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Ohio Secretary of State

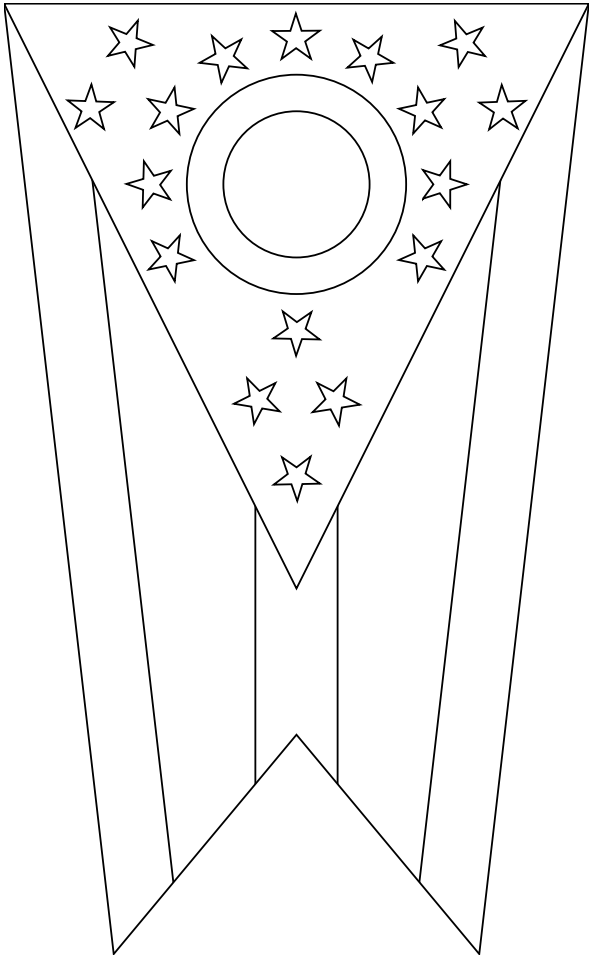
Ohio
Activity Book

FLAG HISTORY

Ohio's official flag was adopted by an act of the Ohio Legislature on May 9, 1902. The Ohio burgee, as the swallow-tailed design is properly called, was drawn by John Eisenmann, architect and designer for the Ohio State Pan-American Exposition Commission.

The Ohio flag has three red and two white horizontal stripes. At its staff end is a blue triangular field with the apex at the center of the middle red stripe. There are 17 white, five-pointed stars grouped around a red disc superimposed upon a white circular "O."

The Ohio state flag first flew in Buffalo, New York, at the Pan-American Exposition. It was at this exposition that Ohioan Thomas Edison captured the wonder of the many light bulbs illuminating the event with one of his early moving picture cameras.

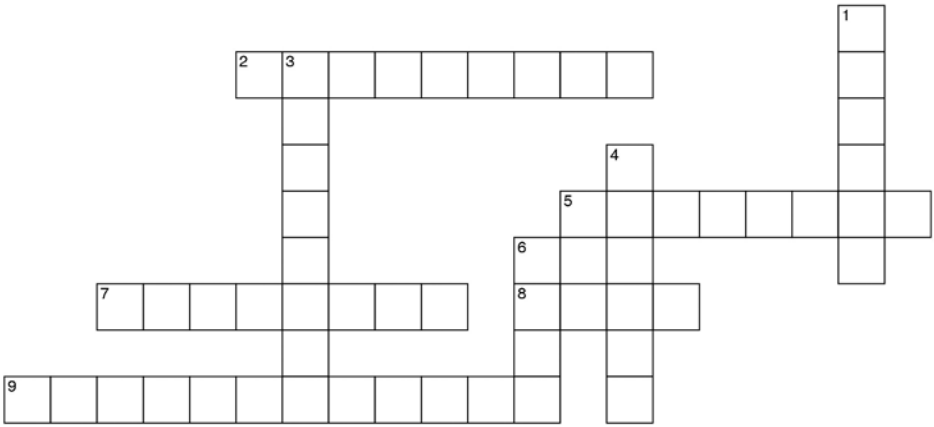


Ohio Flag

- The white circle with a red center shows the letter O for Ohio. The blue triangle represents Ohio's hills and valleys. The red and white stripes represent roads and waterways.

