

9/7/25 How Much Do You Know About ... ?

# Wyoming

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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 **WYOMING**. Let's see how much you know about this state, the home of the world's first National Park.

## 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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## QUESTIONS

1. What is the capital of Wyoming?
2. What is the only other Wyoming city with a population greater than 50,000?
3. Six US states share a border with Wyoming. How many can you name?
4. Which of the following cities has a smaller population (according to 2024 numbers) than the entire state of Wyoming: Boston, Portland (OR), or Miami?
5. What mountain range runs through western Wyoming?
6. Who owns almost half of all the land in Wyoming?
7. Federal lands in Wyoming include two national parks. Can you name one?
8. What is the name of the famous geyser in Yellowstone National Park?
9. What are the Chinooks, that occur usually in mid-winter?
10. What time zone is Wyoming in?
11. Wyoming is split in half by the Continental Divide, which means that the rivers in western Wyoming, (such as the Snake River) flow into the Columbia River and ultimately drain into the Pacific Ocean. In eastern Wyoming, the rivers (such as the Big Horn and the Yellowstone) flow into this other major river and ultimately drain into the Gulf of Mexico.
12. Wyoming is known as "The Equality State" because it was the first to extend this right to women.
13. What is the postal abbreviation for Wyoming?
14. This department store was founded in Kemmerer, Wyoming in 1902 by William Henry McManus and James Cash Penney.
15. This animal, which once roamed North America in vast numbers, is depicted on the Wyoming state flag.

16. Famous people connected to Wyoming:
  - a. Name the US Republican Congresswoman from Wyoming who was voted out of office in 2023 due to her opposition to President Trump.
  - b. Some of the western scenes in the movie *Dances with Wolves* were shot in Wyoming. Who produced, directed and starred in that 1990 blockbuster?
  - c. This abstract impressionist painter, famous for his technique of pouring and splashing paint on canvas, was born in Cody, Wyoming in 1912.
  - d. The actor who played Han Solo in *Star Wars* and the actress who starred in *The Blind Side* and *Miss Congeniality* both own homes in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.
  - e. This star of *The Big Chill* and *Fatal Attraction* owns a 1,000 acre ranch in Wyoming.
  - f. This Nobel Prize-winning author spent many summers in Wyoming, and wrote much of *For Whom the Bell Tolls* there.
  - g. Hole-in-the-Wall is a remote pass in the Big Horn Mountains of Johnson County, Wyoming. It served as a hideout for outlaws, including Kid Curry, Black Jack Ketchum, and these two desperado partners whose story was told in a 1969 movie starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman.

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## ANSWERS

1. Cheyenne. With a population of 65,000, Cheyenne is the most populous city in Wyoming.
2. Casper (population 59,000)
3. Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Idaho
4. Miami. With a total 2024 population of 587,000, Wyoming is the least populous state in the US. Miami had 487,000 people in 2024, Portland had 635,000, and Boston had 673,000.
5. The Rocky Mountains
6. The US government
7. Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park
8. Old Faithful
9. The Chinooks are strong winds that bring very warm temperatures from the ocean to the plains. Chinook winds have been known to melt a foot-deep snow cover in less than one day.
10. Mountain
11. The Missouri River
12. The right to vote
13. WY
14. JC Penney
15. The American bison (or buffalo)
16. Famous people connected to Wyoming:
  - a. Liz Cheney
  - b. Kevin Costner
  - c. Jackson Pollock
  - d. Harrison Ford and Sandra Bullock
  - e. Glenn Close
  - f. Ernest Hemingway
  - g. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid