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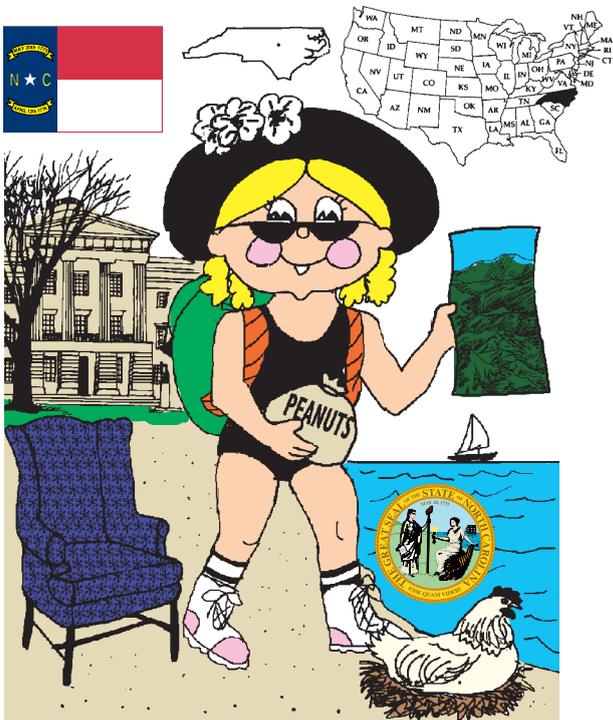
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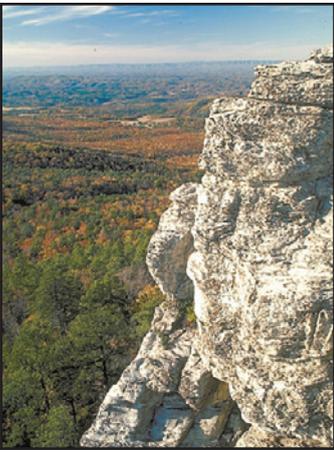
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The Tar Heel State

North Carolina From A to Z



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North Carolina's 300 miles of coast offer many places to fish and enjoy the beach.

The state's mountains, such as those at Hanging Rock State Park, attract many visitors.

North Carolina, a Southern state, stretches from the Atlantic Ocean on the east through farmlands and hills, to the mountains of the western border.

The state is a leader in the production of wooden furniture, tobacco goods and chemicals.

Services such as health care, research, and financial and medical facilities are also important.

The first English settlers built their colony on Roanoke Island off the North Carolina coast in 1585 and 1587. Virginia Dare, the first English child born in America, was born on Roanoke Island in 1587.

North Carolina became the 12th state in 1789. Today the state has more than 7 million people and is the 11th-most populated state.



Agricultural income includes money from chicken, hogs, peanuts, corn, soybeans and tobacco.

Three hundred miles of the **Appalachian Trail** wind through the mountains.



The **Biltmore Estate** in Asheville, with 250 rooms, is the largest privately owned home in America.

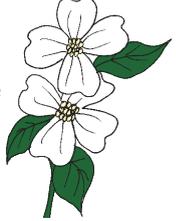
The state bird is the **Cardinal**.



Charlotte is the largest city. It is a big financial center. It was named after the English Queen Charlotte.

The state flower is the **Dogwood**.

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Durham has many hospitals and is known as the "City of Medicine." It is also the home of Duke University.

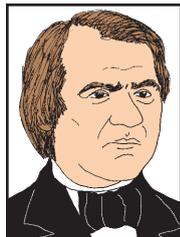
Emeralds are among the gems found in the state. North Carolina is called "nature's sample case," with more than 300 different minerals.



Some North Carolinians

Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson served as the 17th president of the U.S., from 1865-1869. He was born in Raleigh, N.C. His father died when he was 3 years old.



(1808-1875)

Johnson came from a poor family. He worked as a tailor when he was 13, and two years later ran away to Tennessee. There he became a successful tailor. His wife, Eliza, taught him how to write.

Johnson was a U.S. representative, governor of Tennessee and a U.S. senator. He is the only person elected to the U.S. Senate after serving as president.

Billy Graham

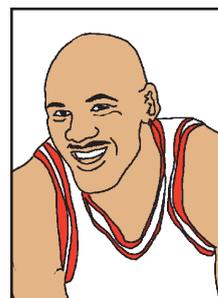
Billy Graham is a Christian evangelist. He became a preacher in 1939. He was well-known throughout the world for founding a large evangelistic campaign called "Youth for Christ Crusade" in 1949. He started a radio program and has appeared on TV and written several books.



(1918-)

Michael Jordan

Michael Jordan, 42, was a professional basketball player and still is a well-known athlete. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., but his family moved to Wilmington, N.C. He loved basketball as a boy and enjoyed playing games against his older brother. He led his high school team to the state championship.



