

Parent Instructions Puzzle Map of United States Lesson - Printable

Materials: A flat map, with the political division (states) of the country cut out as puzzle pieces.

Purposes: Visual recognition of the political divisions within the country
To help the child acquire the names of the states

Steps:

1. Bring a rug and the Country Map (United States of America).
2. You bring the piece of the country from the Continents map, to reference back known knowledge. Compare them. Check some lands and water that are similar.
3. Take out some pieces.
4. Put the pieces back in the puzzle.
5. Invite the child to take of some pieces too; and then put them back.
6. Tell him that on this map we live just like here.
7. Transfer the work to the child.
8. Fade and observe.

Language: Names of all the states (next page)

Notes:

- Give this lesson after the child has learned the countries of North America.
- Introduce by Three Period Lesson the countries as soon as the child has confidence in building the puzzle. Remember to do three at a time, non-contiguous states, and add three more if he is successful and interested on going on.
- When a child takes out all the pieces of the puzzles and is unable to put them back in it is okay to sit and help. You can help him to identify the outer pieces first or help him sort certain regions of the map.
- See the control and blank maps for coloring, pin-punching, and identifying states.

Links:

- Fifty States Song Alphabetical Order
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jr4SmWDgMgk>
- The U.S: 50 States (A-Z)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YgwNzES3_1w&feature=youtu.be
- The U.S.: 50 States - Map Quiz Game
<https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3003>

Fifty States of United States of America

1. Washington
2. Oregon
3. California
4. Idaho
5. Nevada
6. Arizona
7. Montana
8. Wyoming
9. Utah
10. Colorado
11. New Mexico
12. North Dakota
13. South Dakota
14. Nebraska
15. Kansas
16. Oklahoma
17. Texas
18. Minnesota
19. Iowa
20. Missouri
21. Arkansas
22. Louisiana
23. Wisconsin
24. Illinois
25. Mississippi
26. Michigan
27. Indiana
28. Kentucky
29. Tennessee
30. Alabama
31. Ohio
32. Georgia
33. Florida
34. New York
35. Pennsylvania
36. West Virginia
37. Virginia
38. North Carolina
39. South Carolina
40. Vermont
41. Maine
42. New Hampshire
43. Massachusetts
44. Rhode Island
45. Connecticut
46. New Jersey
47. Delaware
48. Maryland
49. Hawaii
50. Alaska