

State Geography is a curriculum-driven instructional tool from ABC-CLIO Schools citing an abundance of authoritative and comprehensive content which, along with customizing capabilities, makes it valuable for geography and social studies needs. It guides users in connecting the most-talked-about issues of our day with the foundations of geography.

To access State Geography:

Go to: RCPL (<http://www.myrpl.com>)

Click: **Research Tools**

Click: **Geography and Weather (or use the A-Z list of databases)**

Scroll to: **State Geography**

Click: **Inside the Library or Home Access**

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

★ After each question below, click *Home* in upper left corner.

1. I need to know the state symbols for South Carolina.

- Use the drop down menu at *Select a State Profile* to select *South Carolina*
- On far right of screen, click *State Symbols* (located under *Facts and Figures*)
- State symbols along with *Name Origin, Flag Origin, Motto*, etc. will be displayed.

2. How can I get a list of major rivers in Georgia?

- Click *Advanced Search*
- Type 'rivers' in the text box
- Select *Georgia* from the *State* list
- Select *Facts and Figures* from the *Category* list
- Click *Search* button
- The page for Georgia's *Facts and Figures* will be displayed. Major rivers are listed towards the end of the page.

3. Who are some notable individuals associated with the state of New York?

- Select *New York* from the *Select a State Profile* menu.
- Click the tab for *Biographies*.
- Once a specific biography has been opened, related biographical entries are hyperlinked on the right side of the screen.

4. I need some statistics comparing Florida and California.

- Under *Tools* (left of the screen) click *CLIOVIEW*.
- While holding down the Ctrl key, select *California* and *Florida* from the *State List*.
- Click *Add* button (both states will move to the *Selected States* box)
- Click *Submit* button
- Select up to three subcategories for comparison (i.e., *Population, Median Age, Natural Resources*, etc.)
- Click *Submit* button.
- Additional categories can, of course, be selected and searched as needed.

5. I need a map of Montana.

- Click *U.S. Map Search* (left of screen, under *Research*).
- Click *MT* (abbreviation for *Montana*).
- Click *View Flash Map*
- Customize the map by using the *Tools* list (i.e., showing or hiding city names, rivers, locations, etc.)