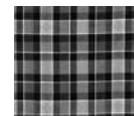
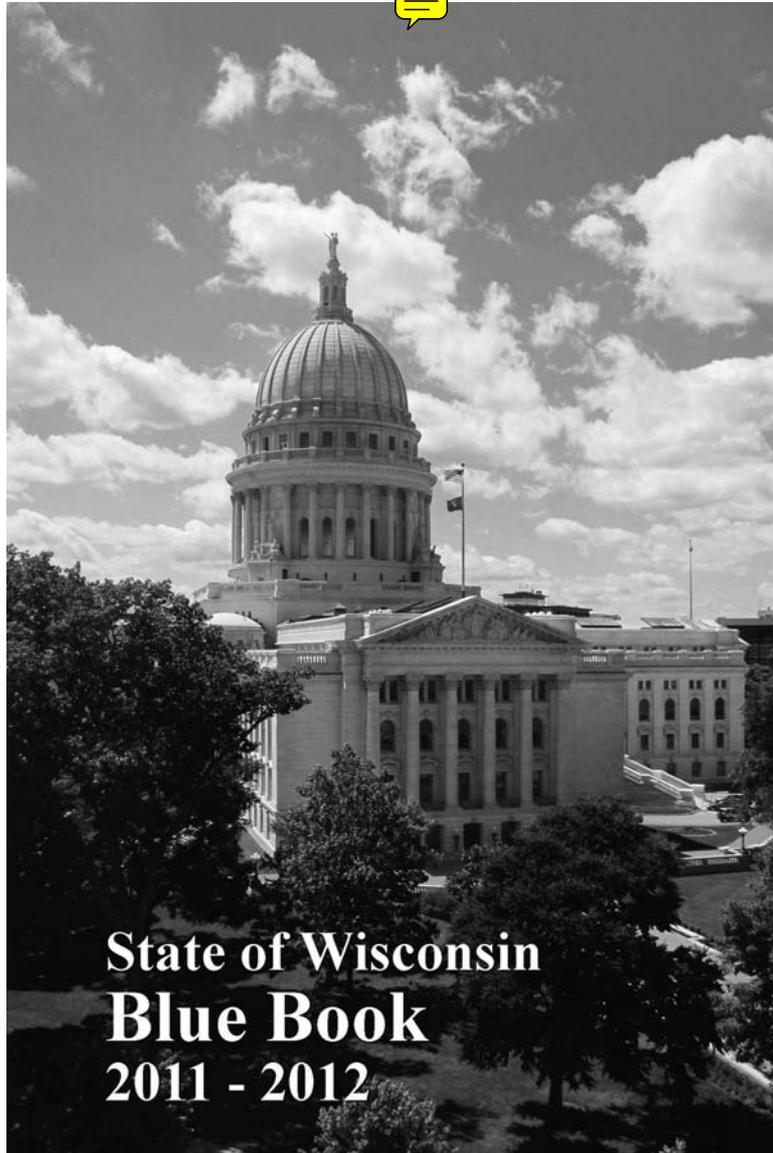


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the 2011-2012 Wisconsin Blue Book



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Introduction

How many people live in Wisconsin? Where are state parks and forests located? Did you know that there is a state fossil? The answers to these and many other questions can be found in the *2011-2012 Wisconsin Blue Book*, the almanac of facts about Wisconsin. This workbook is a study companion to the current *Blue Book*, designed to help elementary students understand how to use this important resource and get to know their state government. We hope that it will help them grow as informed citizens of Wisconsin.

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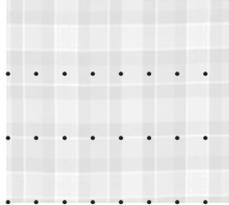
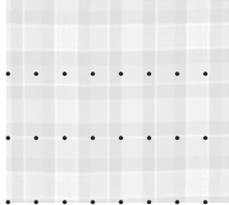
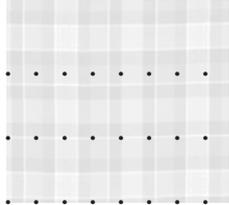
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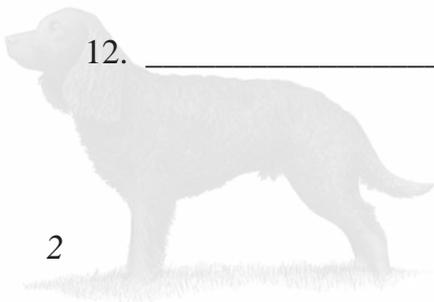
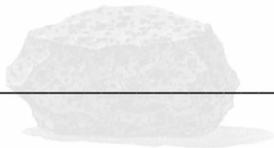
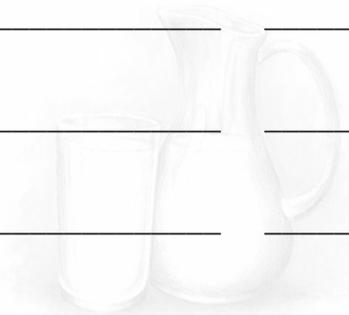
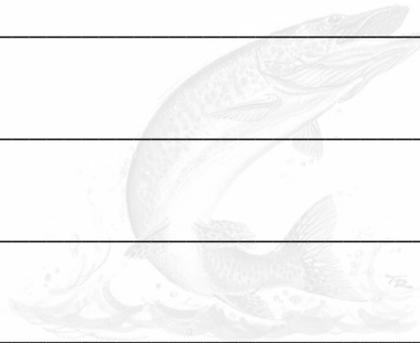
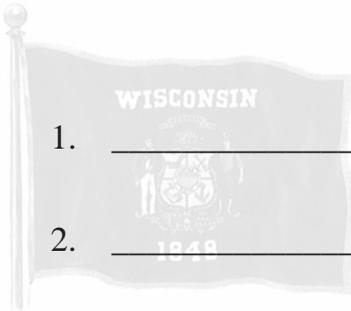