(1963 -)

Jordan attended the University of North Carolina on a basketball scholarship in 1982. He left college early to play for a pro team, the Chicago Bulls. While Michael was with the Bulls, the team won six NBA championships.

Jordan retired from basketball to play baseball for the Chicago White Sox. However, he missed basketball and once again joined the Bulls. He left the team at the end of the '98 season.

He was part-owner, manager, and then a player for the Washington Wizards. He left the game of basketball for good in 2003, with a total of 32,292 points in his career.

Jordan won many honors, including College Player of the Year for two years and five NBA Most Valuable Player awards. He was chosen as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history.

Dolley Madison

Dolley Madison was the wife of U.S. President James Madison. She was a famous White House hostess.



(1768-1849)

Dolley was born in Guilford County, N.C. Her family was Quaker. She grew up in Scotchtown, Va., and later moved to Philadelphia.

Dolley married a Quaker lawyer named John Todd in 1790, and they had two sons. After her husband and one son died in 1793, she married Madison. They had no children.

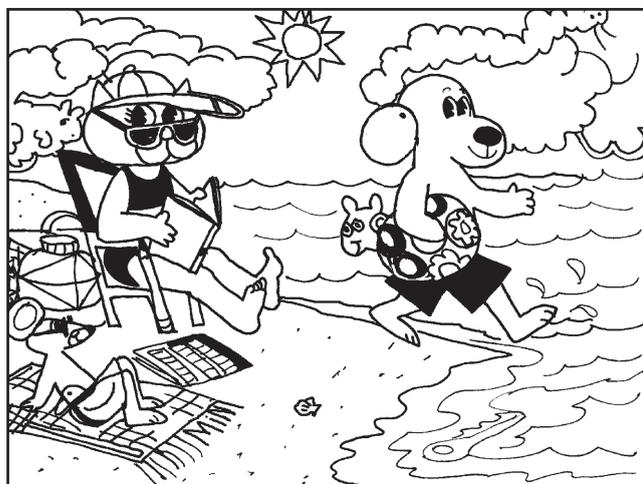
As first lady, Dolley was known for her relaxed, charming and pleasant manner. After Madison's term as president, they moved to his Virginia plantation, called Montpelier. When Madison died in 1837, Dolley moved back to Washington, D.C.

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Mini Spy ...



Mini Spy and her pals are playing at the beach in North Carolina. See if you can find: • number 3



- key • olive
- word MINI
- duck • kite
- doughnut
- caterpillar
- letter A
- number 7
- pencil
- squirrel
- flyswatter
- number 8
- letter O
- ladder

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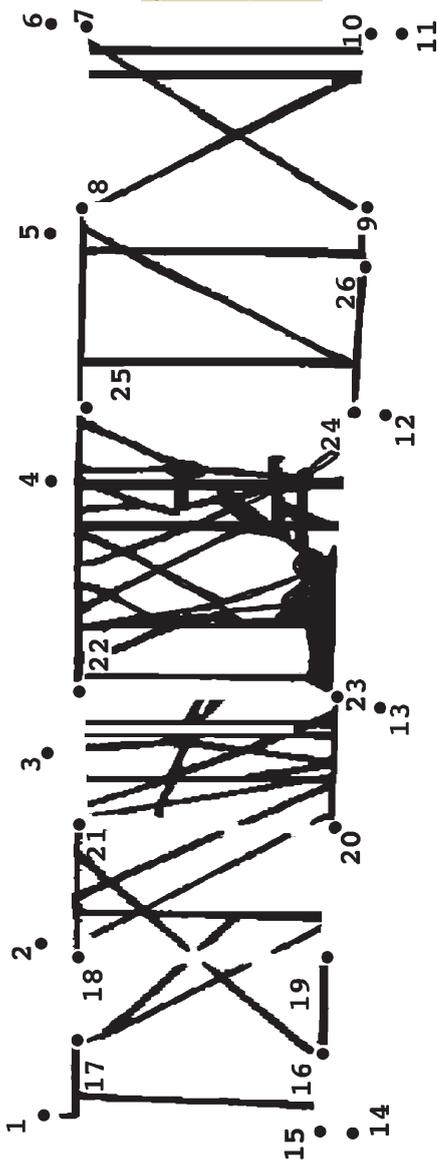
North Carolina TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of North Carolina are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used more than once. See if you can find: WRIGHT, BROTHERS, CAPITOL, BILTMORE, ESTATE, CHARLOTTE, DURHAM, RALEIGH, CARDINAL, YAM, DOGWOOD, CHICKEN, FURNITURE, TAR, HEELS, OUTER, BANKS, MORAVIANS.

