

Create Your Own State and Town

The U.S. has acquired its 51st state!

Directions: This project is a step by step process. As you accomplish each item in your group, check it off to show that it has been completed. You will be graded on your group work as I monitor your progress as well as your own self reflection.

____ 1. Before you can get started on your project, your group will need some background information. Read the following pages as reference:

- Spectrum Geography p. 4
- AZ Story p. 29
- AZ Story p. 365

____ 2. Create a map of your state

Your state map should include the following items: all elements of DOGS TAILS, 10 physical (rivers, lakes, mountain, etc.) and 5 human (cities, towns) features. You also will need to name your state. Do a rough draft first and then do the final on a poster board.

____ 3. Create a map of your town

When you are creating your town think about all the things that make up a successful town and ask your group the following questions: What does a town need to function? What services does a town need to improve the standard of living? Carefully read numbers when considering what to do in your town. Do a rough draft first and then do the final

on a poster board. It may be in map form or picture form, but use many details.

____ 4. On a piece of lined paper list the three branches of state government and describe what they do.

____ 5. On a piece of lined paper list and describe the responsibilities of state and local governments.

____ 6. Create your town government.

1. On a piece of lined paper make up a list of town laws and under each law write out a possible consequence.
2. Who will run your town? Create a job list of needed job for your government followed by job descriptions.
3. What services will your town provide? What is on the map of your town? Create a list of services and describe how they will help your town grow and thrive.
4. How will your town fund the services and government jobs? Create a budget of how much services will cost, and government jobs. How will you sell these costs to the people of the town? Create a persuasive flyer. Create a plan to collect this money.

____ 7. Choose a problem out of the problem bag. On a separate piece of lined paper record the problems you have worked on along with your written solutions. Keep a log of all the problems you have done below, always choose a different problem to solve.

Problems

Your town is experiencing a drought. There is no water for your citizens.

Your town has no oil manufacturing to produce gasoline for cars.

There is no timber to create homes.

There is a flood in your town.

There was an overproduction of cotton and your town's soil has become infertile.

Your town has depleted its copper supply so you don't have metals to use for air conditioning and refrigeration.

Your town's cattle have contracted Mad Cow Disease. You don't have the resources for dairy production or beef production.

Your citrus trees stand along the border of another state and your representatives are arguing over who should have use of this resource.

Jackrabbits have overpopulated your town.

