

## Read for Details • State Names • 1

When you read for details, remember:

- A **topic** is what a text is mostly about.
- A **detail** is important information that tells more about the topic
- Details answer **questions** such as *who, what, where, when, why, and how.*

### Read for Details Text Marks



Box the **topic**.



Underline important **details**.

Read "Fifty Nifty Names." Find the topic and important details. Then mark the text.

### Fifty Nifty Names

State names come from many places, just like the American people. The Native Americans named many places in North America. That's why 27 state names come from Native American words. What about the other states? Some have the names of kings and queens in Europe. Some have names from other languages. Only one state has the name of an American president. Can you guess which one?

### Mark the Text

Find the topic and important details.



Box the topic.



Underline how many states are named after Native American words.

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Read "Native Names." Find the topic and important details. Then mark the text.



### Native Names

**1** Over half our states have Native American names.


Iowa and Missouri are both named after their rivers. How were the rivers named? The Iowa River takes its name from the *Ayuwaha* or *Iowa* tribe. The Missouri River is named for the Missouri people. Their name means "people with the dugout canoes."


**2** Connecticut is named after a Mohegan Indian word.

It means "beside the long tidal river." Mississippi's name comes from several sources. The Algonquin Indians called the river "messipi." The Chippewa called it "mici zibi." All the languages agree on one thing. It is a great river. European settlers made up the name for Indiana. It means "Land of the Indians."


### Mark the Text


**1** Find the topic and important details.

 Box the topic.

 Underline what states are named after rivers.

**2** Find important details.

 Underline what two Indian tribes called the Mississippi River.

 Underline who named the state of Indiana.

## Read for Details • State Names • 3

Read "Kings and Colors." Find the topic and important details. Then mark the text.







### Kings and Colors

**1** Explorers and settlers from Europe named about half the states. Several states have royal names. English settlers named Georgia after King George II. A French explorer named Louisiana after King Louis XIV of France. Four states start with "New." New Hampshire, New Jersey, and New York have English names. New Mexico takes its name from its neighbor, Mexico.

**2** Several states have colorful names. Colorado means "reddish color" in Spanish. Spanish explorers named it for its reddish rocks. French explorers named Vermont. They loved its tree-covered "green mountains." What state is named after an American president? That's right—Washington!

#### Mark the Text

- 1** Find the topic and important details.
-  Box the topic.
-  Underline which states have royal names.
- 2** Underline the important details.
-  Who named a state after a reddish color?
-  What state is named after a President?