- The 13 stars around the circle represent the original states of the union; the four extra stars symbolize Ohio's joining as the 17th state.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

2. Form of government in which leaders are elected into office by the people.

5. State capitol.

7. The official state bird of Ohio.

8. The Buckeye State.

9. The official state flower.

DOWN

1. The Ohio State University mascot, _____ Buckeye.

3. _____ Day - held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

4. How Americans elect leaders.

6. Common yellow crop grown in Ohio.

Coloring Key
Sun, Sky and Wheat = Gold
Mountains = Brown
Fields = Green
River = Blue

Seal and Motto

- The Great Seal of the State of Ohio has changed many times over the years. Currently, the seal uses the coat of arms pictured above.

- In 1958, at the urging of a 12-year-old Cincinnati boy, Ohio's state motto *With God, All Things Are Possible*, was adopted.

MATCH THAT FACT

A. Official state beverage.

B. Number of presidents from Ohio.

C. Wapakoneta, OH native who was the first to walk on the moon.

D. Ohio's tallest building.

E. Number of counties in Ohio.

F. First baseball team made entirely of professional players.

G. Official state native fruit.

H. The first and third state capital of Ohio.

I. Official state frog.

J. Ohio's official state rock song.

1. Chillicothe

2. Pawpaw

3. Tomato Juice

4. Hang on Sloopy

5. Cincinnati Red Stockings

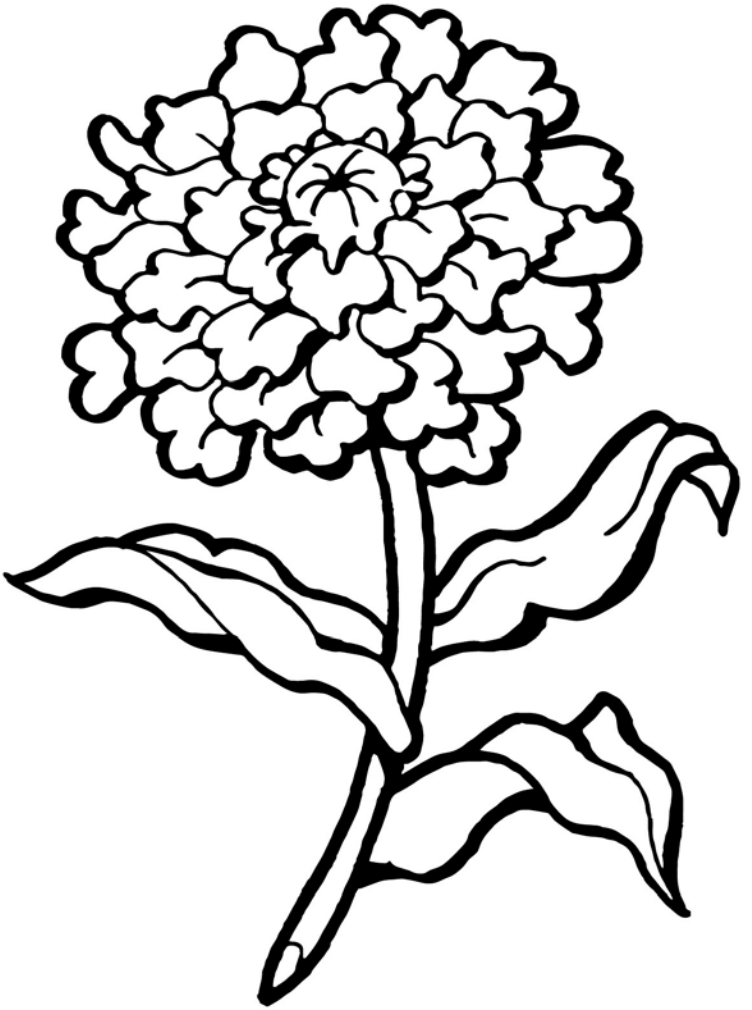
6. Neil Armstrong

7. Bullfrog

8. 8

9. Key Tower

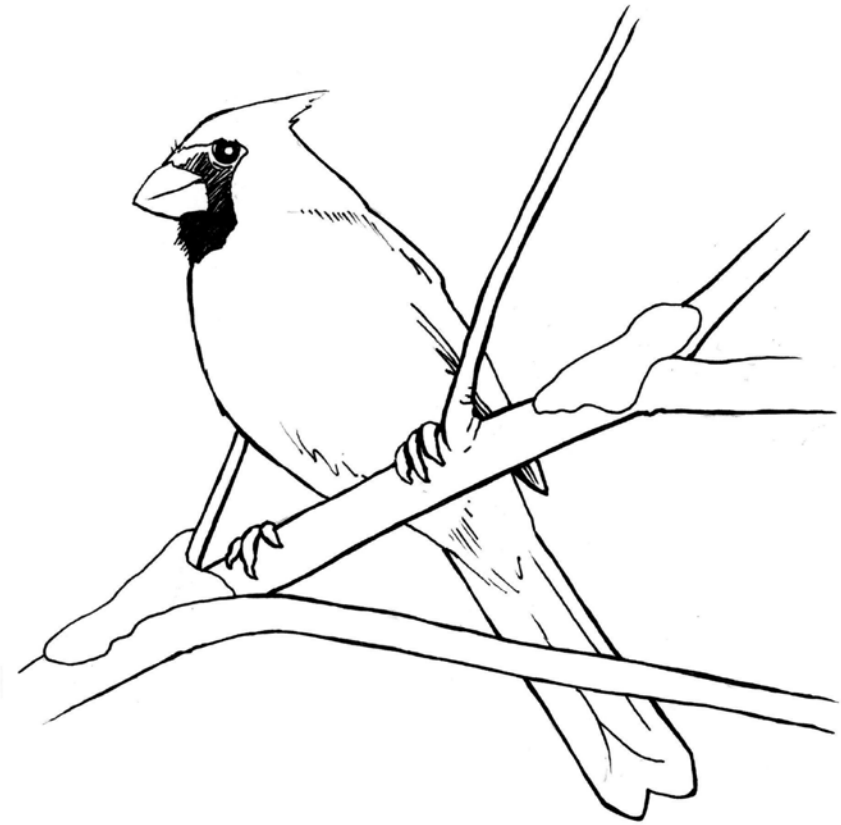
10. 88



State Flower

Red Carnation

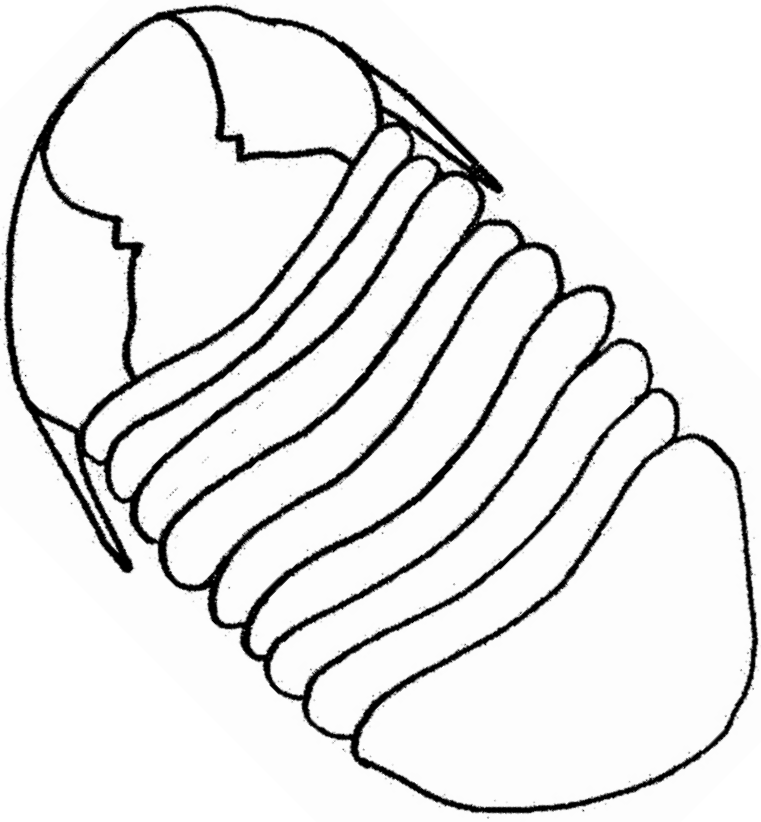
- The carnation is not native to North America.
- The red carnation became Ohio's state flower on February 3, 1904 in memory of President William McKinley, who always wore a red carnation on his lapel.



