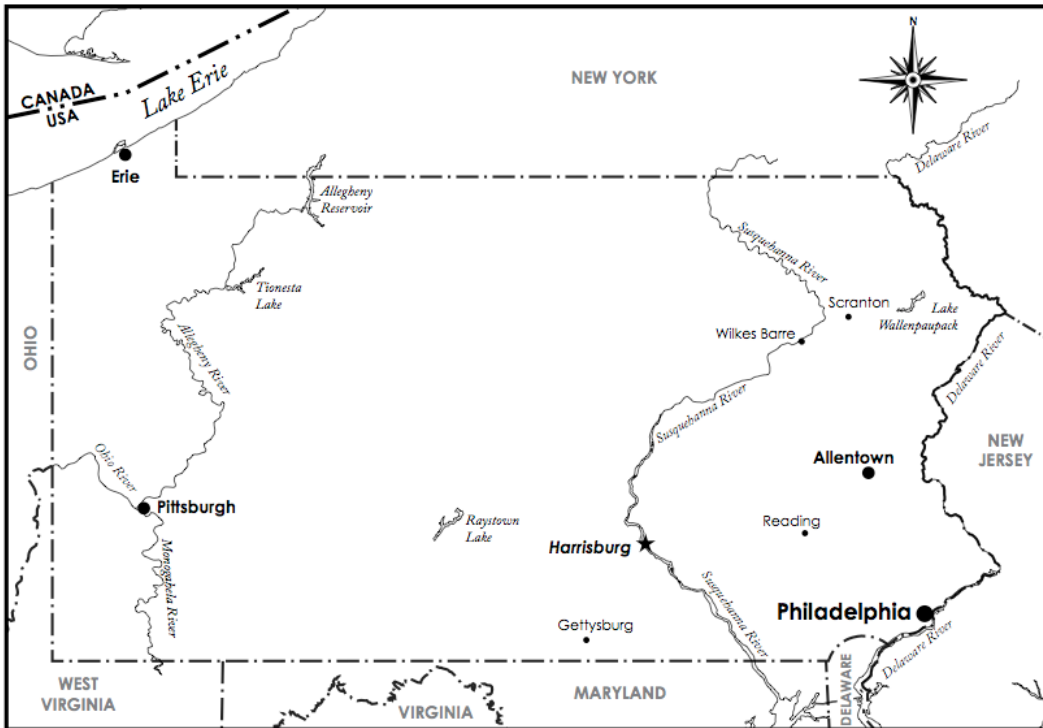


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Be able to locate the cities of **Philadelphia, Allentown, Pittsburgh, Erie** and **Harrisburg** on the map.

Know the names of Pennsylvania's six bordering states: **New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio,** and **West Virginia.**

KNOW THESE FACTS:

- Pennsylvania is known as the **Keystone State**. A keystone supports the foundation of a building. Pennsylvania supported the foundation of the early United States.
- **Andrew Carnegie** built the world's largest steel mill here to make Pittsburgh a successful port for business.
- **Harrisburg** became the state capital because of its location in the center of the colonies.
- Pennsylvania has three main geographic regions: the **Atlantic Coastal Plains**, the **Appalachian Plateau**, and the **Great Lakes Plains**.
- Pennsylvania has a **temperate climate**. The state experiences all four seasons.

KNOW THESE STATE SYMBOLS:

- The Pennsylvania state motto is ***Virtue, Liberty and Independence***.
- The state insect is the **Firefly**. Many Pennsylvanians refer to it as the lightning bug.
- The state beverage is **Milk**. Dairy farms play an important role in PA's economy.

KNOW THESE FAMOUS PENNSYLVANIANS:

- **William Penn** was granted land from the king of England. He is the founder of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania was originally called "Penn's Woods."
- **Benjamin Franklin** was born in Boston, but played a major role in Pennsylvania. He founded the first library, the first zoo, and the first fire department in Philadelphia.
- **Betsy Ross** was a flag maker and seamstress. She was asked to make the flag for our new country in June of 1776.
- **Grace Kelly** was born in Philadelphia. She became a Hollywood movie star and eventually the Prince of Monaco.
- **Milton Hershey** started a candy company at the age of eighteen. His first few attempts failed. Hershey created milk chocolate and went on to build the world's largest chocolate plant.
- **Andy Warhol** became famous during the Pop Art Movement. He drew pictures of familiar things and turned them into huge, colorful silkscreen paintings.

KNOW THESE FACTS ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA'S CULTURE:

- The **Mummers Parade** is a unique parade in Philadelphia celebrating New Year's Day.
- The **Pennsylvania Dutch** had made pretzels a popular Pennsylvania treat.
- One Pennsylvania Dutch group is the Amish. They live simple lives without electricity and other modern conveniences.

KNOW ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA'S GOVERNMENT

- The **Pennsylvania state constitution** is a plan for the state government that provides three branches of government: the legislative, the executive, and the judicial branches. It is modeled after our national government.
- The **legislative branch** creates the laws for the state. A representative suggests an idea for a new law called a **bill**. New laws can be accepted or vetoed.
- The **executive branch** carries out the laws of the state. The leader of the Pennsylvania executive branch is the **governor**.
- The **judicial branch** interprets the laws of the state. All legal cases go through the court system in the judicial branch.

KNOW ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA'S ECONOMY

- Pennsylvania's economy thrives on **mining, farming, manufacturing, transportation** and **tourism**.
- Dairy products, eggs, and cattle are the most important farming products for the economy.
- Second largest producer of ice cream in the United States!
- Pennsylvania's land is rich in oil, natural gas, iron, limestone, slate, clay, sand and coal.
- **Anthracite coal** burns cleaner than soft coal.
- Many manufacturing plants are located in Pennsylvania: Hershey, Heinz, Crayola, etc.
- Pennsylvania's historically rich past and beautiful lands make tourism important for Pennsylvania's economy.