I'M GOING TO THE BEACH!

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Go dot to dot and color. The site of this famous event was at the beach.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Creamy Chicken Bake

You'll need:

- 4 chicken breasts, skinned and boned
- 4 slices of Monterey Jack cheese
- 4 slices of American cheese
- 1 (10-ounce) can cream of chicken soup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 cup seasoned stuffing mix
- 1/4 cup butter, melted



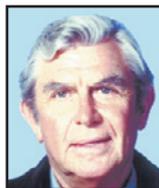
What to do:

1. Grease a large baking dish.
2. Lay chicken in dish and place cheese slices on top.
3. In a separate bowl, stir the soup and water until combined. Spoon soup mixture over the chicken and cheese.
4. Sprinkle with stuffing mix and pour butter on top.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Note: You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Meet Andy Griffith



Andy Griffith, 78, is an actor best known for his role as Sheriff Andy Taylor of the TV series "The Andy Griffith Show."

He wanted to be a preacher while growing up but discovered acting at the University of North Carolina. He joined a drama group and got the part of Sir Walter Raleigh in the play "The Lost Colony." He married a classmate; they taught school and sang and danced at clubs together.

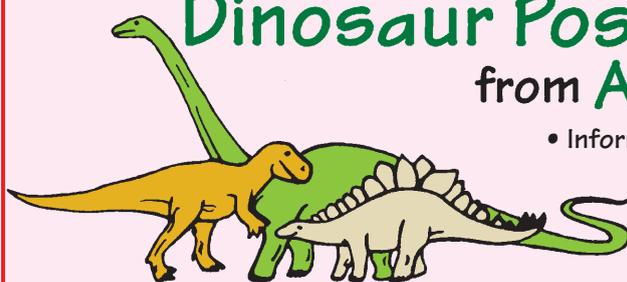
Later, Andy went to New York, where an agent got him a role in a Broadway play, "No Time for Sergeants." From 1960 to 1968, he starred in "The Andy Griffith Show," which later became "Mayberry RFD." In 1969 he played in the TV series "Headmaster" and "The New Andy Griffith Show."

Andy had parts in commercials and made a few movies. In 1985 he returned to TV as a Southern lawyer in the show "Matlock."

Andy is also a singer. He made his first gospel record, which won him a Grammy award, in the 1970s. He grew up in Mount Airy, N.C., as an only child. He lives in Manteo, N.C., today.

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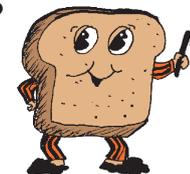


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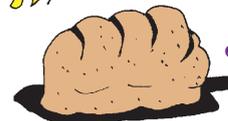
Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common.
Can you guess the common theme or category?

Eve: What does a slice of bread wear to bed?
Melvin: Jammies!



Horace: What is the difference between the sun and a loaf of bread?



Jason: One rises from the east, and the other rises from the yeast!

Bobbie: Why did the baker hurl an insult at the bread dough?

Ted: To get a rise out of it!



More About North Carolina

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park



is the most-visited national park in the United States.

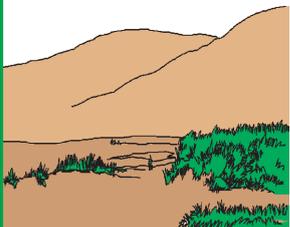


High Point is known as the "furniture capital of the world." Buyers from around the world go to order furniture there.

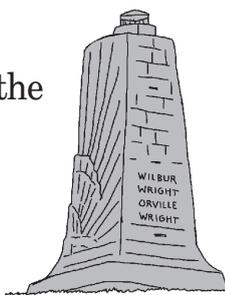
Indians, including the Cherokees, Catawba and Tuscarora, were living in North Carolina before the English settled there.



Jockey's Ridge State Park at Nags Head is the site of the tallest natural sand dune in the world.



Kill Devil Hills on the coast is the site of the Wright Brothers' first flight of a powered airplane.

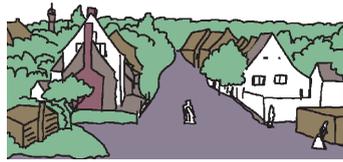


The Lost Colony on Roanoke Island was the name of an English settlement established in 1587 that disappeared in a strange way.



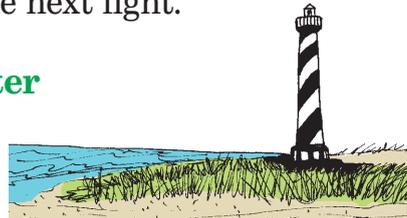
Moravians

were a group of early settlers who settled "Old Salem," which is today part of Winston-Salem.



