MARYLAND

State Nickname: Old Line State/ Free State

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The Capitol of Maryland is in Annapolis.

The state bird is the Baltimore Oriole.

The state tree is the White Oak.

FUN FACTS:

In the Maryland Court of Appeals, Maryland is the only state where the judges wear red.

The Chesapeake Bay in Maryland accounts for over 50% of the total Blue Crab landing, making Blue Crab Maryland's most famous seafood.

Sometimes called "America in Minature" because nearly every kind of terrain - except a desert - can be found there.

The official motto of Maryland is "Fatti maschii parole femine," generally translated as "strong deeds, gentle words."

The official state flower of Maryland is the Black-Eyed Susan.

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Established July 4, 1776

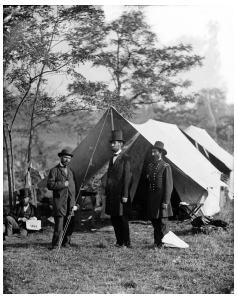
The state flag of Maryland features a unique design of a quartered pattern of black and gold quadrants that represent the Calvert family and red and white quadrants representing the Crossland family. The Maryland flag stands as a symbol of unity, reflecting the blend of two families that contributed significantly to the state's foundation.

STATE FACTS:

- Square Miles: 12,407
- **42nd Largest State**
- **Largest City: Baltimore**
- **75 State Parks**
- **Highest Point: 3,360 feet, Hoye Crest**

HISTORY IN MARYLAND:

Francis Scott Key wrote the Star-Spangled Banner here.



Battle of Antietam was the Civil War's bloodiest battle in Maryland

Became an important part of the Underground Railroad, thanks to Maryland native, Harriet Tubman.

Baltimore Ravens

Maryland's football team honors the legacy of Edgar Allan Poe's poem, "The Raven."