State Facts – A Right Angle Puzzle

A Puzzle by David Pleacher

Determine the name of the state that answers each of the fifty facts listed below. Then write the letters of that state in the 22 by 19 matrix using the following rules:

(1) Each word makes one right-angle turn somewhere along its length.

But you must determine where each word makes this turn and in which direction.

- (2) As a guide, the starting direction (i.e., the direction of the word before its right angle turn) of each answer is indicated by the letter given after the clue number.
- (3) Words can go North, South, East, or West to start with. For example, 1E begins on square 1 and heads East.
- (4) Each letter in the correctly completed grid appears in only one word.
- (5) When entering the letters of the two word states (like Rhode Island), do not enter a space between the two words.

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- 1W. The first battle of the Civil War took place in this state.
- 2S. This state is known as The Land of Milk and Honey, The El Dorado State, The Golden State, and The Grape State.
- 3W. The first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in this state in 1621.
- 4W. This state is home to the first hamburger (1895), Polaroid camera (1934), helicopter (1939), and color television (1948).
- 5N. Krispy Kreme Doughnut was founded in this state.
- 6N. This state is the only state in the union that does not have counties. Its political subdivisions are called parishes.
- 7S. The first free public library in the United States was established in this state in 1833.
- 8E. The weather forecasting groundhog Punxsutawney Phil calls this state home.

9N. Elvis Presley was born in this state, on January 8, 1935. 10N. The Mall of America, the size of 78 football fields, is located in this state.

11S. This state is the largest state in the United States.

12W. Mount Rushmore is located in this state.

13N. This state is the smallest state in size in the United States.

- 14E. This state grows more sunflowers than any other state.
- 15S. Eight United States Presidents were born in this state: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, William Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, and Woodrow Wilson.
- 16S. The state in which Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger.
- 17W. The first dental school in the United States opened in this state.
- 18W. Sam Walton founded his Wal-Mart stores in this state.
- 19N. This state has the lowest population of all 50 United States.
- 20S. This state is the dairy capital of the United States and produces more milk than any other state.
- 21W. This state is the only state whose east and west borders are 100% formed by water. (Missouri and Mississippi rivers)
- 22E. This state is the only state to be named after a United States president.
- 23N. This state's motto is "Mountaineers Are Always Free."
- 24N. This state is the home of the Grand Canyon National Park.
- 25E. This state was the 50th state admitted to the union.

- 26N. The highest paved road in North America is located in this state.
- 27S. The world's first Atomic Bomb was detonated in this state.
- 28N. This state is home to the Bears, the Blackhawks, the Bulls, the Cubs and the Whitesox.
- 29E. Seven United States presidents were born in this state. They are: Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William H. Taft, and Warren G. Harding.
- 30N. Some of this state's ghost towns include Silver City, Yankee Fork, Gold Dredge, and the Sierra Silver Mine.
- 31S. The Blue Hen chicken is the official state bird.

32W. This state is the only state to have the flags of 6 different nations fly over it.

33N. This state's birthday is on Valentine's Day, February 14.

34E. The World's Largest Ball of Twine is located in this state.

35E. This state has five national parks: Arches, Canyonlands, Zion, Bryce, and Capitol Reef.

36S. The oldest European settlement in North America is in this state. 37W. This state was named for King George II of England.

38N. U.S. President Calvin Coolidge was born in this state.

39N. The street names for the game of monopoly come from a city in this state.

40N. The first long-distance auto race in the U. S. was held in this state on May 30, 1911. 41W. Hoover Dam is located in this state.

42E. Davy Crockett was born in this state.

43E. The most visited place in this state is Glacier National Park.

44S. This state is home to the city known as the car capital of the world.

- 45E. The National Cowboy Hall of Fame is located in this state.
- 46S. This state's major league baseball teams have included the Yankees, the Dodgers, the Giants, and the Mets.
- 47E. Both Abraham Lincoln, President of the Union, and Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, were born in this state.

48W. President Harry S. Truman was born in this state, May 8, 1884.

49N. This state is the only state that shares its border with only one other state.

50N. This state is the only state in the union with a unicameral (one house) legislature.

Answer Key

- 1. South Carolina
- 2. California
- 3. Massachusetts
- 4. Connecticut
- 5. North Carolina
- 6. Louisiana
- 7. New Hampshire
- 8. Pennsylvania
- 9. Mississippi
- 10. Minnesota
- 11. Alaska
- 12. South Dakota
- 13. Rhode Island
- 14. North Dakota
- 15. Virginia
- 16. Alabama
- 17. Maryland
- 18. Arkansas
- 19. Wyoming
- 20. Wisconsin
- 21. Iowa
- 22. Washington
- 23. West Virginia
- 24. Arizona
- 25. Hawaii

- 26. Colorado
- 27. New Mexico
- 28. Illinois
- 29. Ohio
- 30. Idaho
- 31. Delaware
- 32. Texas
- 33. Oregon
- 34. Kansas
- 35. Utah
- 36. Florida
- 37. Georgia
- 38. Vermont
- 39. New Jersey
- 40. Indiana
- 41. Nevada
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