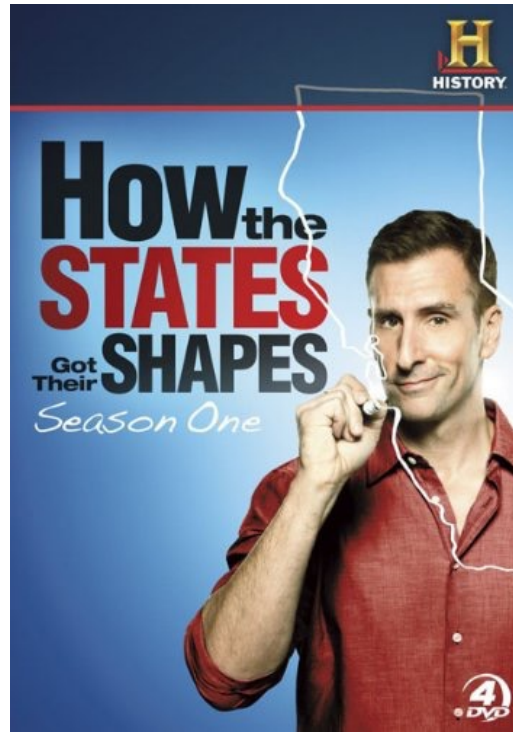


How the States Got Their Shapes: Learning Guide



Episode 1- A River Runs Through It

Discusses the Following States:

Georgia
Tennessee
Maine
Nevada
California
Arizona

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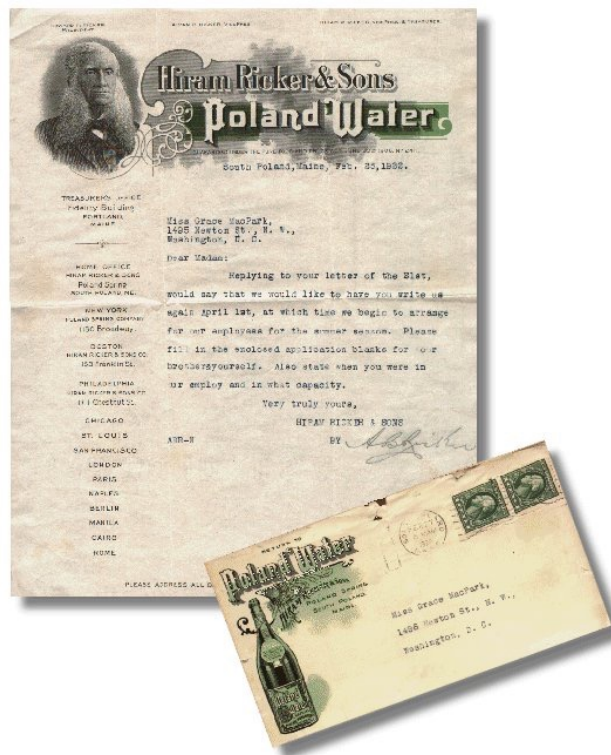
Episode 1 of How the States Got Their Shapes is titled A River Runs Through It because it is all about water! Did you know many of the states got their shapes because of water? Watch the episode and fill in the blanks below.



1. **Georgia and Tennessee** have had a battle over a small section of land for over 200 years. It belongs to Tennessee, but should really be a part of Georgia. When Congress created Tennessee in the year 1796, the border was supposed to follow the 35th parallel (Latitude line). The people who measured it were off by about a mile due to inaccurate equipment. Georgia has asked for it back many times, but Tennessee does not want to give it back! Georgia lost access to the river because of this inaccuracy as well as a lake. They are in desperate need of water. Changing it requires an act of congress. What do you think should happen? Should the land belong to Georgia or Tennessee? Why?

2. **Maine** got its shape because of all of the _____ that carved it out. It is said to be a land with _____ lakes. It receives _____ inches of rain each year. Because of the glaciers, Maine has the very best _____.

3. They received a purity certificate at the World's Fair in _____. Hiram Ricker drank from a spring in Poland, Maine and got well from his sickness. They began selling the water in barrels and still sell bottled water today. The original spring is now preserved!



4. Maine also had a border dispute for many years. Its Northern border is with _____. There was a peace treaty signed at the end of the Revolutionary War. The border of the U.S. was said to be along the line of the river. Depending on where the water fell, that would determine which country it belonged to. This was unclear and caused problems for years. The finally ended up compromising and meeting halfway.

5. What is the longest river in the U.S.? _____

6. Which state has the least average rainfall? _____

7. Which state has the most shoreline? _____

8. What are the 3 main places where water drains from the United States?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

9. Water in the Great Basin has nowhere to drain off except for evaporation, so it created which body of water? _____



10. Which state uses the highest percentage of hydroelectric power?

11. **Nevada** consumes 255 Million gallons of water per day in its largest city, _____. It is the driest state in the United States. It's water comes from _____, the country's largest reservoir. The water in the lake comes from the Colorado River. The water levels have dropped more than 100 feet since the 1990's.

12. The Colorado River is used by seven of the nation's driest states:

_____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____, _____.



13. The growth of western states has depleted water levels in the Colorado River. Which state uses the most of the water? _____
This state uses _____ gallons each year.

14. _____ was forced to give a section of their land to _____ after the Civil War because they chose the wrong side during the war.

Answer Guide:

1. Opinion
2. Glaciers, 6000, 42", water
3. 1893
4. Canada
5. Missouri
6. Nevada
7. Florida
8. Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Great Basin
9. Great Salt Lake
10. Idaho
11. Las Vegas, Lake Mead
12. Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, California, New Mexico
13. California, 1.5 Trillion Gallons
14. Arizona, Nevada