

NAVIGATING THE PAGES OF THIS ATLAS

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"GOD ENRICHES" **ARIZONA** RANK 48
 TRAVEL GUIDE PHOENIX www.arizona.gov

BY THE NUMBERS:
 Population: 6.6 million Area: 113,909 sq. mi.
 Median Annual Household Income: \$48,689 Population Density: 58 per sq. mi.
 Highest Point: Humphreys Peak 12,637 ft. Largest City: Phoenix 1.5 million

ARIZONA 18



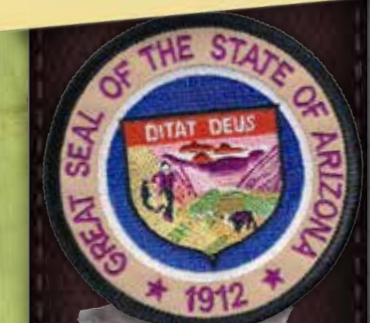
Cactus Wren



Palo Verde



Saguaro Cactus Bloom



FAMOUS FOLKS

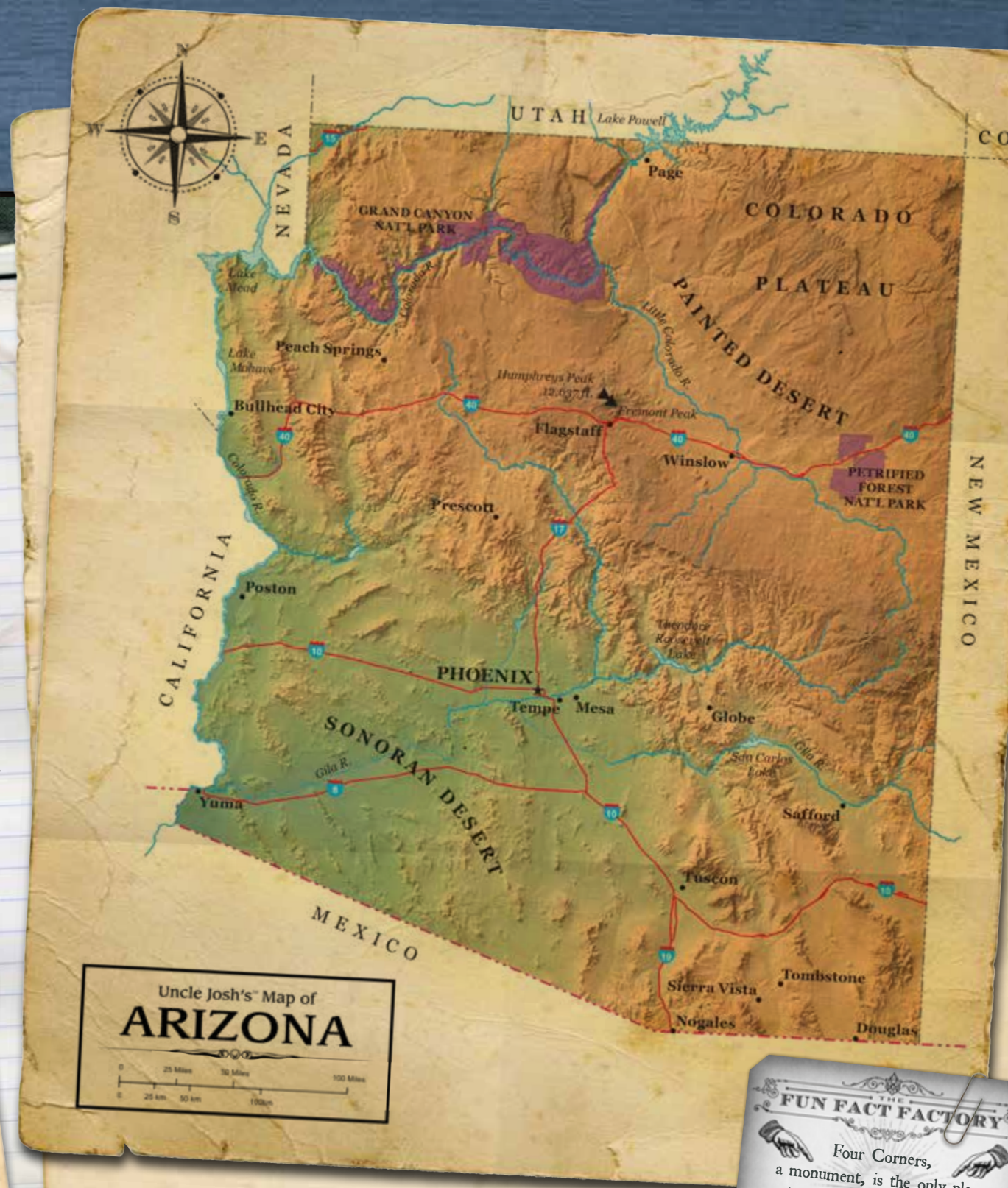
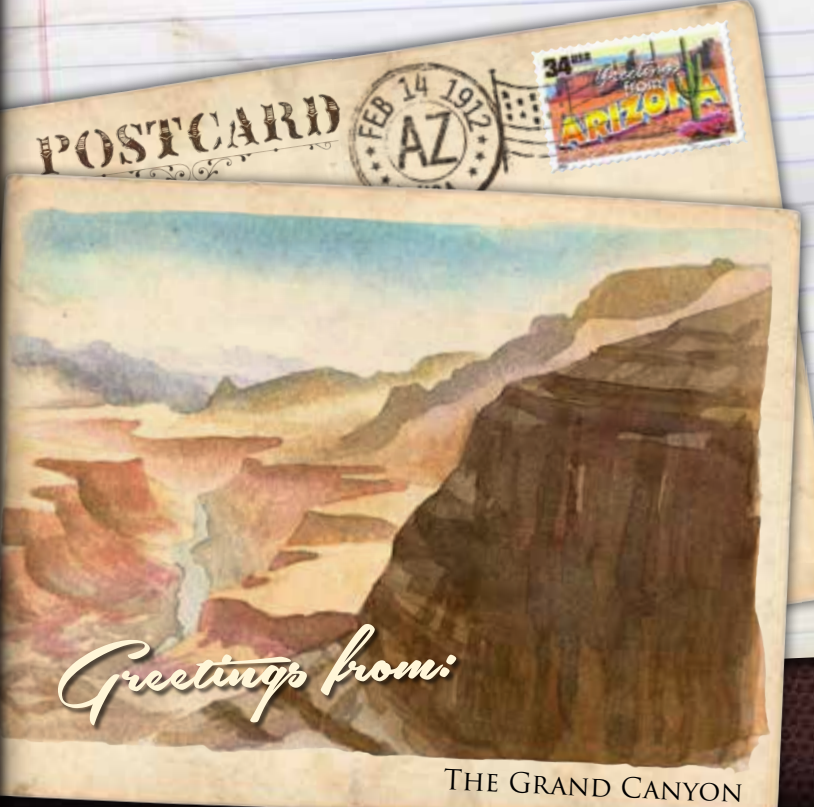
Geronimo
 Famous Apache tribal chief who resisted government control until surrendering in 1886

