

# **Big Apple, Niagara Falls & Washington, DC Slide Show**

# American History Primer



## **Stages of American History**

- British Colony (1500-1770s)
- Revolutionary War (1775-83)
- Westward Expansion
- Civil War (1861-65)
- Industrialization & Urbanization

# Washington, DC



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## Washington, DC

- District-hood: 1790, 1801
- Name: George Washington, District of Columbia
- Nickname: DC, Nation's Capital
- Today's Economy: Government

# Flower: American Beauty Rose



# White House



# World War II Memorial



# Lincoln Memorial



# Vietnam Memorial



# Korean War Memorial



# Jefferson Memorial



# Washington Monument



# Smithsonian Museums



# Capitol Building



# Watergate



# Kennedy Center



# Virginia



## Virginia

- Statehood: 1788
- Capitol: Richmond
- Name: Queen Elizabeth I (virgin queen)
- Nickname: Old Dominion, Mother of Presidents
- Motto: Thus Always to Tyrants
- Today's Economy: US Navy Atlantic Fleet (Norfolk), government (proximity to Washington, DC)

# State Bird: Cardinal



# State Tree: Flowering Dogwood



# State Flower: Flowering Dogwood



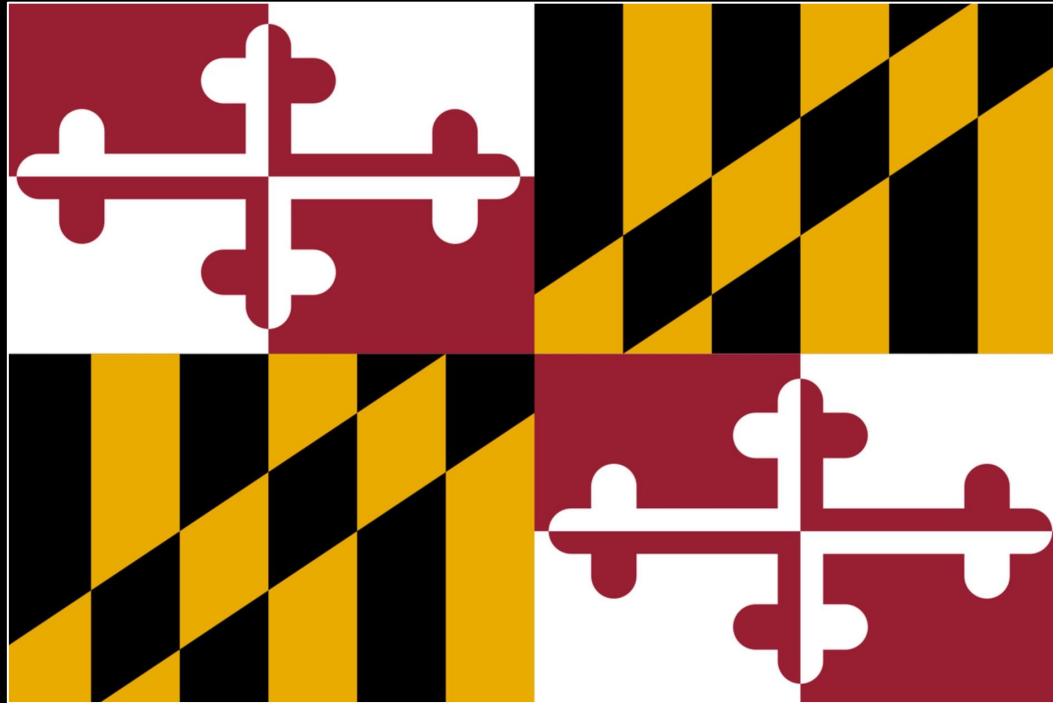
# Marine Memorial



# Arlington Cemetery



# Maryland



## Maryland

- Statehood: 1788
- Capitol: Annapolis
- Name: Queen Mary of England (Charles I)
- Nickname: Old Line State
- Motto: Strong Deeds, Gentle Words
- Today's Economy: John Hopkins Medical Research Hospital,  
US government

