

Pigskin Geography®

Super Bowl 50

February 7, 2016

The teams are off to Super Bowl 50 in Santa Clara (San Francisco), CA, with a rally and a rout. Consider San Francisco to be the flight destination of the teams. It should be an exciting game pitting Denver's defense against Carolina's offense.

An irresistible force against an immovable object

1. The Denver Broncos will be over what state when they cross the Rocky Mountains? _____
Are you Daily Sentinel NIE students in Grand Junction ecstatic over the Broncos?
2. The Broncos will be over which state when they cross the Sierra Nevada Range? _____
3. The Great Basin is in which state the Broncos will zoom over? _____
4. Over which state borders will the Broncos be when they cross the coordinates of 39 degrees N. latitude and 114 degrees W. longitude? _____ and _____



5. Twenty-Sixteen is the 100th anniversary of our national park system. On the 39th parallel, what is the national park on the far eastern side of Nevada the Broncos will soar over? _____ National Park
6. The Broncos will zoom over the northern part of a well-known national park on the eastern side of California going to San Francisco. This is the _____ National Park.
7. Determine the states the Carolina Panthers will soar over en route to the "City by the Bay."
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
8. Ascending from Charlotte, the Panthers will observe Mt. Mitchell in western North Carolina. What is unique about Mt. Mitchell? _____
9. Mt. Mitchell is in which mountain range? _____
10. On their flight, the Panthers will cross the largest wheat growing state in the nation. This state is _____.
11. Number these rivers in the sequence the Panthers will cross them flying to their game.
___ Arkansas, ___ Colorado, ___ Cumberland, ___ Mississippi, ___ Tennessee
12. The Panthers will zoom over the city which is near the source of the Tennessee River. This city is _____, ___ (Hint: The University of Tennessee is here.)
13. In Kentucky, the Panthers will fly over an area that is called the "Land Between the Lakes." This land is between which lakes? _____ Lake and Lake _____

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14. Both teams will fly near Angels Camp in Calaveras County, CA. What story did Mark Twain write about this county that propelled him to national literary fame?



15. The Panthers will soar over the site that is the population center of the United States based on the 2010 census. The population center of the nation is in the state of _____. JOPLIN GLOBE NIE students had better know this.
See: The World Almanac-2015, page 609 or The World Almanac-2016, page 607

16. When the Panthers soar over Canon City, CO, they will be looking down into the famous _____.

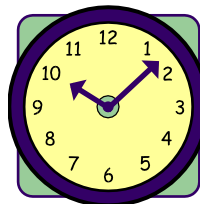


17. What river eroded the famous gorge? _____ River

18. What is the national park in eastern Utah the Panthers will zoom over? _____ National Park.



19. The Super Bowl game kickoff is at 3:30 p.m. in Santa Clara. What time will it be for the Bronco fans watching in



Colorado? __ : __ What time will it be for fans watching on the East Coast? __ : __

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20. Game scores on Sunday were:
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|----------|----|-------------|----|
| Denver | 20 | New England | 18 |
| Carolina | 49 | Arizona | 15 |

Write these game scores as Roman Numerals.

49 = _____; 22 = _____; 20 = _____; 15 = _____

21. Using the boxscore information from Monday's sports section, calculate the pass completion percentage of each quarterback from Sunday's games.

Brady _____ out of _____ = ____ %

Manning _____ out of _____ = ____ %

Newton _____ out of _____ = ____ %

Palmer _____ out of _____ = ____ %

22. Levi's Stadium holds 68,500 people. The ticket distribution for the Super Bowl game is as follows:

Panthers 17.5%	Broncos	17.5%	Host team	5%
All other teams		34.8%	NFL personnel	25.2%

How many tickets are allotted to each group?

Panthers & Broncos __, __; Host team __, ____

All other teams __, ____ NFL personnel __, ____

23. Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte has a seating capacity of 73,778. Using the boxscore information from Monday's sports section, the stadium was at what per cent of capacity? _____ %

24. Sports Authority Field in Denver has a seating capacity of 76,125. For Sunday's game, the stadium was at what per cent of capacity? _____ %

25. How many miles will the Denver Broncos fly going to San Francisco? _____ miles.

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A Daily Question

- Mon. Jan. 25: Elizabeth Cochrane Seaman arrived in New Jersey on this date in 1890, after breaking "Phileas Fogg's" record of voyaging around the world in 80 days. She did it in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes and 14 seconds, and you know her by her pen name of _____.
- Mon. Jan. 25: American Airlines has the first scheduled transcontinental flight on this day in 1959. The flight went from _____ to _____.
- Tue. Jan. 26: On this date in 1784, Ben Franklin expressed his unhappiness of the eagle as the choice of the symbol of America. He wanted the _____.
- Tue. Jan. 26: The birthday of General Douglas MacArthur. He was a famous American general in which war? _____
- Tue. Jan. 26: Rocky Mountain National Park was established in 1915. In which state is this park located?

- Wed. Jan. 27: Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was born in 1832. He wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland". You know him by _____.
- Wed. Jan. 27: The National Geographic Society was founded in Washington, D.C. In what year was it founded?

