



# The Mini Page

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## The Bluegrass State

photo by Navin Rajagopalan

The Commonwealth of Kentucky was the 15th state to join the United States.

The English and French both explored the area as early as the 1600s. When they arrived, they found many different tribes of Native Americans living there, including Cherokee, Delaware, Chickasaw, Iroquois and Shawnee peoples. In the 1700s, the area was part of Virginia, becoming a separate state in 1792.

Because Kentucky was right between the North and South regions of the U.S. during the Civil War, it was torn apart during that conflict. Officially, the state was neutral in the war, but a group of people formed a Confederate Government that declared the state's **secession**, or separation, from the Union. This "shadow" government had power only in parts of the state.

Both the Union president, Abraham Lincoln, and the Confederate president, Jefferson Davis, were born in Kentucky.

### Kentucky today

Kentucky is home to 4.5 million people.

The capital is Frankfort, but the state's largest city is Louisville, home to about 633,000 people.

Kentucky's soil and climate make it ideal for raising crops such as corn and tobacco. It's known for horse breeding and racing.



Louisville, Kentucky

photo by Charles Delano

### Mini Fact:

Bluegrass, Kentucky's famous grass, is not really blue but grows buds that look blue in the spring.

Automobile manufacturing is also important in Kentucky. Popular models of Chevrolet and Toyota cars, along with Ford trucks, are assembled there.

### Outdoors in Kentucky

Fishing, whitewater rafting, canoeing, hiking and hunting are popular outdoor activities.

Mammoth Cave, the longest known cave system in the world, has more than 350 miles of explored passages and attracts many visitors. The Pine and Cumberland Mountains are in the southeast. The Appalachian Mountains are to the east. Cumberland Falls is known as the Niagara of the South.

### Kentucky Fact-a-Roonies

- About \$291 billion worth of our country's gold is kept at the U.S. Bullion Depository at Fort Knox. There is more gold stored there than anywhere else in the world.

- Col. Harland Sanders developed his secret recipe for Kentucky Fried Chicken at his service station in Corbin. The first restaurant opened in South Salt Lake, Utah.

- Col. Sanders was not a colonel in the Army; the state honors Kentuckians who have been of great service to the community with the title, known as a **Kentucky colonel**.



Col. Harland Sanders

### Who's from Kentucky?

- **Daniel Boone** was a pioneer who explored the area west of the 13 Colonies in the late 1700s. He is known for creating the Wilderness Road through the Appalachian Mountains.



Daniel Boone  
1734-1820

- **Chris Stapleton** is a popular country



Chris Stapleton

music singer and songwriter who was born in Lexington, Kentucky. In 2023, "Monday Night Football" released a new introduction featuring Stapleton along with Snoop Dogg and Cindy Blackman Santana.

- **Garrett Morgan** was an inventor who was born in Paris, Kentucky. Morgan invented the three-way traffic light after he saw an accident between a horse-drawn carriage and a car in 1922. He also invented a "smoke hood" that firefighters could use to help with breathing during rescue operations.



Garrett Morgan  
1877-1963

## Resources



### On the Web:

- [bit.ly/MPKentucky](https://bit.ly/MPKentucky)

### At the library:

- "A Kidnapping in Kentucky 1776" by Elizabeth Raum
- "Kentucky" by Jennifer Zeiger

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## Try 'n' Find

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



BLUEGRASS, BOONE, CARS, CIVIL, COLONEL, CONFEDERATE, CORN, DAVIS, FRANKFORT, HORSE, KENTUCKY, KNOX, LINCOLN, MORGAN, RACING, SANDERS, SECESSION, STAPLETON, TOBACCO, UNION.

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## Cook's Corner

### Corn Muffins

#### You'll need:

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup white flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted



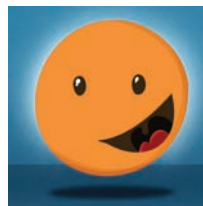
#### What to do:

1. Butter muffin pans for 12 muffins. In a bowl, mix the first five ingredients.
2. In another bowl, beat the egg, milk and butter. Add the two mixtures and stir just until moistened.
3. Spoon the batter into the muffin cups.
4. Bake in a preheated 425-degree oven for 16 minutes or until lightly browned on the edges. Makes 12 muffins.

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

## 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. at all times (6) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Serena Williams' game (6) \_\_\_\_\_
3. where you visit animals (4) \_\_\_\_\_
4. marmalade-loving bear (10) \_\_\_\_\_
5. milk and butter (5) \_\_\_\_\_
6. person in charge in court (5) \_\_\_\_\_
7. collect (6) \_\_\_\_\_

DA	TEN	ER	IRY
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ZO	GA	AL	PAD
TON	WAYS	JUD	NIS

Answers: always, tennis, zoo's, Paddington, dairy, judge, gather.

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## Mini Jokes



**Henry:** How long should a horse's legs be?

**Hazel:** Long enough to reach the ground!

## Eco Note



Countless millions of sardines beached themselves in the far southern Philippines, turning the coastline a shimmering silver and sending local residents to the coast to collect as much of the seafood as they could carry away. One family said they hauled off a half-ton of the tiny fish. While the area was hit by a sharp earthquake around 48 hours later, experts say the two events were not related and other factors were likely to blame for the mass stranding in Maasim, located near the southern tip of Mindanao Island.

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### For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles that include information about Kentucky.

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