# State Flower: Black-eyed Susan



# State Food: Blue Crab



# State Sport: Jousting



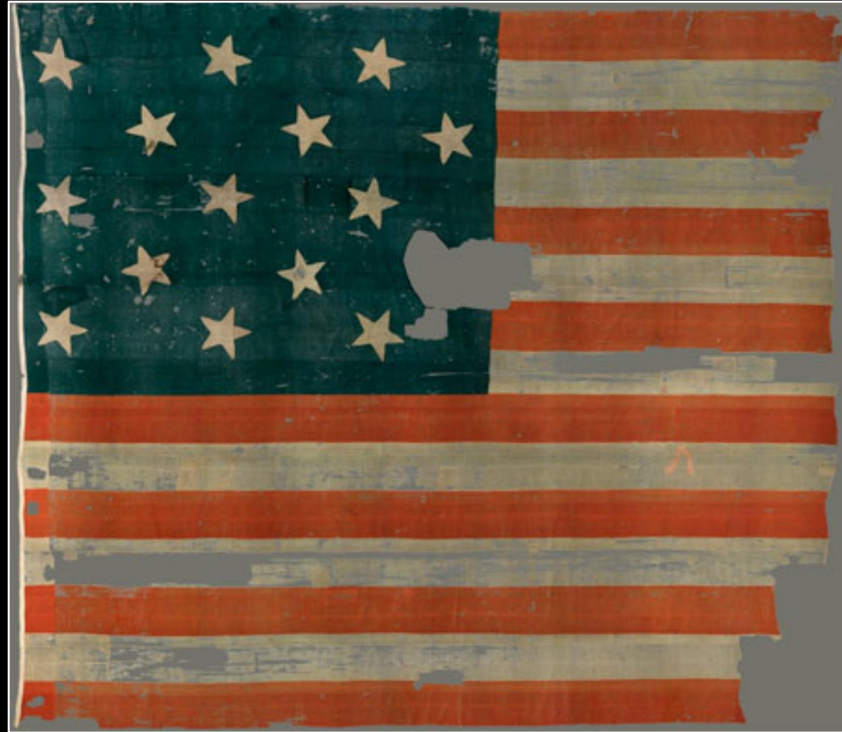
# Baltimore, Maryland



## Baltimore, Maryland

- Largest city in Maryland
- Population: 600,000 (city) - 2.7 million (metro)
- Shares airport with Washington, DC
- Economy: Port of Baltimore, John Hopkins Hospital
- Sports: Baltimore Orioles (baseball)  
Baltimore Ravens (football)

# Star Spangled Banner



## Star Spangled Banner

- Francis Scott Key - lawyer & amateur poet
- War of 1812
- 1814 - Battle of Baltimore
- “Rockets red glare, bombs bursting in air”
- “Dawn’s early light”
- “Our flag was still there!”
- 1931 - officially became national anthem

# Battle of Baltimore



# Wooden Bridges



## Wooden Bridges

- Before steel and concrete bridges
- Cover protects wooden tresses from rain & sun damage
- Found mostly in Eastern and Midwest US
- Also known as “kissing bridges”

# Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge



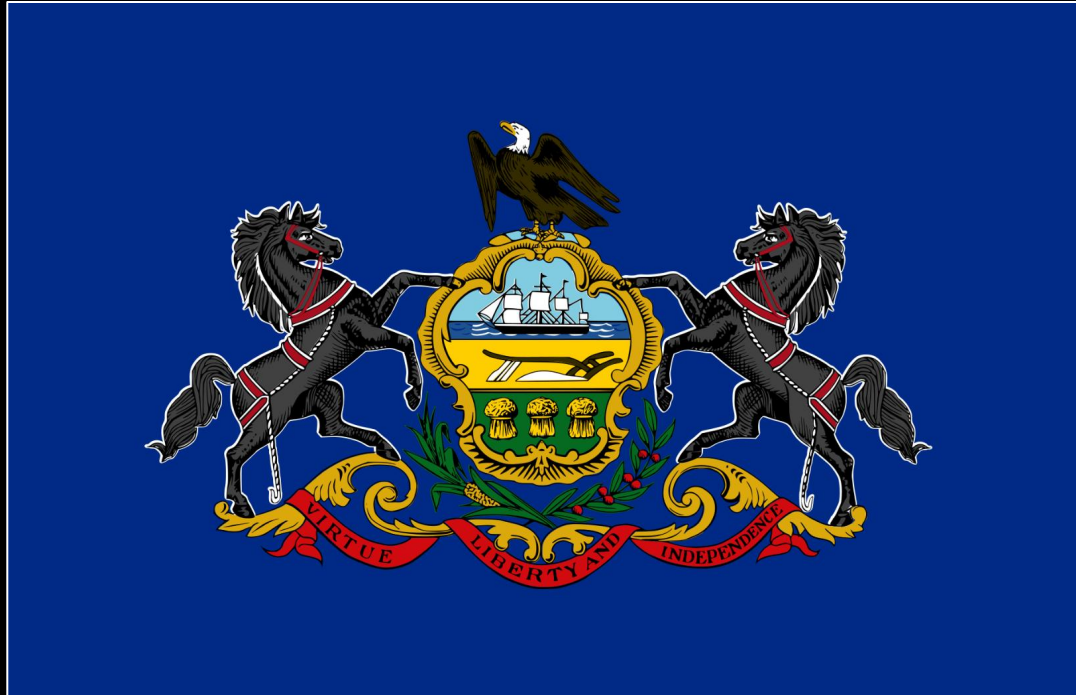
## **Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge**