State Bird

Cardinal

- The cardinal was named by the early American settlers, after Catholic Cardinals who dress in bright red robes.
- The cardinal was adopted as Ohio's state bird in 1933.



State Invertebrate Fossil

Isotelus Trilobite

- On June 20, 1985, Ohio House Bill 145 designated the isotelus trilobite as the official state invertebrate fossil.
- The Bill was passed at the suggestion of two elementary school classes from Dayton, Ohio.

WORD SEARCH

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Candidate
Carnation
Columbus
Democracy
Election
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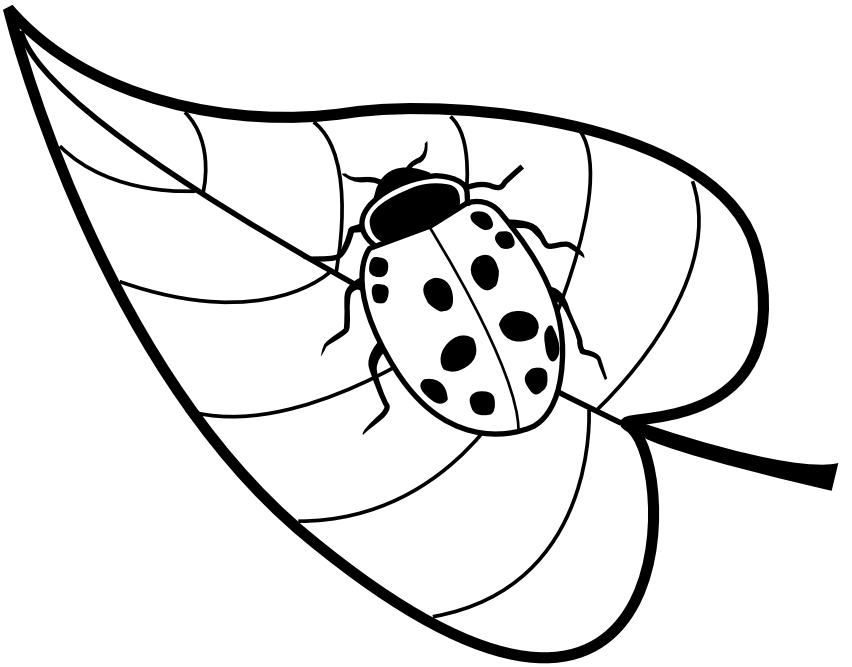
State
Vote



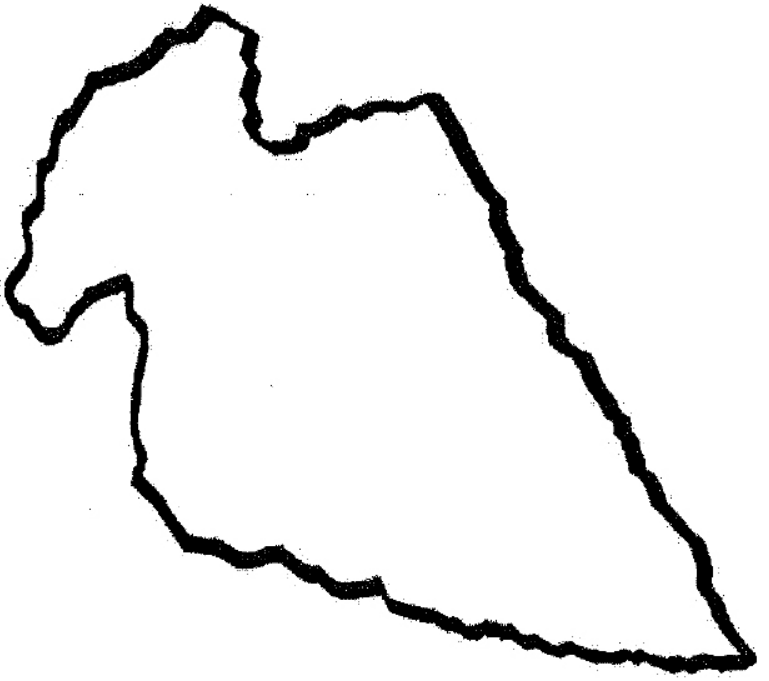
State Insect

Ladybug

- In June 1975, the Ohio Legislature declared the common ladybug, officially named the Ladybird Beetle, as the state insect.

