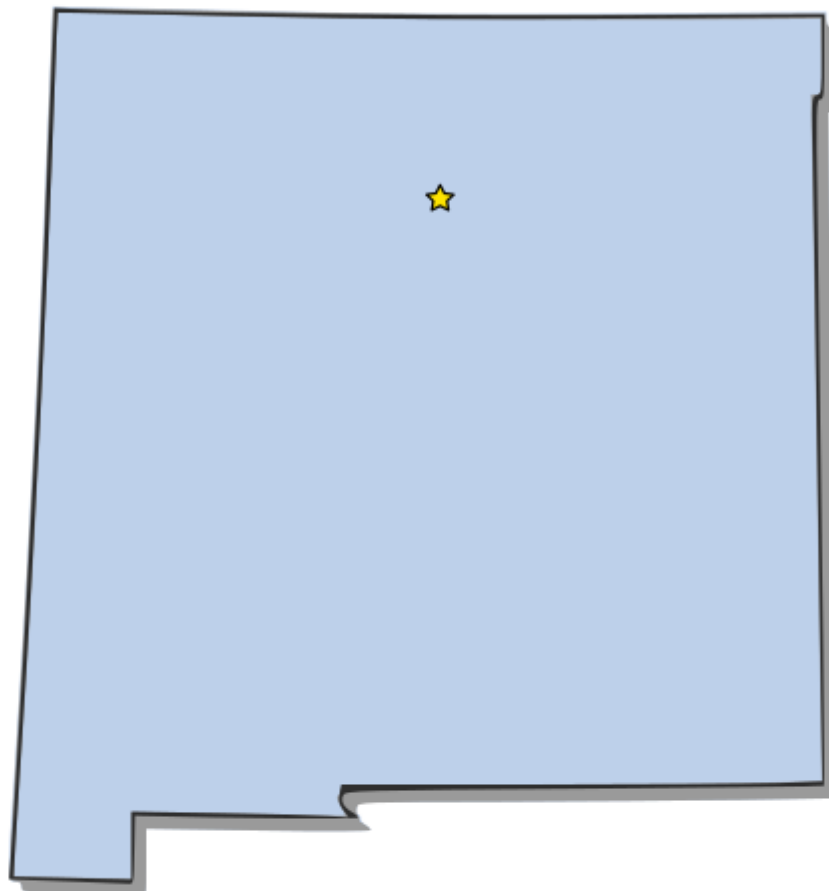


January 6, 1912 New Mexico Becomes a State

New Mexico had a long journey in becoming a state. It was explored and settled by the Spanish. The Spanish were expelled by the Pueblo people. The Spanish retook the area. When Mexico won its independence, New Mexico allied with Mexico, then was invaded by the Republic of Texas, and finally became part of the United States with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. There were Civil War battles fought there, although it was not yet a state. A large dam system revolutionized agriculture in areas of New Mexico, but the state has retained the beauty of its caverns, deserts, mountains, and other natural landscapes. New Mexico officially became the forty-seventh state of the Union on January 6, 1912. Famous people from New Mexico include Jeff Bezos, Conrad Hilton, Ronnie Lott, Harrison Schmitt, and basketball coach Rob Evans.

Look at the map of New Mexico below. Label the capital of New Mexico. Locate the cities of Playas, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Clayton, Rio Rancho, Villanueva, Las Cruces, and White Sands and label them on the map. Now label the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, the Sandia Mountains, the Organ Mountains, Truchas Peak, Wheeler Peak, and Simpson Peak. Also, locate Sumner Lake, Pecos River, Rio Grande, Gila River, Rio Puerco, Gallinas River, Conchas Lake, and Eagle Nest Lake and label them. Lastly, label the states or countries that border New Mexico. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of New Mexico history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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Research Prompt #1

In 1926, Route 66 went through Santa Fe. What was the significance of Route 66? What impact did its arrival have on the state of New Mexico? How did it impact the people socially? How did it impact them economically?

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Research Prompt #2

The Pueblo people had been inhabitants of the area of New Mexico for many generations. They were the ones who drove out the Spanish when they first settled the state. However, they did not receive the right to vote until 1948. What were the circumstances surrounding this event? How and why were they finally given the right to vote, and why did it take so long?

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Research Prompt #3

In 1980, Intel built a microchip plant in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Why did Intel decide to build a plant there? How did this effect the city of Rio Rancho? Is the plant still in existence?

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