

# State Riddles: Answer Key

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**Riddle 1: I am located along the Atlantic coastline. My capitol is Providence. What state am I?**

Clue 1: I am located along the Atlantic coastline.

Students use the map to cross off all states except for Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Clue 2: The capitol of my state is Providence.

Answer is **Rhode Island**

**Riddle 2: At least one of my borders touches an ocean. In area, I am the largest state. What state am I?**

Clue 1: At least one of my borders touches an ocean.

Students cross off all states except Alabama, Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.

Clue 2: In area, I am the largest state.

Answer is **Alaska**

**Riddle 3: I am west of Wisconsin and on the border of Canada. I joined the United States in 1889. My name comes from the Spanish word that means “mountainous.” What state am I?**

Clue 1: I am a state that is west of Wisconsin and on the border of Canada.

Students cross off all states except for Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

Clue 2: I joined the United States in 1889.

Students cross off Idaho and Minnesota.

Clue 3: The name for my state comes from the Spanish word that means “mountainous.”

Answer is **Montana**

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**Riddle 4: I am located along the Gulf of Mexico. If you travel to Space Camp, you will come to me. What state am I?**

Clue 1: I am located along the Gulf of Mexico.

Students cross off all states except for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

Clue 2: If you travel to Space Camp, you will come to my state.

Answer is **Alabama**

**Riddle 5: Missouri lies on my border. I was one of the first 20 states to join the Union. My nickname is the Volunteer State. What state am I?**

Clue 1: Missouri is one of the states that lie on my border.

Students cross off all states except for Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Clue 2: I was one of the first 20 states to join the Union.

Students cross off all states except for Kentucky and Tennessee.

Clue 3: My state nickname is the Volunteer State.

Answer is **Tennessee**