- Built 1860
- Restored 1959

# Barn Star



# Pennsylvania



## Pennsylvania

- Statehood: 1787
- Capitol: Harrisburg
- Largest City: Philadelphia
- Name: William Penn (colony founder)
- Nickname: Keystone State, Quaker State
- Motto: Virtue, Liberty and Independence
- Today's Economy: manufacturing, finance, agriculture (mushrooms, apples, Christmas trees)

# State Dog: Great Dane



# State Insect: Firefly



# State Drink: Milk



# Lancaster County



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## Lancaster County

- Home of a large Amish population
- Protestant Christian traditionalist
- Known for simple living, plain dress, reluctance to adopt modern technology
- Immigrated to Pennsylvania from German Swiss region in 18th century

# Hershey



## Hershey

- Largest chocolate producer in US
- 1894
- Headquarters in Hershey, Pennsylvania
- 1,400 employees
- \$1.5 billion per year

# Hershey Products



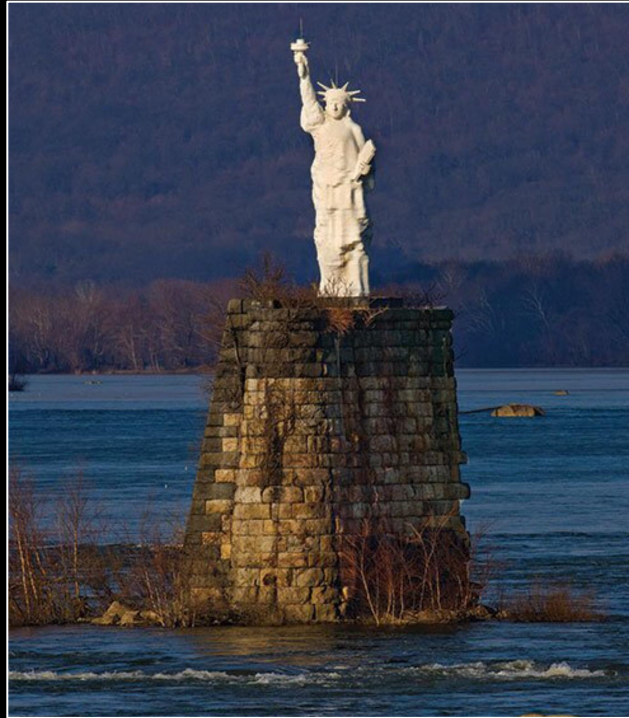
# Hershey Kisses



# Susquehanna River



# Statue of Liberty



# South Williamsport



## **South Williamsport**

- Small town in Northern Pennsylvania (pop 6,000)
- Home of the Little League World Series of Baseball
- International competitions
- 10-12 year olds
- Started 1947
- 2018: Honolulu, Hawaii beats Seoul, South Korea

# New York



## New York

- Statehood: 1788
- Capitol: Albany
- Name: Duke of York of England
- Nickname: The Empire State
- Motto: Ever Upward
- Today's Economy: NYC vs Upstate New York

# State Bird: Eastern Bluebird



# State Mammal: Beaver



# State Bush: Lilac Bush



# Buffalo Wings



# Canada



## Canada

- Capitol: Ottawa
- Largest City: Toronto
- 10 Provinces, 3 Territories
- Official languages are English & French
- Government: Federal Parliamentary Constitutional Monarchy
- Population: 37 million
- 2nd largest country in world by land mass
- 80% of population live within 160 km of US border