‘I Voted’ Sticker

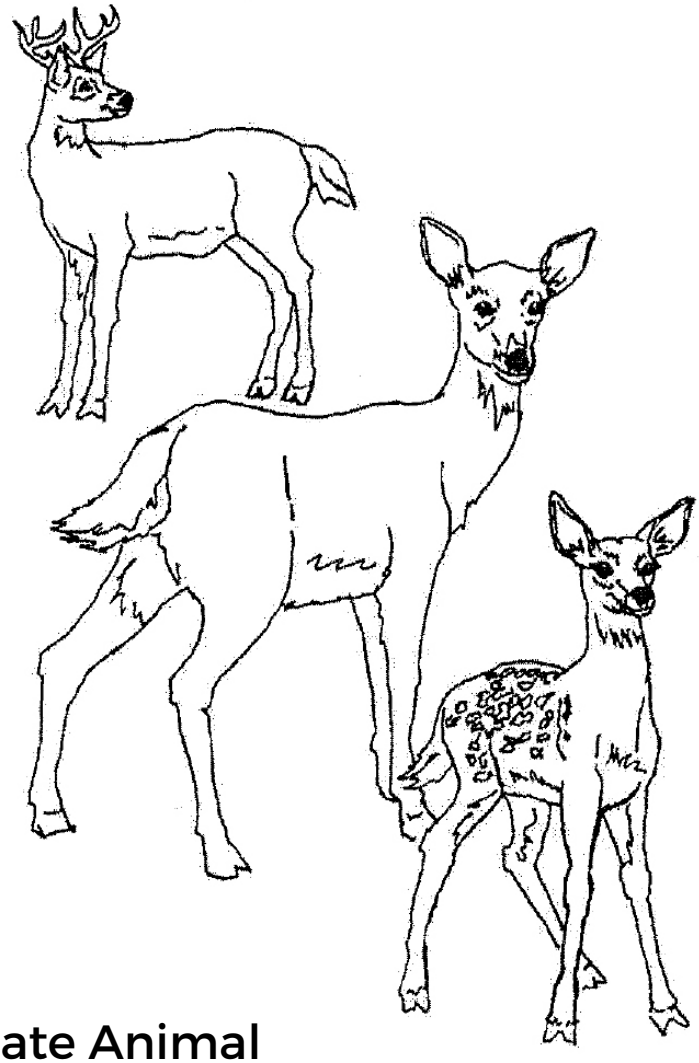
- The winning design of the ‘I Voted’ sticker design contest held at the beginning of 2019.
- The contest attracted more than 2,000 entries from 6th to 12th grade students.
- More than 15,000 votes were cast for the winner.



State Gemstone

Flint

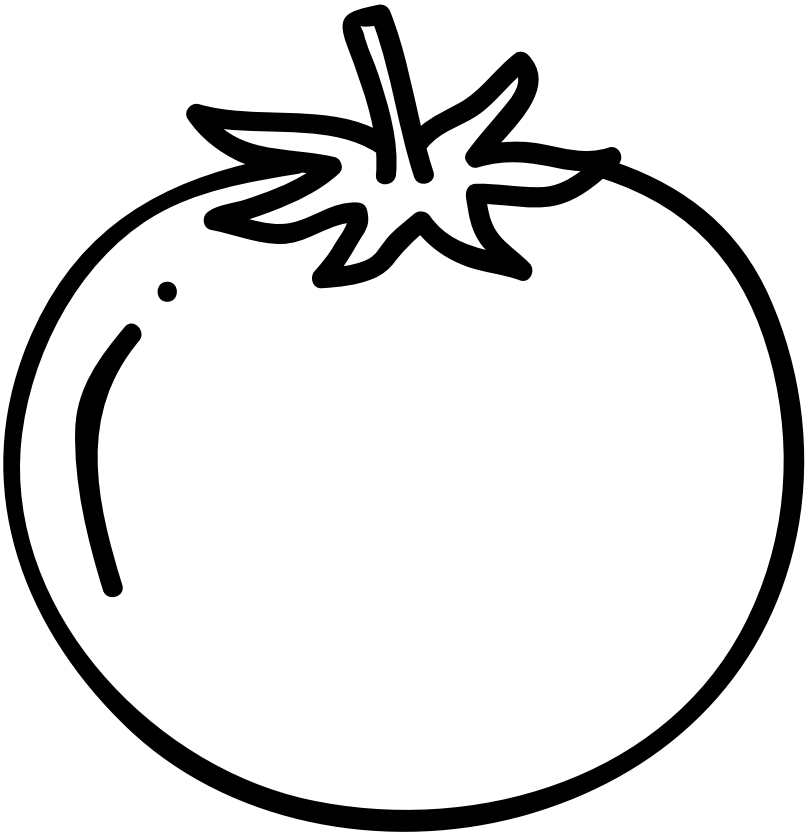
- The gemstone flint is a smooth, hard, sedimentary rock.
- Flint has been Ohio's state gemstone since 1965.
- Flint was used by Native Americans in Ohio for spear points, knives and arrowheads.



