

10/26/25 How Much Do You Know About ... ?

Montana

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

We're bringing back this popular quiz – updated and improved. Each week (ish), we'll explore one US state. This week, we've randomly selected **MONTANA**. Let's see how much you know about this state where the largest snowflake ever recorded (15 inches) was found in 1887, where antelope, elk, and deer outnumber people, and which is one of only five US states with no sales taxes.

Instructions:

1. Divide the players evenly into teams (or as closely as possible).
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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Instructions: Find out how much you know about MONTANA from this quiz.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the capital of Montana?
2. Helena has a population of 28,190. There are five cities in Montana with larger populations. How many can you name?
3. Montana's state nickname is "Big _____ Country," due to its breathtaking landscapes and wide open expanses.
4. What four US states border Montana?
5. What three Canadian provinces border Montana?
6. What is the two-letter postal abbreviation for Montana?
7. The motto of Montana is "Oro y Plata," which is Spanish for ... what two ores?
8. Hoss Cartwright may have known that this type of pine is Montana's state tree.
9. The name Montana means "mountain," and the state is well known for its mountainous landscape, much of which is located in this major mountain range, which stretches from British Columbia to New Mexico.
10. Millions of tourists come to Montana each year to visit both Glacier National Park as well as this world's oldest national park, which is located in both Wyoming and Montana.
11. The Battle of the Little Bighorn, which took place in southern Montana in 1876, is best known as this man's "Last Stand."
12. For extra credit: The combined forces of the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho Indians helped the Native American alliance defeat the 7th Cavalry decisively. Can you name one of the four key Native American commanders and leaders involved in the Battle of the Little Bighorn?
13. What 1992 film, directed by Robert Redford, tells the story of two fly-fishing sons of a minister growing up in rural Montana?

Name these famous folks with Montana connections:

14. This Hollywood actor, best remembered for his role as sheriff Will Kane in the 1952 film *High Noon*, was born in Helena in 1901.
15. Though born and raised in New York City, this *All in the Family* star attended the University of Montana in Missoula and graduated in 1951 with degrees in drama and English.
16. This legendary daredevil, famous for his death-defying motorcycle jumps, was born and raised in Butte.
17. This former math teacher and infamous criminal moved into his remote Montana cabin in 1976, where he lived as a recluse until he was apprehended by the FBI in 1996.

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ANSWERS

1. Helena
2. Billings (104,170); Missoula (66,789); Great Falls (58,505); Bozeman (37,280); Butte (34,525)
3. Big Sky Country
4. Wyoming (south); Idaho (west); North Dakota and South Dakota (east)
5. British Columbia; Alberta; Saskatchewan
6. MT
7. Gold and Silver
8. Ponderosa
9. The Rocky Mountains
10. Yellowstone National Park
11. George Armstrong Custer.
12. *Extra credit answer: Sitting Bull (Lakota), Crazy Horse (Lakota), Chief Gall (Lakota), and Lane White Man (Cheyenne)*
13. *A River Runs Through It*

Montana Connections:

14. Gary Cooper
15. Carroll O'Connor
16. Evel Knievel
17. Ted Kaczynski, The Unabomber