# Canadian Flag



# Canadian Money



# National Religion/Sport



# Canadian National Anthem

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

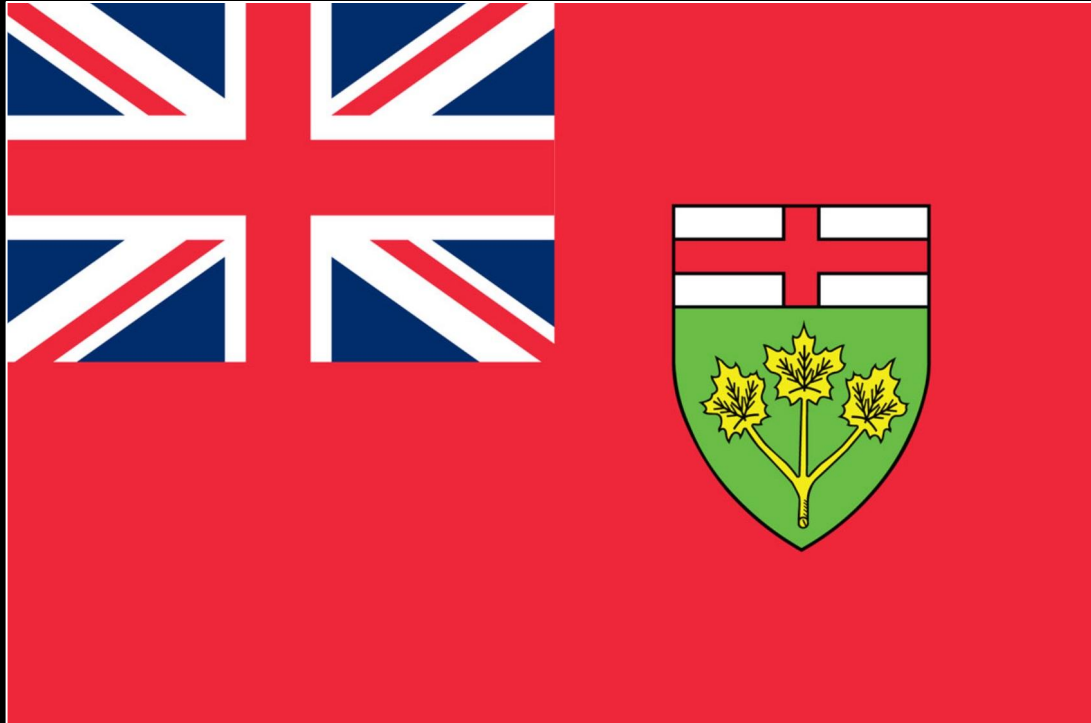
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

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Instrumental

# Ontario



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## Ontario

- Capital: Toronto
- Name: Huron National American word for "great lake"
- Motto: "Loyal she began, loyal she remains."
- 38% of Canadian population
- Home to largest city (Toronto) and nation's capital (Ottawa)
- Highest GDP (gross domestic product) of all provinces

# Flower: White Trillium



# Gemstone: Amethyst



# Bird: Common Loon



# Canada History Primer



## Canada History

1492: Christopher Columbus “discovers” the New World

1497: John Cabot claimed Canada for England

1534: Jacques Cartier claimed Canada for France

1604: Samuel Champlain starts multiple French colonies

1612: Champlain becomes first governor of New France

1670: Hudson Bay Company given exclusive rights by  
England to develop trade in Canada

## Canada History

1754: French and Indian War (vs England) - England won

1774: Quebec Act guaranteeing French Canadians right to preserve their language, religion (Catholic) and civil laws

1841: Upper (West) & Lower (East) Canada united to form the Province of Canada with Kingston as capital

1867: British North America Act - England hands-off  
“Canada can deal with their own internal affairs”

1982: Canada Act - “Canada has complete sovereignty as an independent country”

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# Great Lakes



## Great Lakes

- 5 Lakes: Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior (HOMES)
- Surface area: 94,000 sq miles (224,000 sq km)
- About the size of the United Kingdom
- 84% of freshwater in America (20% of world's)
- Created by glacier carving around 14,000 ago
- Canal system creates water route from Atlantic to Chicago
- Parts of lakes freeze over January - March

