

# Our 50 States Answer Key and Literature Guide

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### Lesson 1: Maine

1. What are some of the items the Wabanaki people made using trees?  
*tools, houses, birch bark canoes (page 2)*
2. Companies have built many mills in Maine that produce what? *paper (page 3)*
3. During part of the year, people on Cadillac Mountain are the first to see what? *sunrise (page 4)*
4. Cadillac Mountain is part of *Acadia National Park. (page 4)*
5. Where does the statue *Lady of Wisdom* stand in Maine? *On top of the State House (page 5)*

### Lesson 3: New Hampshire

1. God put an abundant supply of *granite* in the White Mountains. *(10)*
2. What is the name of the rock formation that is featured on the New Hampshire quarter? *Old Man of the Mountain (11)*
3. The Lost River disappears into a *gorge* that is partially filled with boulders. *(12)*
4. What was Concord once famous for making? *stagecoaches (12)*
5. Mount Washington is the tallest mountain in what region? *New England (13)*

### Lesson 5: Vermont

1. What maple product does Vermont produce more of than any other state?  
*maple syrup (20)*
2. Cabot Creamery won an award for the world's best *cheddar* cheese. *(20)*
3. When a fire broke out in the second state house in Montpelier in 1857, what did people throw onto the fire to try to put it out? *chunks of frozen snow (21)*
4. Workers cut *marble* out of the Danby Quarry. *(22)*
5. What is one type of fossil people have found in Vermont? *coral reef, mammoth, or beluga whale (22)*

### Lesson 7: Massachusetts

1. Mount Graylock is in the Berkshire Hills, which is part of what mountains?  
*Appalachian Mountains (28)*
2. *Boston* is the largest city in New England. *(29)*
3. Plimoth Plantation shows visitors what life was like for the *Pilgrims* who landed there in 1620. *(30)*
4. Some of the Wampanoag people live in the town of Aquinnah on what island?  
*Martha's Vineyard (30)*
5. Stellwagen Bank is one of the best places in the world to see what type of sea creature? *whales (31)*

### Lesson 9: Rhode Island

1. Roger Williams wanted Rhode Island to be a place for people of all *religions. (38)*
2. An *ecosystem* is a system in a particular area where certain plants, animals, weather, and landscapes work together. *(39)*
3. Roger Williams named the capital of Rhode Island Providence because he was thankful for what? *God's merciful providence to him (40)*
4. An *estuary* is an area where rivers and streams meet the ocean. *(40)*
5. The Breakers is a large *house (or home, mansion, or cottage)* in Newport. *(41)*

### Lesson 11: Connecticut

1. What body of water separates Connecticut and New York? *Long Island Sound (46)*
2. The hundreds of islands near New Haven are the *Thimble Islands. (47)*
3. Connecticut has a large land formation that looks like a sleeping what? *giant (47)*
4. What did a construction worker find in Connecticut in 1966? *dinosaur footprint (48)*
5. The Bible teaches us to *pray* for our government leaders. *(49)*

## New England Test

1. b. paper (3)
2. a. granite (10)
3. c. maple syrup (20)
4. b. Boston (29)
5. a. estuary (40)
6. c. Islands (47)
7. b. Texas
8. a. Rhode Island

## Lesson 13: New York

1. What is the largest city in America? *New York City* (56)
2. The *Hudson* River flows from the Adirondack Mountains to New York City. (57)
3. What did Lake Placid host in 1932 and again in 1980? *Olympic Winter Games* (58)
4. The St. Lawrence *Seaway* allows ships to travel from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes and then back again. (58)
5. Niagara Falls is on the border between the United States and what other country? *Canada* (59)

## Lesson 15: Pennsylvania

1. Pittsburgh has 446 *bridges*, more than any other city in the world. (65)
2. The town of Hershey is famous for making *chocolate*. (66)
3. Many *Amish* families live in Lancaster County and drive buggies pulled by horses. (67)
4. In what building in Philadelphia did men sign the Declaration of Independence? *Independence Hall* (67)
5. How long was Philadelphia the capital of the United States while workers built Washington, D.C.? *ten years* (67)

## Lesson 17: New Jersey

1. Geologists believe an extinct *volcano* lies under Ratan Hill. (74)
2. What forms the border between New Jersey and Delaware? *Delaware River* (75)
3. Millions of migrating *birds* come to Delaware Bay every spring to feast on the eggs of horseshoe crabs. (75)
4. The trees in a *maritime* forest withstand strong winds, flooding, and the salty spray of the ocean. (76)
5. What game has many places on its board that are named after places in Atlantic City? *Monopoly* (77)

## Lesson 19: Delaware

1. Some call the menhaden the most important *fish* in the sea. (82)
2. Fort Delaware is on an island in the Delaware River named after what garden vegetable? *peas* (83)
3. E. I. du Pont built a mill near Wilmington, Delaware, that produced what? *gunpowder* (84)
4. In 2015 the governor of Delaware issued an official *pardon* for Samuel Burris, the man who was sold on the steps of the Old State House in 1847. (85)
5. According to Ephesians 4:32, we should be *kind* to one another. (85)

## Lesson 21: Maryland

1. Wild *horses* live on Assateague Island. (92)
2. What is the largest estuary in the United States? *Chesapeake Bay* (93)
3. Many families on Smith Island earn their living catching *crabs*. (94)
4. What holds the dome of the Maryland State House together instead of nails? *wooden pegs* (94)
5. What river marks the border between Maryland and Virginia? *Potomac River* (95)

# Rabbit Hill

## by Robert Lawson (1944)

Little Georgie the rabbit can't wait to tell everyone: New Folks coming! New Folks coming into the Big House! All of the animals of Rabbit Hill, each with its own unique whimsical personality, react in different ways to the new neighbors. With humor and compassion, Lawson skillfully tells how the animals' fear and distrust grows into respect and gratefulness. The story is set in the Connecticut countryside.

Here are a few things that you as a parent might want to know are in this book (page numbers correspond to the edition published by Puffin Books in 2007):

- pp. 27-28: References to shotguns, rifles, traps, poisons, etc.
- pp. 48, 72: References to smoking
- pp. 48, 68, 76, 78, 90, 105, 108, 110, 113, 116, 121: Use of the words “dingblasted,” “gumdinged,” and “shucks”

# The Cabin Faced West

## by Jean Fritz (1958)

Based on the real-life experiences of her great-great-grandmother, Jean Fritz shares the trials, loneliness, and hardships of frontier life in western Pennsylvania through the eyes of ten-year-old Ann Hamilton. Ann realizes a new appreciation for frontier life after a special visitor stops by their cabin for dinner one night.

Twice when Ann is away from her house alone, she talks to and gets on a horse with a stranger. You might want to discuss with your child how that would not be a safe thing to do today.

