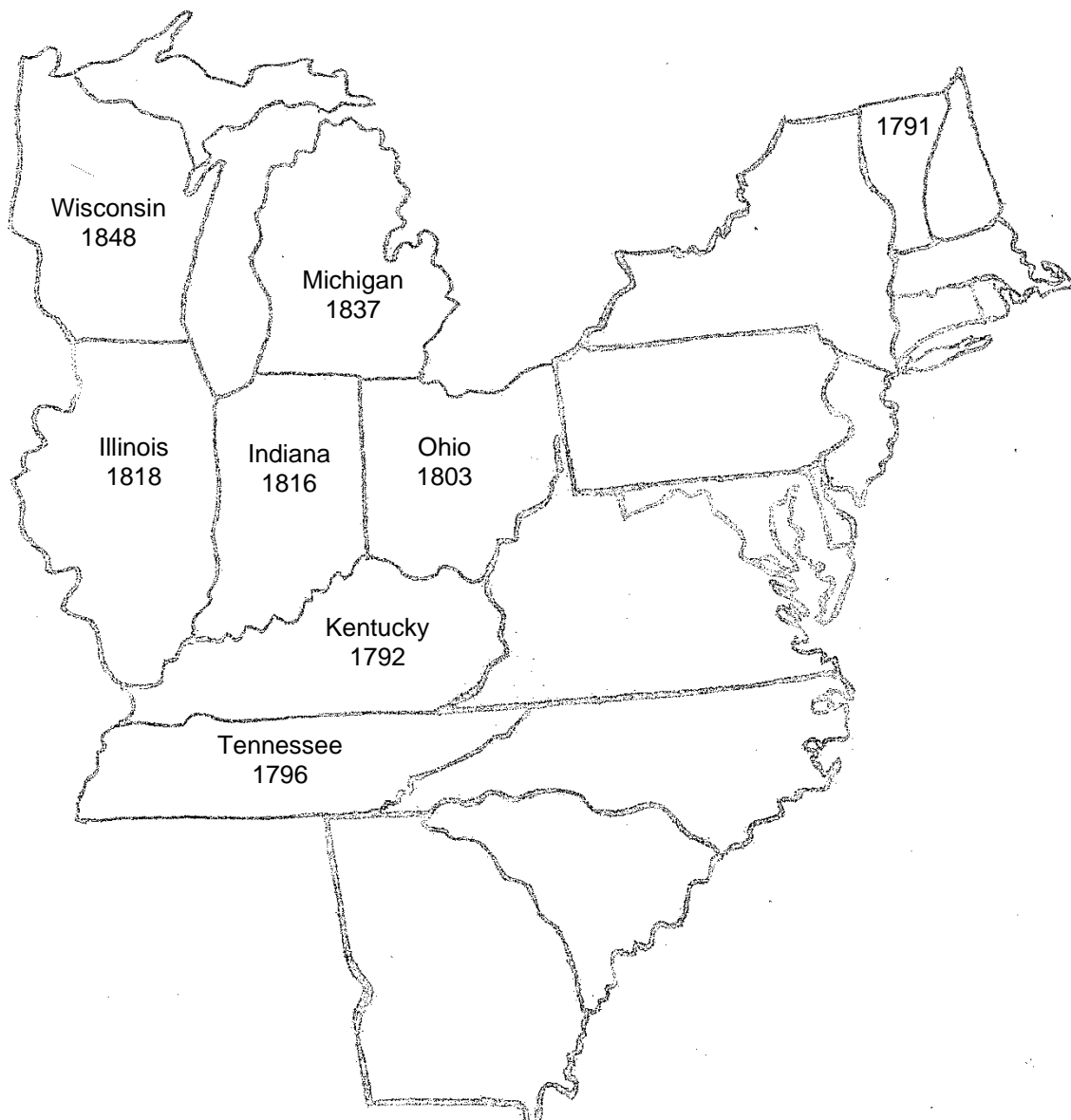


The American Nation in 1787



Can you name the 13 Colonies?

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A LITTLE STORY FOR MEMORIZING THE THIRTEEN COLONIES

**Can you name the original Thirteen Colonies? The map on the previous page shows the thirteen colonies as the unlabeled states. The following little story has some HINTS about each colony to help you remember them. Start at the bottom of the map and move upward (more or less).*

Do you have your pencils ready? Here we go...

Once upon a time there was a handsome young man named **GEORGE**. He was dating a beautiful girl named **CAROLINE**. Caroline was the perfect woman for George, except that he noticed that she was quite a moody person. Sometimes she was **DOWN** and sometimes she was **UP**. But George decided that he loved her enough to marry her anyway. And that's just what they did.

It was not long before Caroline and George were blessed with a darling baby girl. They named her **VIRGINIA**. She was a big, big baby, and they loved her very much. Soon, much to their surprise, along came another baby girl. They named her **MARY**. **LAND** sakes! – she was so cute! She had many dimples, and she was such a cuddly little thing, not nearly as big as Virginia. Then, surprise, surprise – another girl! This one they named little **DELA**. **WHERE** they came up with that name, no one knows, but it seemed to fit!

This wonderful and complete family lived contentedly in the great state of **PENNSYLVANIA**. Well, contentedly that is, until the three girls became teenagers. At that time, the three teenage girls decided that had seen enough pot belly stoves and bifocals that now, they all just wanted to try out living somewhere **NEW** and exciting!

Virginia, for instance, wanted to live in **NEW YORK**. Nowhere could be more exciting than the big city life of New York City. Mary wanted to live in **NEW JERSEY**. She longed to live where she could bask on the miles and miles of beaches there. Little Dela had a sweet tooth and wanted to live where she could always find maple syrup – **NEW HAMPSHIRE** was definitely the place for her!

A quarrel ensued between the three, and caused the whole household to be in a constant uproar. Finally, George and Caroline could stand it no more. They went to their 3 daughters and said, "This is it! No more splitting of our family about where to live! We need to get **CONNECTED - CUT** it out! **WE** will decide where we will move, and you will just follow. Pack your things now!"

The girls obediently packed, and with trailer in tow, George's family left Pennsylvania in their car. Then, they rode and rode and rode and rode and **RODE!** **ISLANDS** and lakes and even the ocean could be seen whizzing by the car windows.

Finally, they came to their surprise destination! They were all so happy to have arrived, that they had a tea party to celebrate! Can you guess where it was?

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The End

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