

Social Studies, Grade 8

Unit II: Lesson A2

Map: **Create-a-State**



Draw geographical boundaries for a new state. Look at a map of the United States and choose boundaries based on the geographical formations you wish to include. This state must be within the continental United States.

1. Let natural geographic formations influence your decision. Use longitude and latitude to locate these formations.
2. Determine how long it will take you to travel the perimeter of your state at 65 mph.

Decide what tourist attractions your state will have, both natural and man-made. Locate the state capital, rural areas, suburban areas, and cities. What climatic advantages will your state have? What types of jobs will the formation of this state create? Why will people decide to live there? What does the state have to offer?

Justify this project with a detailed log on the creation of this state. Give definite reasons for putting your state where you did. Include pictures and graphs.