- Thu. Jan. 28: On this day in 1986. Space Shuttle *Challenger* exploded 74 seconds after take-off killing all _____ (number) of the astronauts aboard.
- Thu. Jan. 28: Henry Morton Stanley was born in 1841. He found David Livingstone on the continent of _____ in 1871. What was Stanley's now famous question? "_____
_____?"
- Fri. Jan. 29: W.C. Fields was born on this date in 1880. He wrote his own epitaph: "On the whole, I'd rather be in _____."
- Fri. Jan. 29: Edgar Allan Poe's most famous poem was published on this date in 1845. This poem is "The _____".
- Fri. Jan. 29: Kansas was admitted to the Union on this day in 1861. It became the ___th state. This should be easy for you KANSAS CITY STAR and WICHITA EAGLE students.
- Sat. Jan. 30: Chief Osceola died on this date in 1838 in Florida. The Indian tribe he led was the _____. (Think Florida State University)
- Sun. Jan. 31: Zane Grey was born in Zanesville, OH, in 1872. He was a prolific writer of _____ stories or tales of the Old _____. Hope this is easy for you Mount Vernon News NIE students.
- Sun. Jan. 31: In which state will the 2016 NFL Pro Bowl game be played? _____

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- Mon. Feb. 1: Thomas Edison built the first moving picture studio in the city of _____, NJ, in 1893. It was officially called a Kinetographic Theater.
- Mon. Feb. 1: February is National Cherry Month. Which state is the leading cherry growing state in the nation?
_____ www.choosecherries.com
- Tue. Feb. 2: The five charter members of the new Baseball Hall of Fame were announced on this day in 1936. In what city is the Hall of Fame located? _____, ____
- Tue. Feb. 2: New Amsterdam was incorporated at a city on this day in 1653. In what year was New Amsterdam's name changed to New York? _____
- Wed. Feb. 3: On this day in 1870, the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution was ratified by Congress. What did the 15th Amendment do? _____

- Wed. Feb. 3: On this day in 1913, the Sixteenth Amendment was ratified in Congress. What did the 16th Amendment do? _____
- Thu. Feb. 4: The Apache Wars began in Arizona in 1861. Name two famous Apache chiefs that were fighting in the wars. _____ and _____
- Thu. Feb. 4: Mark Zuckerberg and fellow Harvard students launched Facebook on this date in what year? _____
- Fri. Feb. 5: On this day in 1631, Roger Williams arrived in America. He eventually became the founder of which State? _____ Ms. Fairbairn, hope your students know this.
- Fri. Feb. 5: Famous baseball slugger Hank Aaron was born on this day in 1934. How many home runs did "Hammering Hank" hit in his career? _____
- Sat. Feb. 6: George Herman "Babe" Ruth was born on this day in 1895. How many home runs did the "Sultan of Swat" hit in his career? _____

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Answer Key

1. Colorado. Denver is located on the Front Range just a few miles east of the Rockies.
2. California
3. Nevada
4. Nevada and Utah
5. Great Basin National Park
6. Yosemite National Park
7. NC, TN, KY, MO, KS, CO, UT, NV, CA
8. Highest peak in the United States east of the Mississippi River
9. Appalachian Mountains, if someone says the Blue Ridge, that's good.
10. Kansas, but weather conditions are making it tough. North and South Dakota are challenging.
11. 4 Arkansas, 5 Colorado, 2 Cumberland, 3 Mississippi, 1 Tennessee. The Tennessee River is crossed two times, so some students may put the Cumberland before the Tennessee. At least they are learning about rivers.
12. Knoxville, TN
13. Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley
14. The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County. Have someone give a brief report on the story.
15. Missouri.
16. Royal Gorge
17. Arkansas River
18. Arches National Park. However, Canyonlands National Park is near, so allow that answer, too.
19. 4:30. Hope you Daily Sentinel students have the refreshments ready. Ms. Brickey does.
6:30 in Charlotte.
20. 49 = XLIX, 22 = XXII, 20 = XX, 15 = XV
21.

Brady	27 out of 56 = 48 %
Manning	17 out of 32 = 53 %
Newton	19 out of 28 = 68 %
Palmer	23 out of 40 = 58 %

Fitzgerald threw one pass for Arizona.
22.

Panthers & Broncos	11, 988 ;	Host team	3, 425
All other teams	23, 838	divided 30 ways.	NFL personnel 17, 262
23. 101 %. If percentages can't be figured, make a simple subtraction problem by asking how many SRO seats were sold.
24. 101 %
25. 936 miles + or – ever how many miles you want to allow. Have the students use the map legend to calculate this mileage. Do not allow them to just go to some reference source.

A Daily Question

Answer Key

- Mon. Jan. 25: Nellie Bly
Mon. Jan. 25: Los Angeles to New York
- Tue. Jan. 26: Turkey. Did you ever hear of a sports team called the turkeys?
Tue. Jan. 26: WW II. He was born in Little Rock, AR.
Tue. Jan. 26: Colorado

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Wed. Jan. 27: Lewis Carroll

Wed. Jan. 27: 1888

Thu. Jan. 28: Seven(7)

Thu. Jan. 28: Africa in 1871. "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

Fri. Jan. 29: Philadelphia, and Chip Kelly had rather be in San Francisco.

Fri. Jan. 29: "The Raven", now you know how Baltimore's football team was named.

Fri. Jan. 29: 34th state. See: The World Almanac-2016, page 424.

Sat. Jan. 30: Seminoles

Sun. Jan. 31: Western stories and tales of the Old West

Sun. Jan. 31: Hawaii

Mon. Feb. 1: West Orange, NJ, moving there from Menlo Park.

Mon. Feb. 1: Michigan

Tue. Feb. 2: Cooperstown, NY

Tue. Feb. 2: 1664, in honor of James, the Duke of York, brother of King Charles II

Wed. Feb. 3: Accept "Gave all people the right to vote." Or "The right of citizens to vote shall not be denied on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

Wed. Feb. 3: Gave Congress the right to levy an income tax.

Thu. Feb. 4: Cochise and Geronimo

Thu. Feb. 4: 2004

Fri. Feb. 5: Rhode Island

Fri. Feb. 5: 755

Sat. Feb. 6: 714

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