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The governor is a person who is in charge of a state. The people of the state take a vote to decide who will be governor. People usually vote for governors who share their beliefs and care about similar issues. For example, farmers in Kansas might vote for someone to be governor who wants to give farmers more money to grow crops.



Governors have a lot of responsibilities! It is the governor's job to help decide how money will be spent in the state and sign bills into law. A bill is a suggestion for a new law made by state representative. After state representatives, like Congressmen and Senators vote to pass a bill into law, it is the job of the governor to sign the bill to make it a new law. Governors can also decide a bill shouldn't be passed into law, which is called vetoing a bill.

Governors also represent their state and tell others about all the great things a state is doing for the people who live there. For example, a governor may give a speech telling the rest of the United States about how the state is building new parks so kids have many places to play.

Since governors represent a state, it is important for them to know important information and facts about the state. For example, governors should know what types of businesses are in the state. For example, a governor in Kansas should know that there are a lot of farms that grow and sell crops, like wheat.



Today, you will imagine you are a governor who is in charge of planning a parade to celebrate your state. The parade will be held in two weeks! Follow the steps below.

Step 1: Learn About Your State

It is important for governors to learn information about their states. Before you can celebrate in the parade, look up information about your state.

To look up information on your state, use an online search engine and type in the name of your state. We suggest using "Kids National Geographic." If you are using "Kids National Geographic," click the yellow search bar at the top of the page and then type in the name of your state.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

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When your state pops up, click on it and then read the fast facts and other information on the page. As you ready, fill in the information below.

Name of my state: _____

Name of state capital: _____

Name of state bird: _____

Draw the state flag:



Draw state bird:



Write one more fact you learned:

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Step 2: Write What You Like About Your State

Answer the questions below about what you like about your state.

Where is a place you like to go in your state?

What is something fun you like to do?

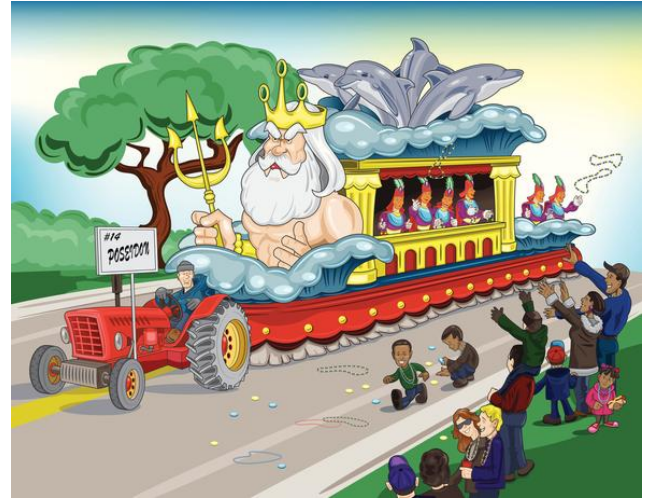
What does your state look like? Write or draw.

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Step 3: Design a Parade Float

The parade celebrating your state is in two weeks. It is your job to design a parade float that you will ride on in the parade. A parade float is a decorative display in a parade that is put directly on a vehicle or pulled by a vehicle through the parade. Your parade float will teach others about the state you live in!



Use the parade float template on the next page to create your float. Put information about your state on the float so others can learn more about your state! For example, you can draw the state bird on your float or write a fact about your state.

Floats Requirements:

- Must write the name of your state on your float.
- Must write or draw about the following:
 - State bird or other animals found in the state
 - The state flag
 - One fact about your state

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