State Animal

White-tailed Deer

- The white-tailed deer was adopted as the state animal in May 1988.
- It can be found in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

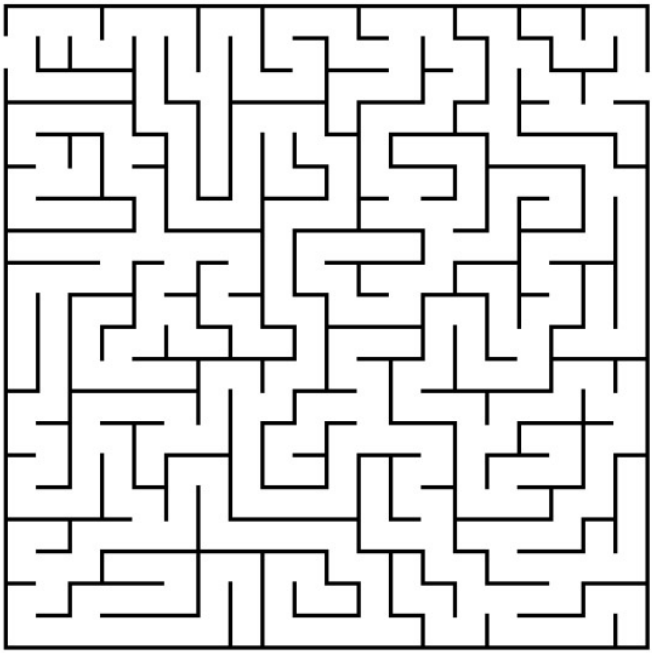


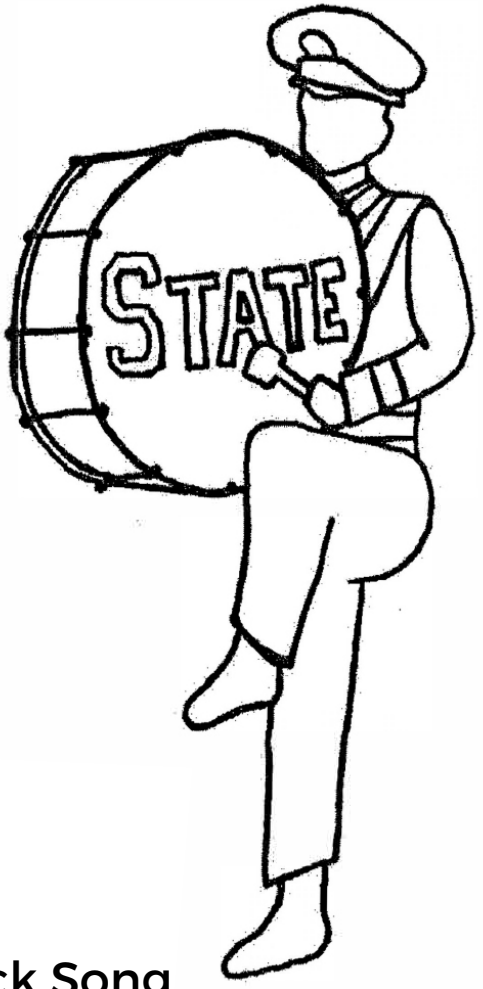
State Beverage

Tomato Juice

- Tomato Juice was adopted as the state beverage in 1965.
- Ohio has long been a national leader in the production of tomatoes and tomato juice.

