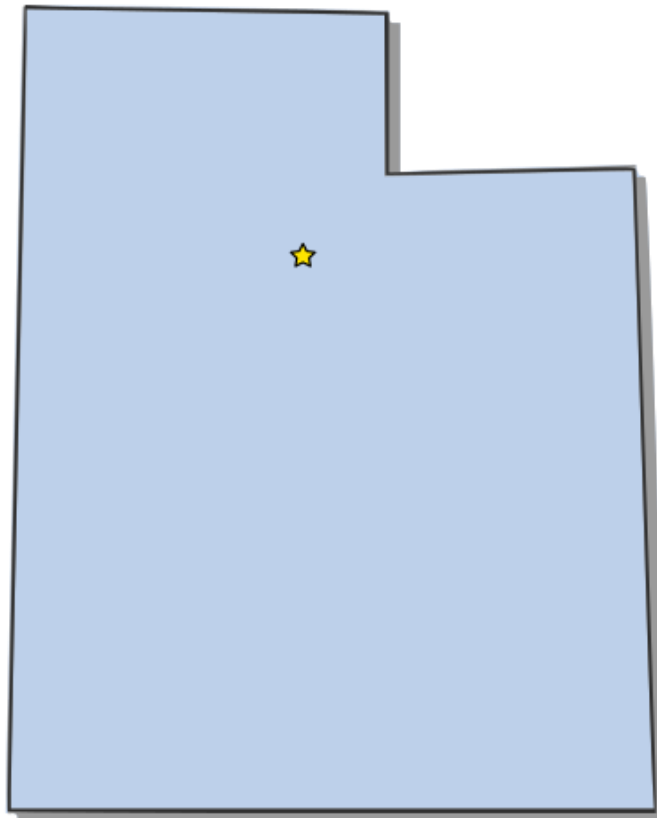


January 4, 1896 Utah Becomes a State

Utah is a state in the Rocky Mountain region of the United States. While many of the people live in the cities, and manufacturing is important to the economy, it is also a state with great natural beauty. There are five national parks located in Utah which showcase nature. There are also many national monuments in Utah, such as Grand Staircase-Escalante, Natural Bridges, Rainbow Bridge, and Timpanogos Cave. National Historic sites include the Golden Spike National Historic Site at Promontory. Utah has three national forests that lie entirely within its borders and shares six other national forests with other states. In addition, there are dozens of state parks in Utah. Monument Valley has sandstone formations that are over 1,000 feet high. One of them, called the "totem pole," casts a 35-mile shadow in the evening. Many famous people are from Utah, including Philo T. Farnsworth, J. Willard Marriott, and O. Raymond Knight.

Look at the map of Utah below. Label the capital of Utah. Locate the cities of West Valley City, Provo, West Jordan, Orem, Sandy, Ogden, Brigham City, Moab, Wendover, Salina, Delta, Garrison, Beaver, Torrey, Monticello, Bluff, St. George, Kanab, Payson, and Logan, and label them on the map. Now label the Wasatch Range, Uinta Range, Henry Mountains, Abajo Mountains, La Sal Mountains, Kings Peak, and Mount Nebo. Also, locate the Colorado River, Green River, Snake River, Bear River, Provo River, Weber River, Sevier River, Great Salt Lake, Utah Lake, and Bear Lake, and label them. Lastly, label the states or bodies of water that border Utah. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of Utah history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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