# Lake Ontario



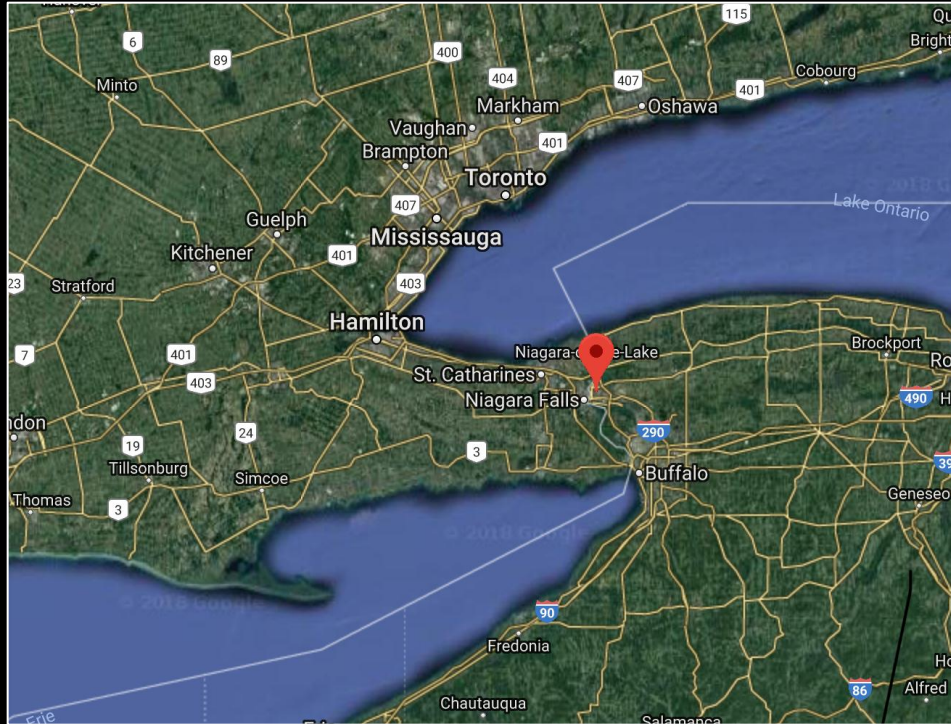
## Lake Ontario

- Furthest east of Great Lakes
- Natural border between New York State and Ontario Province
- Connects to Atlantic Ocean via Saint Lawrence River
- Connects to Lake Erie via Niagara River
- Length: 193 miles (311 km)
- Width: 53 miles (85 km)
- Average depth: 283 feet (86 m)

# Niagara Falls



# Niagara River



## Niagara Falls

- Niagara River connects Lake Erie to Lake Ontario
- 36 miles (58 km)
- Sudden drop at Niagara Falls
- Height: 167 feet (51 m)
- 3 separate waterfalls

# Niagara Falls



# Horseshoe Falls



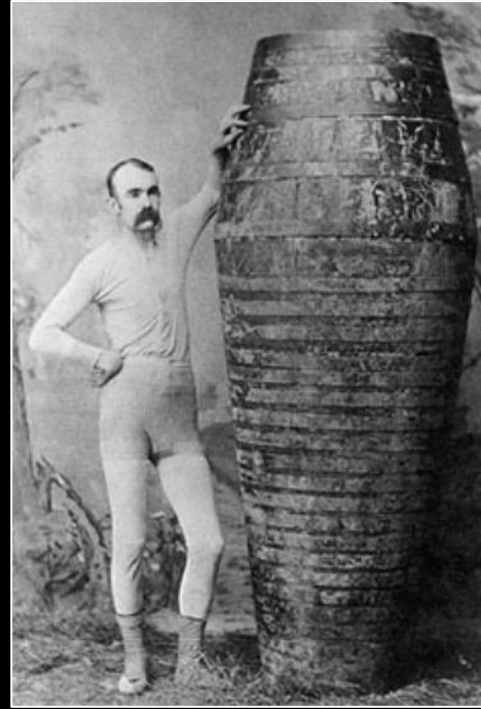
# American & Bridal Veil Falls



## Niagara Falls

- Horseshoe Falls: 2700 feet (820 m)
- American Falls: 950 feet (290 m)
- Bridal Veil Falls: 56 feet (17 m)
- Falls separated by Luna and Goat Islands
- Created by glaciers 10,000 years ago
- Erosion rate: 1 foot (.3 m) per year
- 50,000 years Niagara Falls recede back to Lake Erie & disappear