HELP THE LADYBUG FIND THE CARNATION

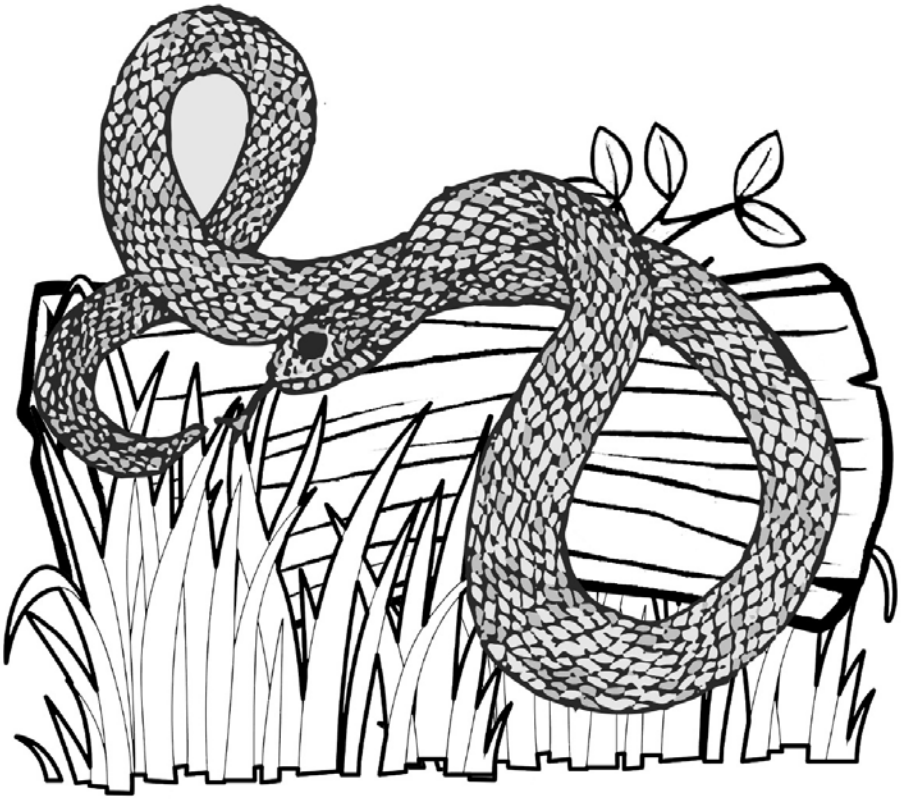




State Rock Song

Hang On Sloopy

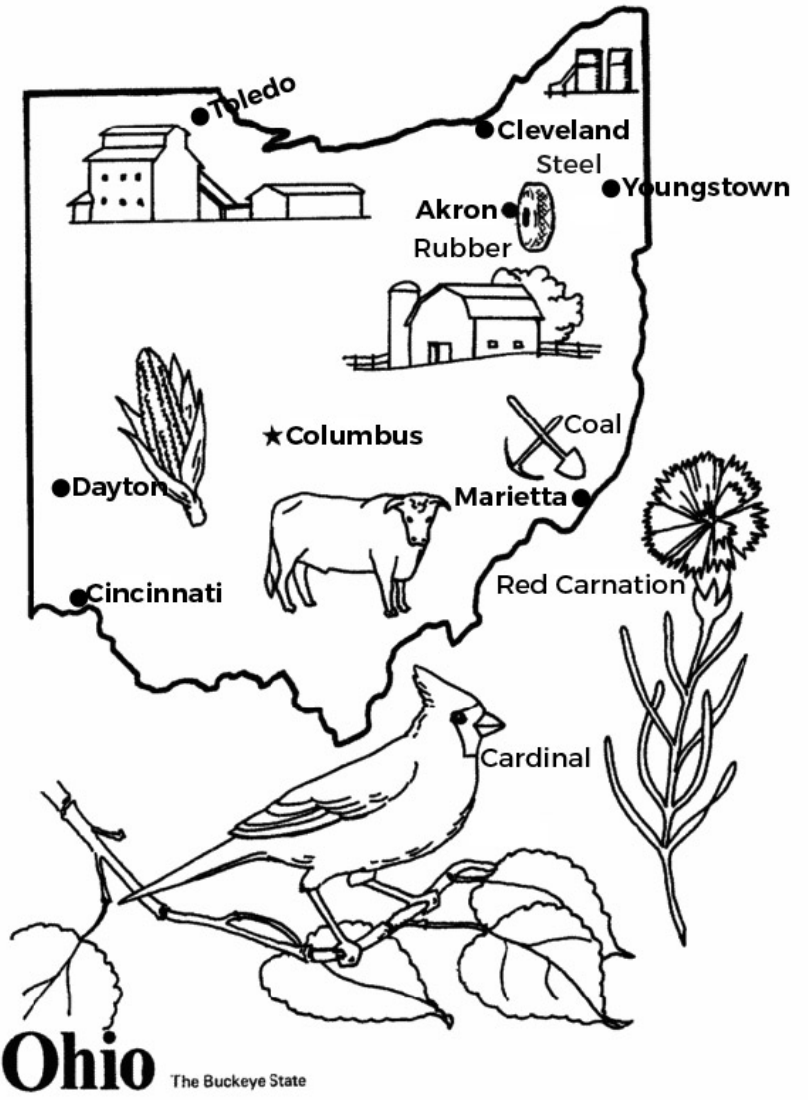
- *Hang on Sloopy* is Ohio's state rock song as of 1985.
- Rick Derringer from Celina, Ohio wrote this song for his band, The McCoys, in the 1960s.
- *Hang on Sloopy* is now a popular song played by the Ohio State Marching Band at Buckeye games.



