

Map #33

Monday:

1. Name three physical features that help make Missouri a major tourist state.
2. Name three famous Americans who have historic building or monuments named after them in Missouri.

Tuesday:

1. Why do people visit the Meramec Caverns?
2. Pony Express riders could make the 1,966-mile journey in 10 days or less. Which cities did they travel to and from?

Wednesday:

1. Which city is noted for its musical entertainment value? In which part of the state is the city located?
2. Which historic site is located in Independence, MO? Write a fact about that site.

Thursday:

1. Mark Twain has a cave and a national forest named after him. Why?
2. The Gateway Arch is considered a historic site. Where is it located, and why is the monument historically significant?

Friday:

1. Why is Missouri called a “spelunker’s paradise”?
2. The tourist map of Missouri is also called a geopolitical map. What is a geopolitical map?

Challenge:

What are the reasons behind each of Missouri’s famous nicknames: Cave State, Mother of the West, Ozark State, and the Show Me State?

A Tourist Map: Missouri

Fun Facts

- Missouri is called "The Show Me State."
- Branson is home to more than 40 theaters that offer live musical performances by major artists.
- The Gateway Arch rises 630 feet (192 m). It commemorates St. Louis's role in the settlement of the West.
- The Harry S. Truman Library in Independence houses over three million documents from his presidency.
- Mark Twain, the famous writer and creator of *Tom Sawyer* and *Huckleberry Finn*, was born and raised in Missouri.
- Pony Express riders carried mail between St. Joseph, MO, and Sacramento, CA, from 1860 to 1861.
- Lake of the Ozarks is one of the largest artificially created lakes in the world.
- Missouri has more than 5,600 recorded caves featuring stalactites, stalagmites, cave life, and fossil remains.
- Meramec Caverns was a hideout for the outlaw Jesse James. It has five levels, and the first room of the cave is large enough to hold 300 cars.
- George Washington Carver, a famous scientist who made more than 300 products from peanuts, was born a slave on a farm in Missouri.