# Over the Falls



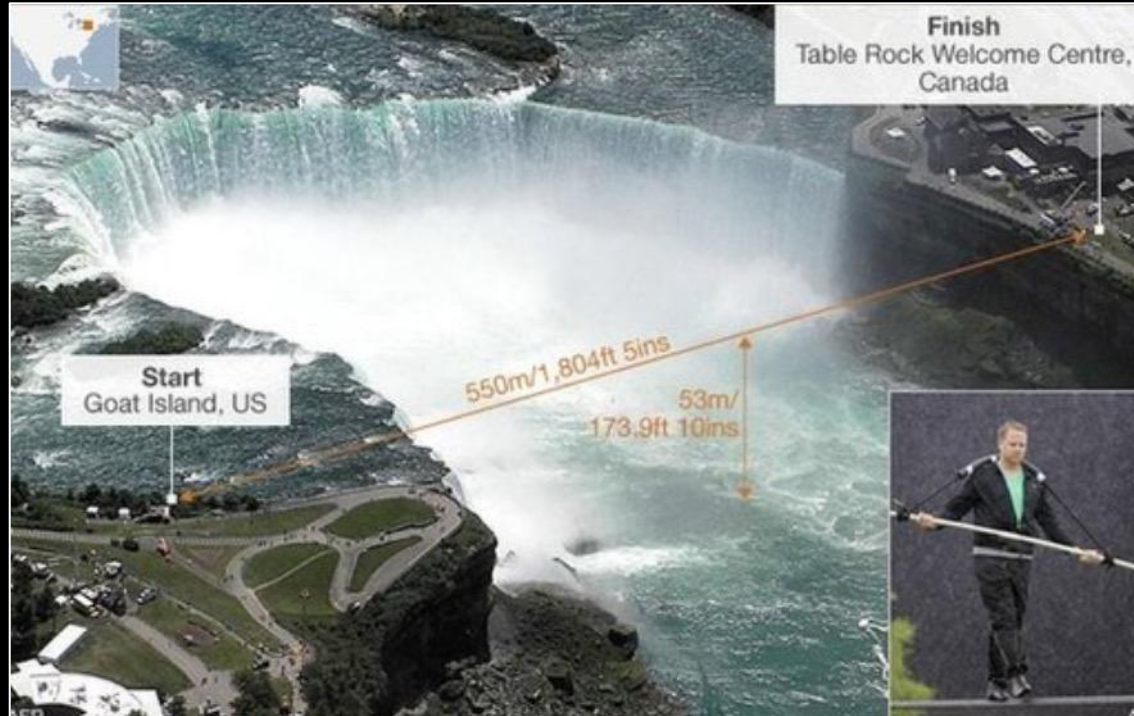
## Over the Falls

- 14 people have intentionally gone over the Falls
- Barrels or specially designed containers
- Varying degrees of success - failure = death
- Illegal to try it
- 1960 - 7 years old boy survived falling overboard & went over

# Tight Rope Walking



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## Tight Rope Walking

- Popular spectacle in late 1800s
- Illegal at the Falls for over 100 years
- 2012: Nik Wallenda got permission from US & Canada
- Had to carry his passport across

