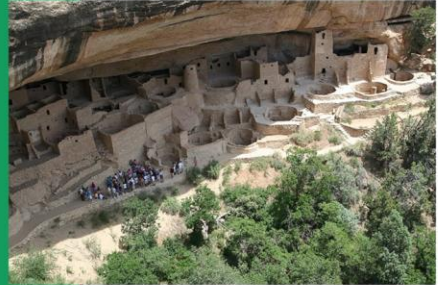
Burgoo is a hearty stew from Kentucky. It is often served with cornbread or corn muffins.

Burgoo is especially popular in the autumn months. It has three different meats and lots of vegetables like onions, corn, potatoes, and lima beans.

FUN FACT: Burgoo is even tastier the day AFTER it is made!

Kentucky

MESA VERDE MYSTERY



- In southwest Colorado, near The Four Corners, you can find ancient cliff dwellings!
- Over 1000 ago, the Ancestral Puebloan people lived at Mesa Verde.
- They lived there for 700 years before they mysteriously disappeared.
- Their disappearance is still a mystery today.

Cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado

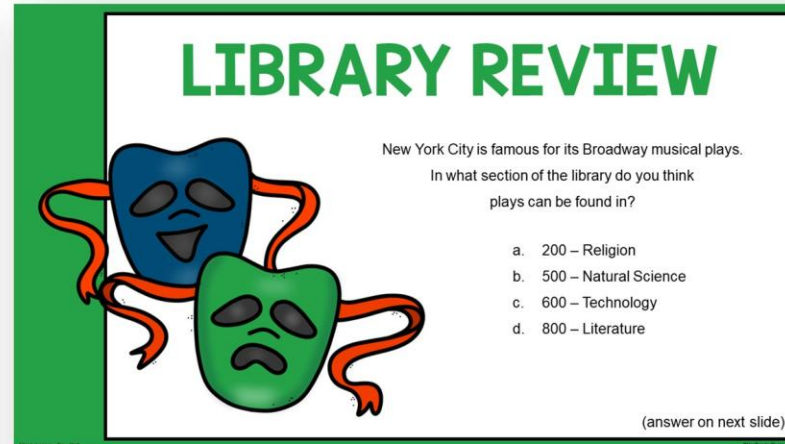
Colorado

LESSON PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:



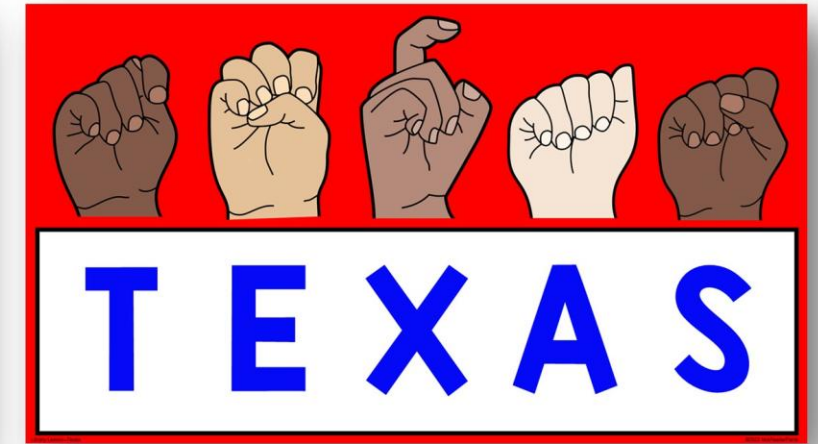
Connecticut

- American Sign Language
- State on a map of the USA
- State borders and US regions
- Mystery animal
- More animals in the state