Barry M. Goldwater
 Five-term U.S. Senator and 1964 presidential candidate

Kerri Strug
 Known for her gold medal-winning vault as a part of "The Magnificent Seven" at the 1996 Olympics

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Arizona is the sixth largest state in the country. The vastness of the state is perhaps one reason why its geography is so varied. The northeastern corner is home to the Colorado Plateau, which extends into the surrounding states. The Grand Canyon is actually a large fissure in the plateau. The Colorado River provides much needed water to a state that receives very little rainfall—averaging 13 inches a year. Multiple deserts in Arizona include the Sonoran Desert in the south and the Painted Desert in the north. Additional geography features include several mountain peaks, such as Fremont Peak and Humphreys Peak. Arizona's climate is dry, but the temperatures can vary greatly from one region of the state to another. It can be hot in the desert, while the mountains are covered in snow.



Uncle Josh's Map of ARIZONA

PLACES TO VISIT

1. Grand Canyon National Park, home of the Grand Canyon
2. Lowell Observatory, one of the country's largest astronomy sites
3. Saguaro National Park, where you can see the state flower and visit Mica Mountain
4. Petrified Forest National Park, which features huge fossilized logs in the desert

THE FUN FACT FACTORY
 Four Corners, a monument, is the only place in the country where four states touch each other.

GRAND CANYON
 Arizona's landscape features some spectacular sights, including the Grand Canyon. It is a mile deep and 227 miles long. (A canyon is a deep ravine most likely formed from erosion by a river.) On average, the Grand Canyon is 10 miles wide, but it is as much as 18 miles wide in some places. While it is not the largest canyon in the world, it is considered one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

NAVAJO CODE TALKERS
 During World War II, the United States' important encoded military messages were being easily deciphered by Japanese intelligence. The Navajo, a tribe of Native Americans, had a language that was complex, unique, and very rare. A handful of Navajo men were recruited to develop a code that would ensure the safety of strategic military communication. The code was an important part of the country's victory in World War II.

GUNFIGHT AT THE O.K. CORRAL
 The West was a place where many criminals went to hide out from the law. This led to altercations that went on to become legendary. One battle was a gunfight between outlaws and a group of men including Wyatt Earp. This gunfight, at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone in 1881, has been depicted in many cowboy stories and movies.

STATE QUARTER



The state quarter features the Grand Canyon and the saguaro cactus.

NOTABLE EVENTS

1200	1539	1775	1848	1853	1880	1912	1919
Oraibi, a Hopi village, is built	Marcos de Niza becomes first European to explore Arizona	Fort Tucson established	Northern Arizona becomes part of the United States	Gadsden Purchase puts all of Arizona under U.S. control	Southern Pacific Railroad reaches Arizona, connecting it to the eastern U.S.	Arizona becomes 48th state to join the Union	Founding of Grand Canyon National Park



STATE FLAG
 The top stripes of the Arizona flag represent the original 13 stars and a western sunset. The star in the center is copper-colored, symbolic of the fact that Arizona leads the nation in copper production.