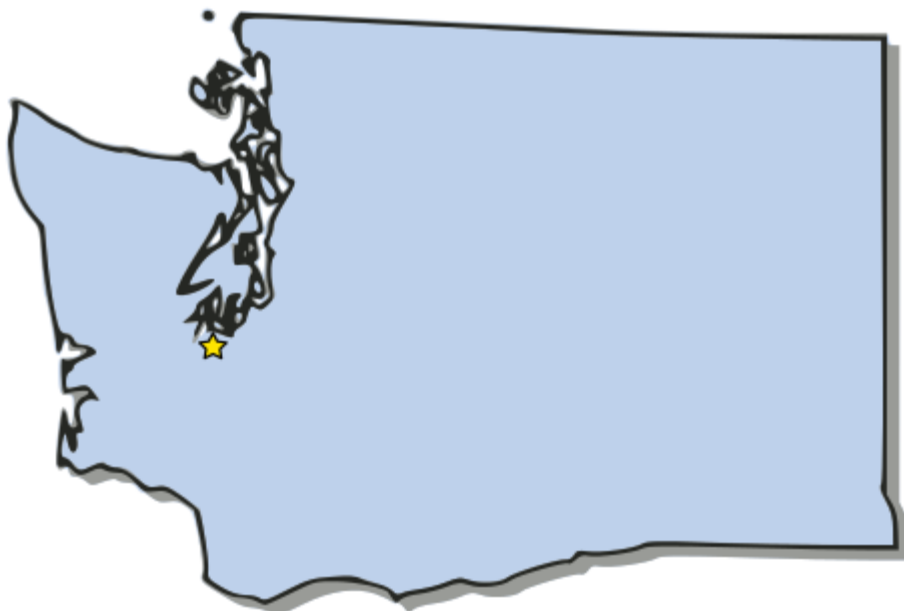


## November 11, 1889

### Washington Becomes a State

Washington is the only state in the Union that is named after a president. It's location and many coastal ports make it perfect for trade with many areas, including Canada and the countries of Asia. Tourists and visitors flock to Washington for the scenery and the outdoor sports which are so popular there. Claimed by Spain, Britain, and the United States, it finally became a state of the Union in 1889. Those settlers living in Washington had much work to do to claim the drier areas for farming by working out systems of irrigation. Wheat and fruit were grown; lumbering, fishing, and mining increased; and Washington's place as a trading center to Alaska and the Far East caused the state to become prosperous over time. These activities are still very important to Washington's economy, along with industries such as jet aircraft, aerospace, electronics, and software. Tourism also has an important place in Washington's economy, also. Besides the beautiful natural features, the fairgrounds, buildings, and Space Needle from the world's fair held in Seattle continue to bring visitors to the state. Some famous people from Washington include Bill Gates, Zach LaVine, Alex Smith, Isaiah Thomas, Ryan Clark Crocker, Wilder Graves Penfield, and Ryne Sandberg .

Look at the map of Washington below. Label the capital of Washington. Locate the cities of Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Richland, Pasco, Kennewick, Vancouver, Waterville, Coulee City, Ephrata, Walla Walla, Okanogan, and Bellingham, and label them on the map. Now label the Olympic Mountains, Cascade Mountains, Blue Mountains, and Rocky Mountains, along with Mount Adams, Mount Baker, Glacier Peak, Mount St. Helens, and Mount Rainier. Also, locate the Columbia River, Snake River, Colville River, Yakima River, Skagit River, Skykomish River, Okanogan River, Lake Chelan, Franklin D. Roosevelt Lake, Ozette Lake, Lake Crescent, Lake Washington, and Lake Sammamish, and label them. Lastly, label the states, provinces, or bodies of water that border Washington. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of Washington history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



# Timeline of Washington History

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4. President Millard Fillmore signs a bill that creates the Washington Territory
5. Washington becomes the 42nd state of the Union
6. Lewis and Clark cross the Rocky Mountains and travel on to the Pacific Ocean
7. The Hanford Works, a nuclear energy center that will help make the first atomic bombs, is built by the government
8. Establishment of the Idaho Territory gives Washington its present boundaries
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10. The Agate Pass Bridge opens, giving automobile drivers an easy route between Bainbridge Island and the mainland in Kitsap County
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17. Though he did not land, Captain James Cook is the first English explorer to reach the area by sea
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## Research Prompt #1

Do some research on the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980. What impact did it have on the mountain itself? How far did the lava flow? How did the lava impact the area it covered? How far was the volcanic ash spread? How did the erupting volcano impact the land around it? What have creation scientists found evidence of in studying the rock layers?

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## Research Prompt #2

About 75% of the population of the state of Washington lives on the lowland plain. What part of Washington is included in this area? The plain has about three-fourths of the cities in the state and many of the jobs in sawmills and factories. The plain is also an important farming area. If you had to allocate land for industry and for farming, how would you decide what part of this land should go to industry? What would you base your decisions on? If a new industry wanted to move in but it would cause a large area of farmland to be turned into an industrial site, how would you decide which was more important?

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### Research Prompt #3

At the time of the Klondike Gold Rush, Washington was important for those with the long journey to the gold fields ahead of them. Research the Klondike Gold Rush and Washington's part in it. Imagine you were living there at the time. What part would you have wanted to play in helping the people get ready for the long trip?

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# Timeline of Washington History

## Answer Key

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