New York

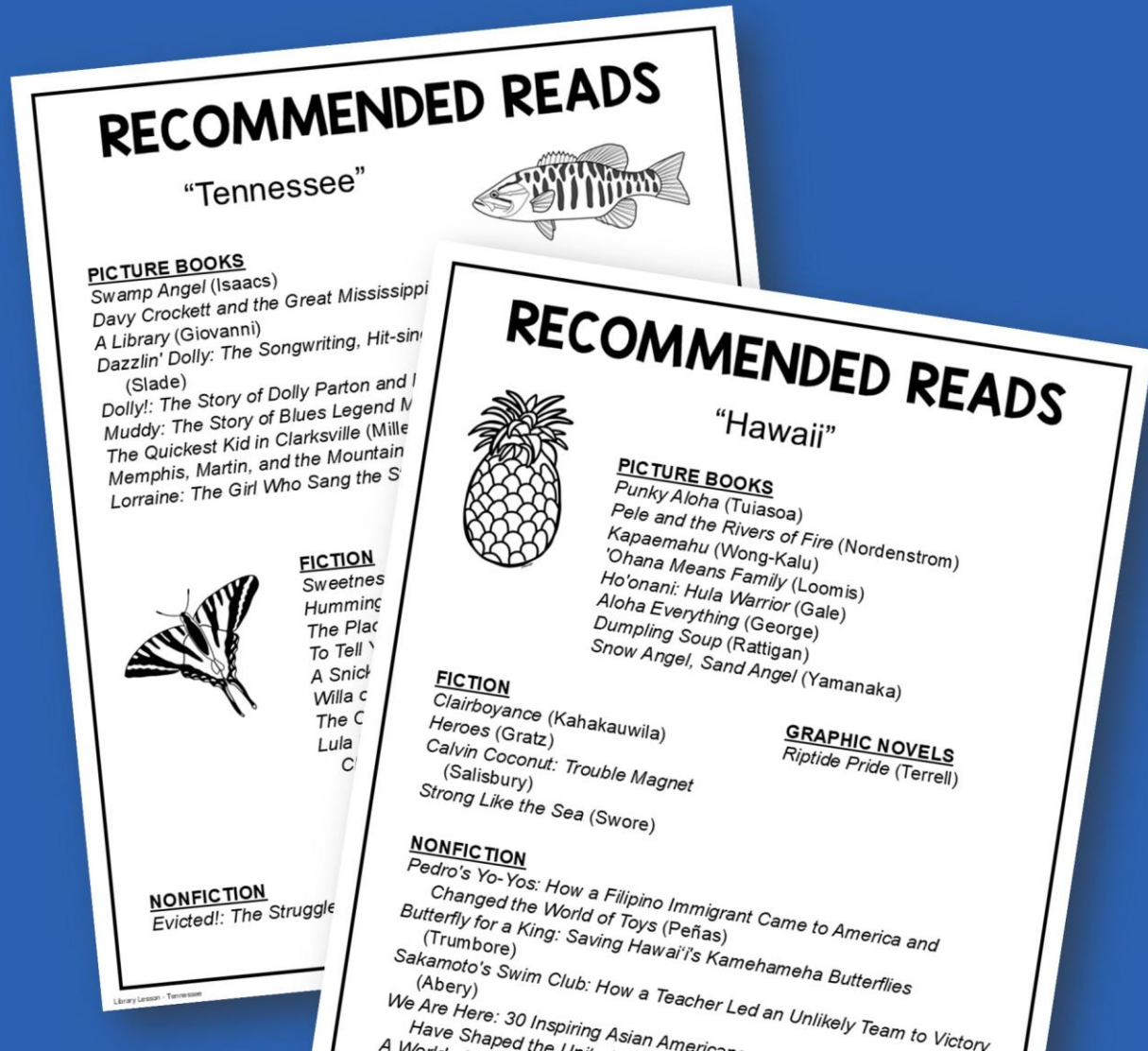
- suggested video links
- State capital and major cities
- Foods to try in that state
- State bird, flag, flower
- State landmarks and climate



Texas

- Would-You-Rathers and/or This or That's
- Trivia Questions and Answers
- Library skill to go with the state

RECOMMENDED READS FOR EACH STATE



Every state includes an editable list of books set in that state or with themes to go with the state.

The lists are curated by a certified school librarian to be of the highest quality for Grades 2-5.

INCLUDES LESSON PLAN TEMPLATES

Each state includes a pre-filled lesson plan template.

Templates are pre-filled with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS (Texas) standards. All lesson plans are editable in PPT, Google Slides, and PDF (with Adobe Acrobat Pro).

