Independence Date: July 4, 1776
Capital: Washington, DC
National Motto: In God We Trust
National Floral Emblem: Rose
National Bird: Bald Eagle
Patriotic Symbol: Statue of Liberty
Capital: Frankfurt
Statehood Date: June 1, 1792 (never a territory, it was part of Virginia until statehood)
15th State
State Motto: United we stand, divided we fall
State Flower: Goldenrod
State Bird: Northern cardinal
State Tree: Tulip poplar
Nickname: The Bluegrass State

KENTUCKY
KY

Capital: Augusta
Statehood Date: March 15, 1820
(what is now the state of Maine, before statehood, was called the District of Maine and belonged to Massachusetts)
23rd State
State Motto: I Direct
State Floral Emblem: Pine cone and tassel
State Bird: Black-capped chickadee
State Tree: White pine
Nickname: The Pine Tree State

MAINE
ME

Capital: Baton Rouge
Statehood Date: April 20, 1812 (with certain boundary changes, had been the Territory of Orleans)
18th State
State Motto: Union, Justice, and Confidence
State Flower: Magnolia
State Bird: Brown pelican
State Tree: Bald cypress
Nickname: The Pelican State

LOUISIANA
LA
STATEHOOD DATE: APRIL 28, 1788
CAPITAL: ANNAPOLIS
7TH STATE
STATE MOTTO: MANLY DEEDS WOMANLY WORDS
STATE FLOWER: BLACK-EYED SUSAN
STATE BIRD: BALTIMORE ORIOLE
STATE TREE: WHITE OAK
NICKNAME: THE OLD LINE STATE

STATEHOOD DATE: FEB. 6, 1788
CAPITAL: BOSTON
6TH STATE
STATE MOTTO: BY THE SWORD WE SEEK PEACE, BUT PEACE ONLY UNDER LIBERTY
STATE FLOWER: MAYFLOWER
STATE BIRD: BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE
STATE TREE: AMERICAN ELM
NICKNAME: THE BAY STATE

STATEHOOD DATE: MAY 11, 1858
CAPITAL: ST. PAUL
32ND STATE
STATE MOTTO: THE STAR OF THE NORTH
STATE FLOWER: PINK AND WHITE LADY’S SLIPPER
STATE BIRD: COMMON LOON
STATE TREE: RED PINE (NORWAY PINE)
NICKNAME: THE NORTH STAR STATE
STATE OF MICHIGAN

Statehood Date: Jan. 26, 1837
Capital: Lansing
26th State
State Motto: If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you
State Flower: Apple blossom
State Bird: American robin
State Tree: White pine
Nickname: The Great Lakes State

STATE OF MISSOURI

Statehood Date: Aug. 10, 1821 (The state was much smaller than the territory. The area to the west and northwest of the state, which had been in the territory, was commonly known as the “Missouri Country” until May 30, 1854, and certain of the post offices in this area show a Missouri abbreviation in the postmark.
Capital: Jefferson City
24th State
State Motto: The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law
State Flower: Hawthorn blossom
State Bird: Eastern bluebird
State Tree: Flowering dogwood
Nickname: The Show Me State

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Statehood Date: Dec. 10, 1817
Capital: Jackson
20th State
State Motto: By valor and arms
State Flower: Magnolia
State Bird: Northern mockingbird
State Tree: Magnolia
Nickname: The Magnolia State
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