

Dear Students,

The United States Agency for Statehood has been informed that students in first grade across America have been studying about their states. We think it is time to consider the possibility of creating a new state. Since the last state to join our union was created before you were ever born, it is high time that you have a chance to participate in the design of the new state.

In order to create a state, you must become a state expert. You might want to know what you need to have a good state. Here are some of the things you'll want to consider:

- State name
- State Flag
- Symbols (state bird, song, tree/flower)
- Size and shape
- Location
- Landforms
- Capital
- Sights of interest
- Different kinds of areas: rural, urban
- a map

For the committee to evaluate your new state design, we would like your class to create a travel brochure that describes your state. Ask your teacher to see some sample brochures.

If your class is interested in this project, please let us know and we will send you more detailed information.

Sincerely,

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