LESSON PLAN

DATES
TYPE LESSON DATE HERE

GRADES
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AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK
[AASL I.D.3](#)
Enacting new understanding through reading
[AASL C.1.1](#)
Interacting with content presented by others

COMMON CORE STANDARDS
[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.R.10](#)
Read and comprehend complex literary texts independently and proficiently
[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.4.10](#)
By the end of year, read and comprehend literary texts independently and proficiently in the grades 4-5+ range.

TEKS
[§113A. SOCIAL STUDIES \(4B\) Geography](#). Locate a place on a map of Florida.
[§113A. SOCIAL STUDIES \(6B\) Geography](#). Describe the location of Florida on a map of the United States and its position relative to other states and the Gulf of Mexico.

SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED
• Computer, projector or TV screen, slide "clicker", audio speakers
• Books for read-aloud (optional)
• Copies of Scavenger Hunt (one per student)
• Copies of Recommended Reads for students, teachers, and/or markers

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...
• Sign ASL sign language signs for "orange juice" and fingerspelling of "gator"
• Participate in a whole-class discussion about Florida wildlife, major cities, The Everglades, and other places of interest
• Locate Florida on a US map
• Identify Tallahassee as Florida state capital
• Differentiate between venomous eastern coral snakes and nonvenomous scarlet snakes

RELATED VIDEO:
• **Video:** "Florida for kids | US States Learning Video" by Homeschool Pop (<9 minutes)
• **Video:** "Swimming with Florida Manatees" by outdoortravelchannel.tv (<4 minutes)
• **Video:** "Meet the Residents of Everglades National Park" by National Geographic (<3 minutes)

READ-ALOUD(S)
TYPE READ-ALOUD TITLES HERE

CONCEPTS
• Florida wildlife: Florida panther, alligators, crocodiles, manatees, brown pelican, northern mockingbird, eastern coral snake, scarlet snake...
• Major cities in Florida
• Word of the Week: brackish and kumquat
• Florida state flag, capital, flower, nickname
• Differences between crocodiles and alligators
• Alligator safety tips
• Florida foods—Key lime pie, boiled peanuts, Cubano sandwich, orange juice
• Key West is southernmost point in continental US

LIBRARY SKILLS
To find general information about manatees, you can look in the M volume of an encyclopedia or read nonfiction library books about manatees.