The **Nickname** the "Tar Heel State" came during the Civil War. North Carolina soldiers threatened to smear tar on retreating Confederate soldiers so they would "stick" better in the next fight.

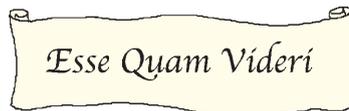
The **Outer Banks**, a barrier of sand bars that lines the coast, caused many shipwrecks.



The **Long Leaf Pine** is the state tree. Forests cover 60 percent of the state.

"Esse Quam Videri"

is the state motto. It means "To be rather than to seem."



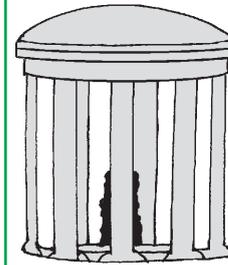
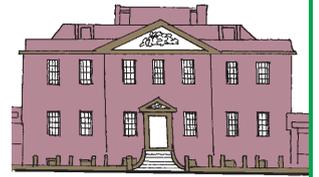
Raleigh is the state's capital. It was named after Sir Walter Raleigh, who started the first English settlement in N.C.

Snow has been recorded on Mount Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Mississippi River, in every month of the year.



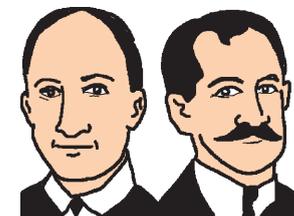
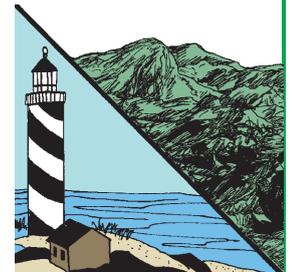
Tryon Palace

in New Bern was built in 1767 and served as the first permanent capitol of the British Colony. After independence, it became the state's first capitol.



The **University of North Carolina**, chartered in 1789, was the first state university in the country. Its main campus is in Chapel Hill.

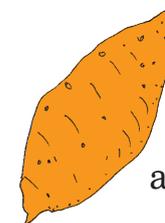
The state is called the "**Variety Vacation Land**" because of the many recreation areas, from the coast to the mountains.



The Wright Brothers National Memorial

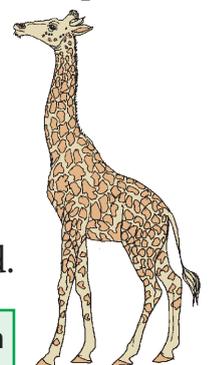
at Nags Head is the site of the first flight of the Wrights' powered plane in 1903.

TeXtiles, while not as important as they once were, still play an important part in the state's economy.



Yams, or sweet potatoes, are an important crop. Peanuts are too.

The **North Carolina Zoological Park** in Asheboro is one of the largest zoos in the world.



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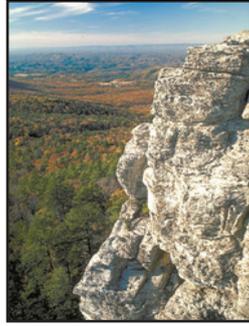


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This week's standards:

- Students understand the interactions of people and their physical environment. (Social Studies: People, Places and Environments)
- Students understand how historical events, people, places and situations contribute to our understanding of the past. (Social Studies: Time, Continuity and Change)

Activities:

1. Design a brochure that tells about the history of North Carolina.
2. Design a collage with words and pictures from the newspaper that represent the natural resources and the manufactured products of North Carolina.
3. Why would each of these people like to visit North Carolina: (a) a historian, (b) a hiker, (c) an aviator, (d) an architect and (e) a botanist?
4. Make a list of seven items you would take with you on a vacation to North Carolina. Then find the items in newspaper ads. Add up the cost of all your items. How much will they cost?
5. Use resource books and the Internet to learn more about the Lost Colony of North Carolina. Use these questions to guide your research: Where was the colony? Who settled the colony? What famous person was born in the colony? What happened to the colony? Why is it called the Lost Colony?

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Kyle Petty



Residence: Level Cross, N.C.
Profession: NASCAR driver

Kyle Petty could have gone to college on a football or baseball scholarship. He also had a promising future as a country music singer.

But the roar of motors had more appeal. His father, Richard, is the legendary "King of NASCAR," and his grandfather, Lee, was also a successful driver for many years.

Kyle began racing in 1979 and is currently CEO of Petty Enterprises. But there has been grief as well as glory. His son, Adam, was killed in a race in 2000.

Though deeply saddened, Kyle forged ahead, racing for multiple charities. In 1995 he founded the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America, which has raised more than \$1.5 million to support children's charities. The Petty family also has a year-round Victory Junction Gang Camp in Randleman, N.C., which serves children with chronic illnesses.

That's Kyle, compassionate as he is competitive.

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