State Reptile

Black Racer Snake

- In 1995, the black racer snake was named Ohio's official reptile.
- The snake can be found in each of Ohio's 88 counties and is called the "farmer's friend" because it eats disease carrying rodents.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The Buckeye State

State of Ohio Quarter

- The Ohio quarter, the second quarter of 2002 and 17th in the 50 State Quarters Program.
- The quarter honors the state's contribution to the history of aviation, depicting an early aircraft and an astronaut.

Ohio Counties

- Ohio has 88 counties.
- The three largest counties in Ohio by population are Franklin, Cuyahoga and Hamilton County.

OHIO
BY THE NUMBERS

- **948** - Ohio's tallest building, the 63-story Key Tower in Cleveland, is 948 feet tall.
- **44 percent** of Ohio is prime farmland.
- **75,000** - the number of spectators at the 1962 All-American Soap Box Derby. This event has been held in Akron, Ohio since the 1930s.
- **8** - More of our country's presidents came from Ohio than from any other state. Eight of 45 American presidents were elected from the Buckeye State, earning Ohio the nickname "the Mother of Presidents."
- **200** – Ohio produces more than 200 different crops. Corn and soybeans are tops by volume.
- **1869** - Both William Semple and Amos Tyler are credited with inventing chewing gum. Semple, a doctor from Mount Vernon, made his chewing gum out of rubber and claimed it could clean teeth. Tyler, a Toledo resident, patented chewing gum in July 1869.
- **30 minutes** - Former Governor James Rhodes proposed the idea that a college should be within a 30-minute drive for every Ohioan.

ANSWERS:

Crossword Puzzle
ACROSS
2. Democracy
5. Columbus
7. Cardinal
8. Ohio
9. Carnation

DOWN
1. Brutus
3. Election
4. Voting
6. Corn

Match that Fact
A. 3
B. 8
C. 6
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E. 10
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G. 2
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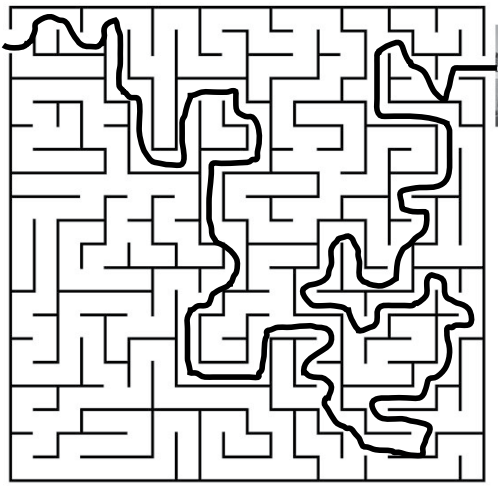

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