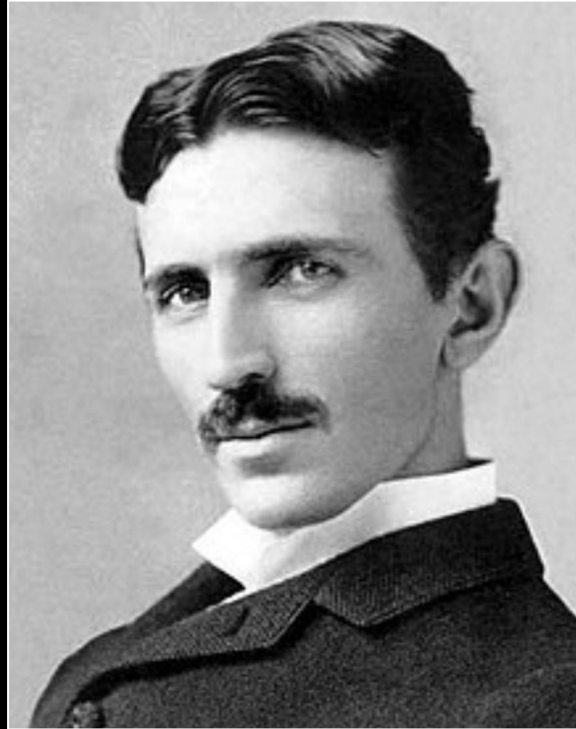
# Hydroelectricity



## Hydro Electricity

- Started in 1895 by Nikola Tesla and George Westinghouse
- Water is diverted from the river and flows through a turbine which is converted into electricity by a generator.
- Provides  $\frac{1}{4}$  power for all of New York state & Ontario province
- 3.8 million homes

# Nikola Tesla



## Nikola Tesla

- Serbian-American
- Engineer, inventor, futurist
- Claim to fame: design of modern alternating current electricity supply system
- Contemporary of the more famous Thomas Edison

# Honeymoon Capital of the World



## Honeymoon Capital of World

- Early 1800s wealthy Americans went to exotic Niagara Falls
- 1804: Jerome Bonaparte (Napoleon's brother)
- Today: 50,000 honeymooners per year

# Niagara at Night



# Niagara-on-the-Lake



## Niagara-on-the-Lake

- Quaint village Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River
- Known for flower and tree-lined old town
- 19th century buildings house boutique shops and restaurants
- Once the site of Fort George - many skirmishes with US
- Gateway to the Niagara wine country (50+ vineyards)
- Niagara escarpment and Lake Ontario create a unique microclimate perfect for grape growing

# Ice Wine



## Ice Wine

- Dessert wine
- Timing has to be perfect
- Ripe grapes have to freeze on the vine
- Water in grapes freezes, but sugars and dissolved solids don't
- Harvest frozen grapes at a moments notice
- Press grapes right away
- One drop per grape
- Small amount makes ice wine expensive
- Refreshingly sweet, balanced by high acidity
- Germany and Canada are largest producers
- 75% of Canadian Icewine comes from Ontario

# Appalachian Mountains



## **Appalachian Mountains**

- Mountain range in eastern US
- Stretches from Alabama (south) to Newfoundland (Canada)
- Length: 1500 miles (2400 km)
- Older mountain, worn down with age
- Known for Appalachian Trail hike

# Appalachian Trail



## Appalachian Trail

- Trail length: 2200 miles (3500 km)
- Longest hiking only trail in the world
- Zig-zags through 14 states from Georgia to Maine
- 2 million day hikers each year
- Several hundred hike the entire trail (5 months)

# Appalachian Trail



# New Jersey



## New Jersey

- Statehood: 1787
- Capitol: Trenton
- Name: English Channel Island: Jersey
- Nickname: The Garden State
- Motto: Liberty and Prosperity
- Today's Economy: very diverse - pharmaceuticals, finance, telecom, farming (blueberries, cranberries, spinach)

