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Show Me Missouri



photo by National WWI Museum

Mini Fact:

The National World War I Museum in Kansas City includes the Liberty Memorial, which opened in 1926.

Famous Missourians

• **Harry Truman**, who was born in Lamar, Missouri, and grew up in Independence, became president during World War II. He was the vice president when President Franklin Roosevelt died in April 1945. He served until 1953.

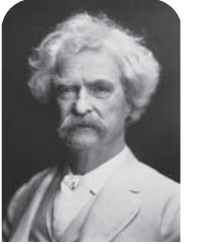


Harry S. Truman

Truman ordered U.S. pilots to drop two atomic bombs on Japan in 1945. World War II ended soon after.

Truman served in France during World War I. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1934 and was elected vice president 10 years later.

• **Mark Twain**, whose real name was Samuel Langhorne Clemens, is most famous for his books "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."



Mark Twain

He was born in Florida, Missouri, and moved to Hannibal when he was about 4. Much of his writing was based on his experiences in this Mississippi River town.

Twain wrote for several newspapers and traveled throughout the country, often supporting himself by working in print shops.

The Midwestern state Missouri is a widely varied place, with large cities, mountains, rivers, lakes and forests. It is our 24th state, welcomed into the Union in 1821.

Missouri in history

Before Europeans arrived, the Osage and Missouria peoples lived in the area, with ancestors going back thousands of years. The French and Spanish controlled the area until 1803, when it became part of the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase.

The capital is Jefferson City, near the center of the state. Kansas City lies on the western border with Kansas and the Missouri River; it's the largest city. St. Louis, along the Mississippi River on the eastern edge of the state, is sometimes called the Gateway to the West.



The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is a monument to western expansion. Visitors can ride to the top and look out small windows over the city.

photo by loonyhiker

More than 1,000 battles took place in Missouri during the war, but most of them involved Missourians fighting each other.

Living in Missouri

More than 6 million people live and work in Missouri. The nickname "the Show-Me State" comes from a speech given by U.S. Rep. Willard Vandiver, who is said to have declared in an 1899 speech: "I am from Missouri. You have got to show me."

People in Missouri raise cattle, hogs, soybeans, corn and other products. Manufacturing includes aerospace and transportation products, beer, food products and chemicals.

Fun in Missouri

Kansas City is known for barbecue and as a "cradle of jazz music," and St. Louis is noted for its blues music.



Kansas Citian Charlie Parker was a jazz saxophonist and composer. His nickname was "Bird."

Kansas City is home to the Super Bowl champion Chiefs, the MLB's Royals and soccer's Sporting KC and Kansas City Current. St. Louis cheers on baseball's Cardinals, hockey's St. Louis Blues and the St. Louis SC soccer team.

Missourians enjoy boating and fishing on lakes and rivers. Visitors can explore more than 7,000 caves and see music and theater shows in Branson, near the Lake of the Ozarks.

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Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPMissouri

At the library:

- "Missouri" by Angela Lim
- "Who Was Mark Twain?" by April Jones Prince

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Missouri are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



- BARBECUE, BLUES,
- CAVES, GATEWAY, JAZZ,
- KANSAS CITY, LAKES,
- MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI,
- MUSIC, OSAGE, RIVER,
- SECEDE, SHOW ME,
- ST. LOUIS, TRUMAN,
- TWAIN, WAR, WEST.

E K I A T S E W S P M U S I C
M X Y T I C S A S N A K T F W
W H S K S M I S S O U R I F N
O Z E E B L U E S I J E J T S
H Z V E U C E B R A B V R R E
S A D D K E G A S O P I B U C
C J P D G A T E W A Y R J M E
H S I U O L T S N H Q E K A D
F S M I S S I S S I P P I N E
A R A W S S E K A L N I A W T

Cook's Corner

Leftover Turkey Salad

You'll need:

- 1 cup chopped turkey meat
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1/3 cup halved grapes
- 1/4 cup your favorite salad dressing

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients, except salad dressing, in a salad bowl. Mix well.
2. Add dressing to mixture. Toss to coat. Serves 4.



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

Mini Jokes



- Mandy:** Which animal is smarter than a talking parrot?
Martin: A spelling bee!

Eco Note



A species of giant European spider is being saved from extinction in its British habitat through a breeding program established after it nearly disappeared 15 years ago. The great fen raft spider almost vanished after its wetland home was destroyed by development. Baby spiders raised in a project at Chester Zoo had to be bred in individual test tubes to prevent them from eating each other. Once the young were strong enough, they were released by the hundreds into restored habitats. The spiders now number in the thousands.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles that mention Missouri.

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7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. not one or the other (7) _____
2. where you catch a train (7) _____
3. look for (6) _____
4. place to hike (4) _____
5. Mickey Mouse's company (6) _____
6. part of a bird's wing (7) _____
7. bother (5) _____

DIS	FE	PA	STA
RCH	TION	NE	ER
ATH	NEY	SEA	OY
TH	ANN	ITH	ER

Answers: neither, station, search, path, Disney, feather, annoy.

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KidSpot

By Dan Thompson

12-28

The cookies
There were 18 chocolate chip cookies on a plate. Aaron ate 3, Jacob ate 2 and Eli ate 2 times the amount that Aaron and Jacob ate together. How many chocolate chip cookies were left?



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ANS: 3 COOKIES