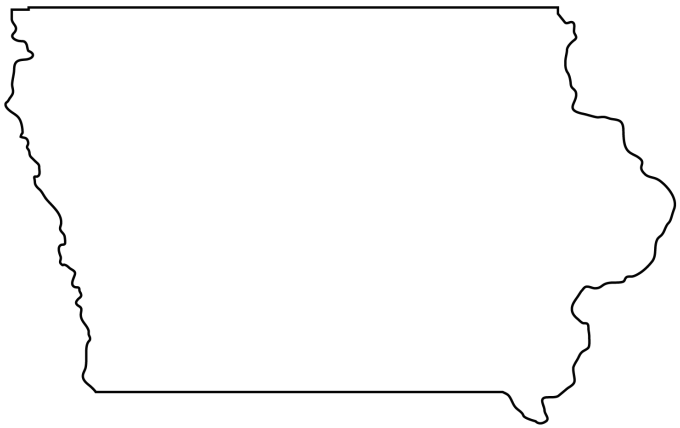
Name_____ Date_____

Iowa

Iowa is an Iowa Indian word that means "the beautiful land." The Hawkeye State is also sometimes known as the Corn State because farmland makes up about 90 percent of Iowa. It grows more corn than any other state and is also home to the biggest popcorn factory in the United States. Iowa's fertile soil is a great resource for producing about one-fifth of the nation's corn and contributing to the harvest of more acres of crops than any other state. Iowa also raises more hogs than any other state. Another crop that Iowa is known for is the Red Delicious Apple, which came from shoots of a lightning struck tree in the 1800s.

The Missouri River forms the western border of Iowa and part of the Mississippi river forms the eastern border of the state. These two major rivers provide waterfowl migration routes for thousands of birds in spring and fall. If you were to look at a map of the state of Iowa, you would see many rivers flowing across the state that merge into either the Missouri or the Mississippi Rivers. Some of the rivers include the Iowa River, Raccoon River, Cedar River, Skunk River, and Little Sioux River.



Nickname: The Hawkeye State

State Capital: Des Moines

State Flower: Wild Rose

State Bird: Goldfinch

Created by Stuckey in Second ©2016

Name_____ Date_____

Iowa

Comprehension Questions

Underline the text evidence in the passage that supports your answer to each question.

1. Which two rivers border Iowa?

_____

2. Name three rivers that flow through Iowa.

_____

3. According to the passage, what makes up about 90 percent of the land in Iowa?

_____

4. What is Iowa's state flower?

_____

5. What do you think waterfowl are? Which context clue in the text helped you figure this out?

_____

_____

Written Response

How is fertile soil a great resource for the state of Iowa? Use text evidence to support your answer.

_____

_____

_____

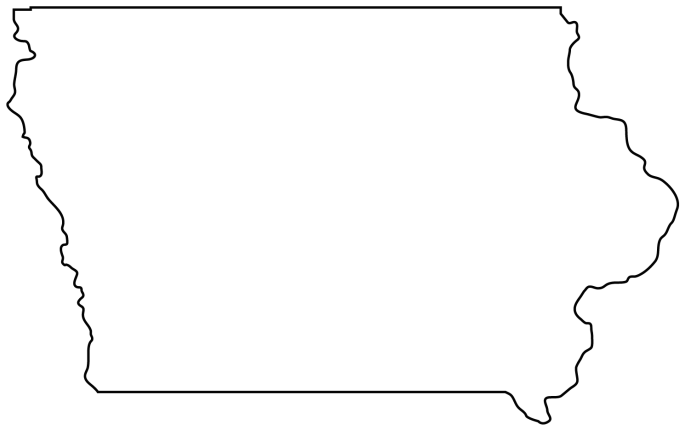
_____

_____

_____

_____

_____



Created by Stuckey in Second ©2016