

# All About Minnesota



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The pink and white lady slipper was chosen to be Minnesota's state flower in 1976.

Lady slippers are also called moccasin flowers. They can live for up to 50 years, but develop slowly. It can take up to 16 years for one to produce its first flower.



Color the lady slipper.

What is another name for the lady slipper?

moccasin flower

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The common loon was chosen to be the state bird of Minnesota in 1961.

Loons are large black and white birds with red eyes. Their wingspans can reach up to three feet and their body lengths up to three feet. They can fly very fast and are excellent swimmers.

Color the common loon.  
Describe common loons.

Common loons are large black and white birds with red eyes.



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The monarch butterfly was chosen to be Minnesota's state butterfly in 2000.

Monarch caterpillars feed only on milkweed, which is a plant that grows throughout Minnesota. Monarch caterpillars and butterflies are brightly colored, which warns other animals not to eat them because they are poisonous. Male butterflies have small black dots on their lower wings, while females do not.

Color the monarch butterfly.  
What do male monarch butterflies have that females do not have?

Male monarch butterflies have small black dots on their lower wings.



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Minnesota's flag was chosen in 1957.

The flag has a blue background with the state's seal in the middle. The symbols on the shield are significant to Minnesota's history. The state motto on the seal is in French: "l'étoile du nord" and means "the star of the North."

There are three dates woven into a wreath surrounding the seal:  
1819 - the year Fort Snelling was established  
1858 - the year Minnesota became a state  
1957 - the year the original flag was adopted



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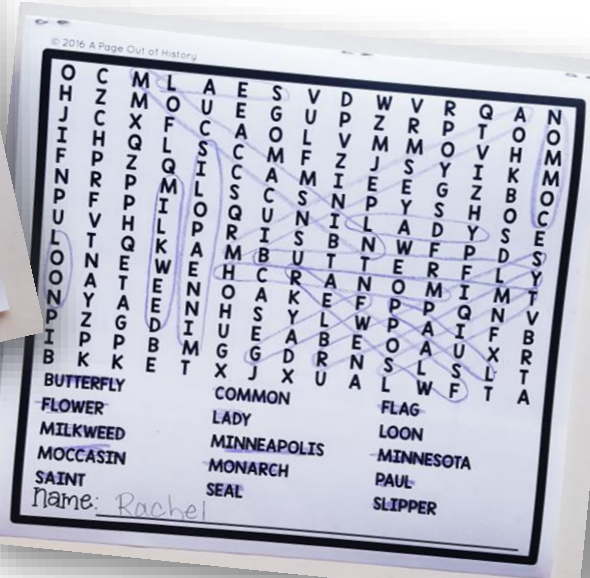


The state of Minnesota is bordered by Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Iowa, and South Dakota. It was the 32<sup>nd</sup> state admitted to the United States.

Look at the map below. Highlight the capital city, Saint Paul.

Highlight the following cities a different color: Rochester, Moorhead, Ely, Minneapolis, and Willmar.

For the rest of the state whatever color you want.



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What is the name of Minnesota's state bird?

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What is the name of Minnesota's state flower?

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What is the name of Minnesota's state animal?

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Write one interesting thing you learned about Minnesota.

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