

INDIAN GIVERS: AMERINDIAN STATE NAMES

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Americans have wiped off the map many of the aboriginal names, but the names of geographical features that cannot be owned by individuals, such as those of mountains and great rivers, have often been left with their Amerindian names (sometimes mangled by later arrivals). Here are the Amerindian origins of some US states. Can you name the states? (Indiana is not included, nor is the land of the Utes.)

- 1 Homeland (to cite the language of origin would give it away)
- 2 I open the thicket (Choctaw)
- 3 Big water (Chippewa)
- 4 Light on the mountains (Shoshone)
- 5 Beautiful water (Algonquian)

- 6 River in the flatness (Omaha)
- 7 Sky-colored water (Dakota Sioux)
- 8 Mainland (Inuit)
- 9 At the big hill (Algonquian)
- 10 Warriors (Algonquian)

- 11 Place of the small spring (Papago)
- 12 Sleepy person (Dakota)
- 13 Place of the south-wind people (Dakota)
- 14 At the long tidal river (Mohican)
- 15 Meadow (Iroquois)

- 16 Great River (Chippewa)
- 17 Beautiful (Iroquois)
- 18 At the big flats (Algonquian)
- 19 Red People (Choctaw)
- 20 Canoe (Algonquian)