# State bird: Eastern Goldfinch



# State Insect: Honeybee



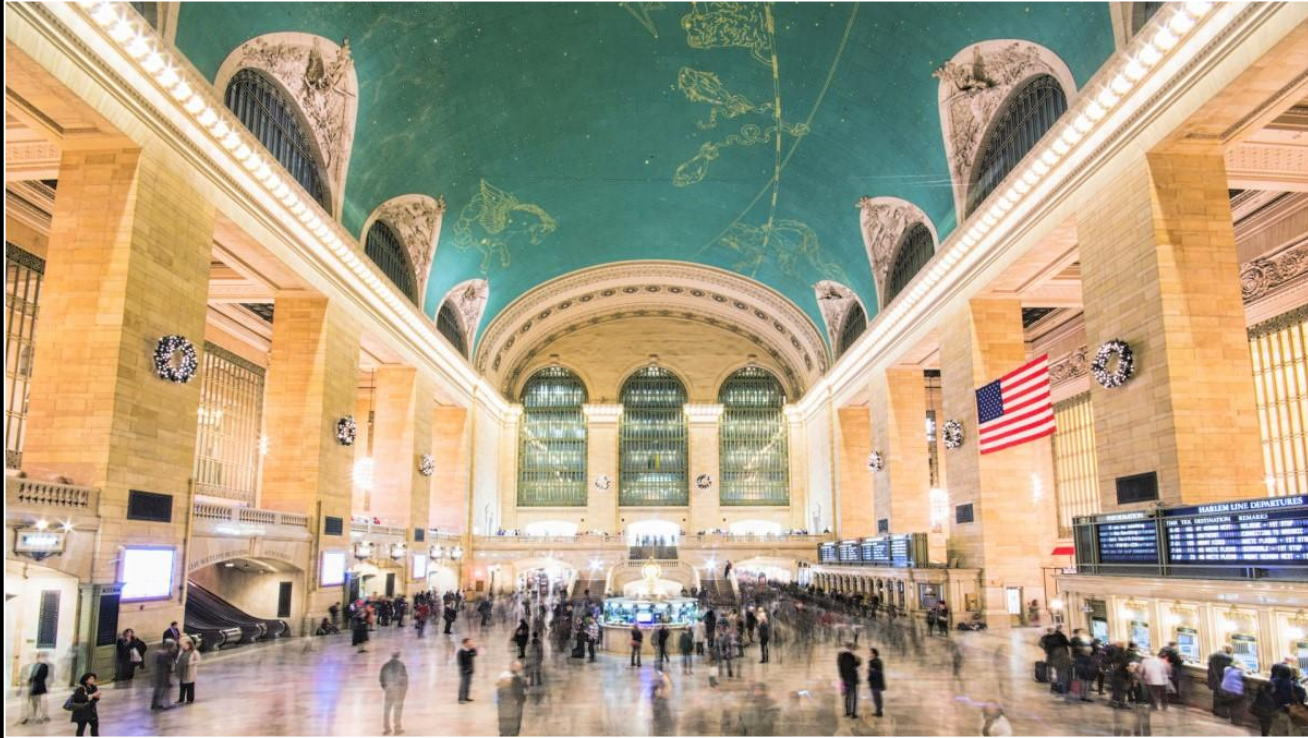
# State Dance: Square Dance



# New York City



# Grand Central Terminal



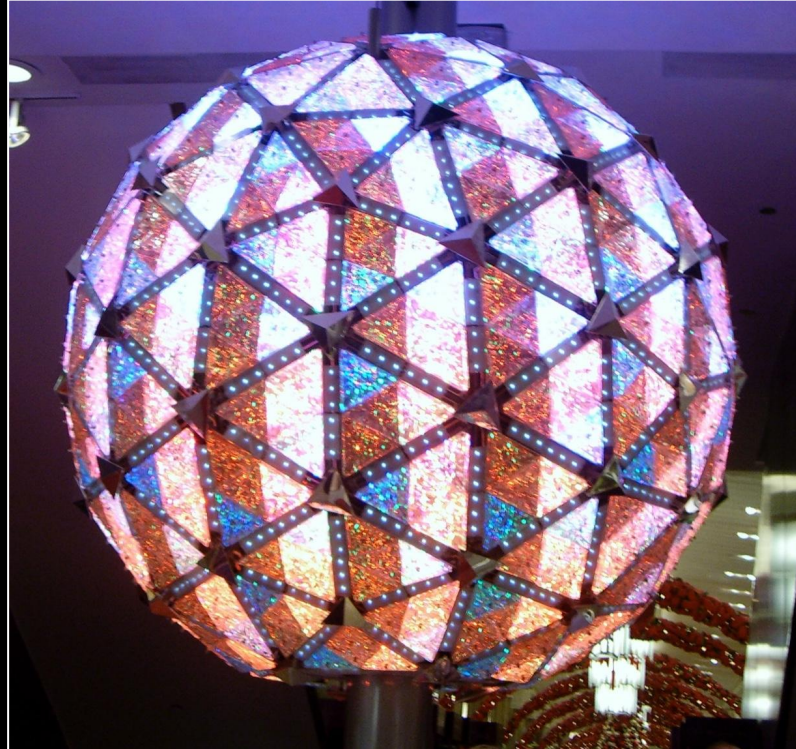
# Empire State Building



# Time Square



# Time Square Ball Drop



# Broadway



# Central Park



# New York Public Library



# Flatiron Building



# Chinatown



# Little Italy



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