**-US Geography (Cowazy Factoids)**

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1. The US is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ largest country in the world.
2. Every person in the world could fit into this state and have 1000 square feet of room \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Which state has over 5,000 earthquakes per year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The smallest state in the United States is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. The hottest temperature recorded in the United States (and in North America) was in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (state) on July 10, 1913. The temperature measured 134°F (56°C).
6. The deepest lake in the U.S. is [Crater Lake](http://www.nps.gov/crla/index.htm) located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (state). At 1,932 feet (589 m) it is the world's seventh deepest lake.
7. The only royal palace used by a monarch in the U.S. is located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(state).
8. What is the official language in the United States?
9. The lowest temperature ever recorded in the United States was in this state \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on January 23, 1971. The temperature was -80°F (-62°C).
10. This state has more parks and national monuments than any other state, more mountains than Switzerland, and more golf courses than Scotland \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Of the 50 states, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has one of the largest concentrations of **computer software firms**; one of the four larger concentrations of **biomedical firms**; the **youngest population**; one of the **highest birth rates**; the second lowest death rate; the **healthiest population**; the **highest literacy rate**; the highest percentage of high school graduates; and the highest number of people with a **college education**.
12. The only working diamond mine in the US is **Crater of Diamonds State Park** located in **Murfreesboro**, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. It is also the “only diamond producing site in the world that is open to the public.” **Visitors can keep whatever diamonds they find**.

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| **Fact** | **Implication (why is this an advantage?)** |
| Thanks to the Mid-West, the USA has the largest continuous mass of arable land (land that can be farmed) in the world. |  |
| The maritime transport system is the best in the world.  The Mississippi River, linked as it is to the Red, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee rivers, comprises the largest interconnected network of navigable rivers in the world. In the San Francisco Bay, Chesapeake Bay and Long Island Sound/New York Bay, the United States has three of the world’s largest and best natural harbors. The series of barrier islands a few miles off the shores of Texas and the East Coast form a water-based highway — an Intracoastal Waterway — that shields American coastal shipping from all but the worst that the elements can throw at ships and ports. |  |
| We have peaceful neighbors with Canada and Mexico and neither of them are a particular economic threat in their own right. |  |
| The United States is surrounded by two oceans: the Pacific and Atlantic. |  |