POST-READING

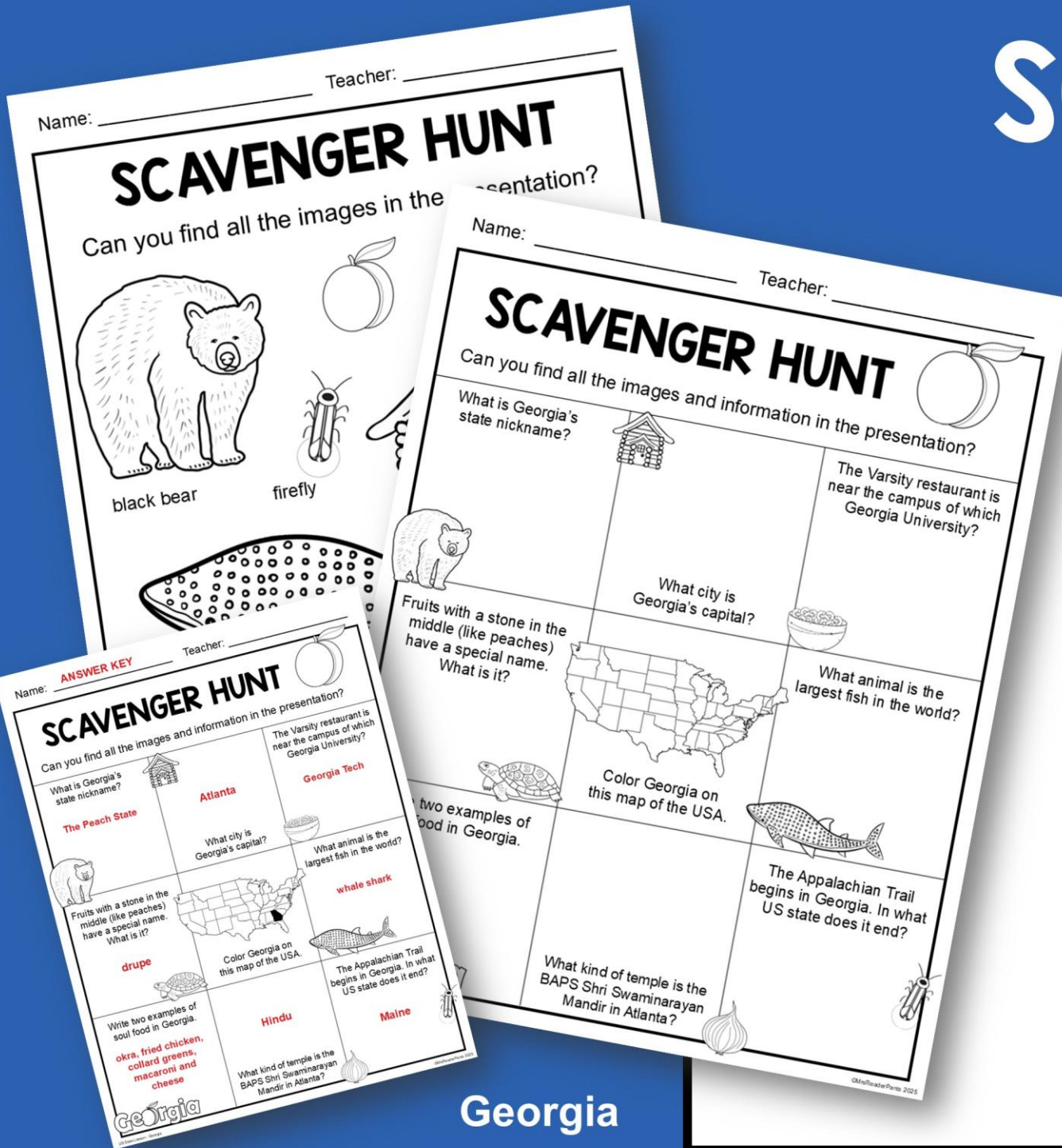
Florida

SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY

Each state includes two differentiated scavenger hunt activities. One is a **search-and-find** activity (great for ESL and beginning readers).

The other is search-and-find, plus **short-answer questions** based on the presentation.

Set the slides to scroll as students work on their scavenger hunts – all the images and answers to the questions are in the presentations.



WHY BUY THE BUNDLE?

- It's growing! If you buy the bundle today, you will get all future states I add for FREE.
- Students love these lessons! They will look forward to learning fun facts about each state!
- The lessons are ready to use TODAY!
- Includes standards-aligned lesson plans
- Save money with a bundle discount!

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

The Louisiana Purchase is shown here in white.

In 1803, the USA bought a huge area of land from France.

This was called The Louisiana Purchase.

The purchase price was \$15 million dollars. At the time, the addition of this land doubled the size of the country.



A map of the United States with the Louisiana Purchase territory highlighted in white. The territory spans from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada. Surrounding states and territories are labeled in yellow, including Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. The map also shows Canada to the north and Mexico to the south.

Louisiana

WHAT PENNSYLVANIA ANIMAL AM I?



I have big front teeth that never stop growing.

I can climb trees and swim.

I eat plants, fruits, and vegetables.

I am also called a woodchuck or a whistle pig.

I hibernate in winter.

Pennsylvania

WHAT OTHER LIBRARIANS ARE SAYING...



“We started with our home state. There were references to our county! The students liked the this or that choices included. The variety of information provided in the slides kept the students engaged.

This lesson was used as a library lesson.”

~F H (used with Grades 3-4)



“This is a DYNAMITE resource! I hope that the author continues to do other states. My students have loved learning about the different states, and it has even increased the state book checkouts. I like that she includes suggested read alouds, and has short videos to enhance the lesson.”

~Tiffani F. (used with 5th Grade)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Are these lessons
ready to use TODAY?**

Mostly, yes! There are a few slides in each presentation that are customizable to your library.

If you need a lesson in a pinch, you can just skip over those slides in the lesson.

**I don't see my state.
Can I request it?**

Yes, you can! This is a growing bundle that will eventually include all 50 states + Washington, DC.

If your state has not yet been added, you can email me at leigh@readerpants.net to “bump” it to the top of the list.

Are the lessons editable?

Yes – all text in all parts of all the lesson presentations and printable materials is editable in PPT and Google Slides.

PDF versions are editable in Adobe Acrobat Pro.