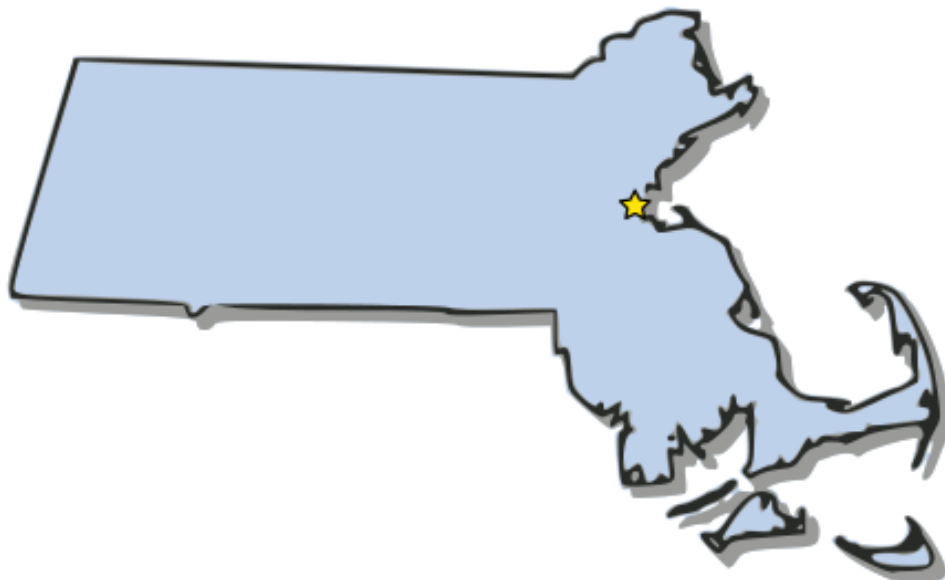


February 6, 1788

Massachusetts Becomes a State

Although the sixth smallest state in the Union, Massachusetts was at the center of the history of the United States from the landing of the Pilgrims to the events leading up to the American Revolution. The first library in what is now the United States was founded in Massachusetts while it was still a colony, and in the 1800s, one of the first factories in the nation was built in Massachusetts. Several former United States Presidents were born in Massachusetts. As time went on, citizens from Massachusetts continued to build their state, fight in the War of 1812, and the Civil War. In World War I, a division from Massachusetts was the first National Guard division to enter the battlefields in France. During the Great Depression, Massachusetts cared for its unemployed until the federal government took over with programs for the entire nation. During World War II, the state's factories and shipyards were very involved with the production of war supplies and materials, helping the economy grow again. There have been many ups and downs in the state since World War II, but necessary changes to try to improve life for its citizens is something Massachusetts has strived for. Many famous people are from Massachusetts, including John Adams, John Quincy Adams, John F. Kennedy, George H.W. Bush, Edgar Allan Poe, Anne Sullivan, Roger Sherman, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Paul Revere, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., Emily Dickinson, Christa McAuliffe, Samuel F. B. Morse, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Abigail Adams, John Hancock, Dr. Seuss, and Clara Barton.

Look at the map of Massachusetts below. Label the capital of Massachusetts. Locate the cities of Gloucester, New Bedford, Quincy, Brookline, Milton, Springfield, Worcester, Lowell, Cambridge, Brockton, Weymouth, Newburyport, Taunton, Burlington, Concord, Lexington, Lowell, Lawrence, Brookline, Amherst, and Lennox, and label them on the map. Now label the Great Blue Hill, Wachusett Mountain, Mount Greylock, Taconic Mountains, and Mount Everett. Also, locate the Connecticut River, Deerfield River, Westfield River, Chicopee River, Millers River, Hoosic River, Housatonic River, Merrimack River, Blackstone River, Nashua River, Concord River, Charles River, Mystic River, Neponset River, Taunton River, Lake Webster, and Silver Lake, and label them. Lastly, label the states or bodies of water that border Massachusetts. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of Massachusetts history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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3. The Boston Tea Party takes place
4. Massachusetts elects its first African American governor
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Research Prompt #1

The Pilgrims arrived in what is now named Provincetown harbor in 1620, and, only sixteen years later, in 1636, Harvard College, now known as Harvard University, was founded. Research the founding of Harvard University. How did the founding of Harvard come about? What were the main subjects that were taught at Harvard when it was founded?

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Research Prompt #2

What is the Body of Liberties? Who is credited with writing it? What document from English history did it reflect? What document in American history incorporated certain parts of the Body of Liberties? What were some of the rights granted by the Body of Liberties?

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Research Prompt #3

In your opinion, why do you think the American Revolution had its beginnings in Massachusetts? Consider location, people involved in the beginnings of the war, and any other factors that you feel may have contributed and write about your thoughts.

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