



State by State, Telling A Story with *Gale In Context: Elementary*

Using *Gale In Context: Elementary*, choose a U.S. state and explore what makes it an important part of America's story.

Step 1: Choose a State

- Select one U.S. state to research.
Use *Gale In Context: Elementary* to find the state's topic page. To find state Topic Guide Pages, click on **Geography** and then click **U.S. States**.

Step 2: Explore the Topic Page

- Open your chosen state's topic page and review the available resources, such as articles, images, and videos.

Step 3: Gather Key Information

Using multiple source types, find answers to the following questions. Find and use at least one of each from the list below:

- One article
- One image or map
- One additional resource (video, biography, or infographic)

1. What is the state's capital? Where is the state located?

Source Type: _____

2. What are important landforms or natural features of the state?

Source Type: _____

3. What is the climate in the state like?

Source Type: _____

4. What are some important events in the state's history?

Source Type: _____

5. Who is an important person from this state?

Source Type: _____

6. What are some state symbols or cultural traditions?

Source Type: _____

7. What are some interesting or surprising facts about the state?

Source Type: _____

Step 4: Create Your Project

Using all your research from the questions, create one of the following options.
Use the grading rubric below to plan!

- Poster
- Slide presentation
- Written Report

Criteria	4 Exceeds Expectations	3 Meets Expectations	2 Approaching Expectations	1 Beginning
Research and Information	Includes all required information with strong detail and accuracy	Includes most required information with accurate details	Includes most required information with accurate details	Includes little information or has many inaccuracies
Use of Sources	Uses multiple Gale resources (article, image, and additional source) effectively	Uses at least two different Gale resources	Uses only one type of source or limited variety	Little or no use of sources
Understanding of your State	Clearly explains what makes the state unique and its role in the U.S.	Shows understanding of the state and includes key facts	Shows partial understanding; explanations may be unclear	Shows little understanding of the state
Organization and Presentation	Project is well-organized, easy to follow, and visually appealing	Project is organized and easy to understand	Project is somewhat organized but may be confusing in places	Project is disorganized or difficult to follow
Creativity and Effort	Shows strong effort, creativity, and attention to detail	Shows good effort and some creativity	Shows some effort but limited creativity	Shows minimal effort
Spelling, grammar, and neatness	Few or no errors; very neat	Some minor errors; generally neat	Several errors; may be hard to read	Many errors; difficult to read