Getting Started

Using the Table of Contents (pages vi-x), make an outline of the *Blue Book* for your easy reference. List the 12 major sections of the book and the page they start on.

Section name

First page



Getting Started

One of the most useful parts of the *Blue Book* is the Biographies section (p. 1-98), containing photos and information on Wisconsin's elected officials. What do you know about your elected officials? This section will provide the answers.

Senate

1. Which senate district are you in?
(Use map on p. 87)

2. What is the name and party of your state senator?

3. What is your senator's telephone number?

4. E-mail address?

5. Mailing address?

Assembly

1. Which assembly district are you in?
(Use map on p. 88-89)

2. What is the name and party of your state representative?

3. What is your representative's telephone number?

4. E-mail address?

5. Mailing address?

Wisconsin Constitution

When the early settlers came to Wisconsin, they wrote the Constitution to set down rules that the new state should use to govern itself. The Wisconsin Constitution is a document that outlines the organization, standards, and purposes of government. It also sets forth the basic rights of Wisconsin citizens.

1. The Constitution is divided into sections called “articles.” How many articles are there?

2. In what year was the Wisconsin Constitution adopted by Wisconsin voters?

3. Article I of the Constitution sets forth certain fundamental rights. List four rights that the people of Wisconsin want to protect.

4. The purpose of the Constitution is stated in the Preamble. Where in the Constitution is the Preamble found?

Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch is responsible for making the laws of Wisconsin. Members of the state legislature come from every area in Wisconsin.

1. The Wisconsin Legislature is made up of two houses. What are they called?

2. How many members are in each house? _____ and _____

3. Who is the President of the Senate? _____

4. Who is the Speaker of the Assembly? _____

5. How long is the term for a Senator? _____ For a Representative? _____

6. What is the address for the Internet home page of the Wisconsin Legislature?

7. According to the session schedule on page 242, when was Inauguration Day in 2011?

8. Use the table on p. 261 to answer questions about the 2011 Legislature.

a. How many representatives have an education beyond high school? _____

b. How many senators are attorneys? _____

c. How many women are in the Legislature? _____

9. According to the table on p. 290, how many bills were introduced during the 2009-10 session? _____

10. How many of those bills became acts?

Executive Branch

The Executive Branch was created to execute (put into practice) the laws passed by the legislature. It is headed by the Governor, who is elected by the people, and the Governor appoints others to help run the state government. The Executive Branch consists of many departments with various responsibilities. The Department of Transportation, for example, oversees state highways and vehicle licensing, and the Department of Public Instruction oversees school standards. When answering the questions below, don't forget to use the Index!

1. Who is the current Governor?

2. What is the Internet address of the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection?

3. What agency oversees the homes for veterans?



Governor Walker signing the budget bill. (Jay Salvo)

Executive Branch

4. Where is the State Historical Society headquartered?

5. Who is Secretary of the Department of Children and Families?

6. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is in charge of the Department of Public Instruction. He has many assistant superintendents who help run the department. Who is the Assistant Superintendent of the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning?

7. Which department monitors air quality?

8. Which regional agency runs Miller Park?

9. What is the e-mail address of the Secretary of State?



Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch provides justice to the state's citizens in the form of courts and interprets the law in cases of dispute. The Judicial Branch consists of the Supreme Court, which is the highest court in the state, as well as the Court of Appeals, the Circuit Courts, and the Municipal Courts. Most trials start at the Circuit Court level, and decisions can be appealed to the higher courts.



Members of the Supreme Court welcome new legislators participating in the orientation program. (Tom Sheehan)

1. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

2. Who is currently Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

Judicial Branch



3. What is the term length for a member of the Supreme Court?

4. In which month are judges elected?



5. Name a Circuit Court judge in your county.

6. How many municipal courts are there?

7. What toll free number can you call for reference assistance at the State Law Library?

8. Who is the president of the State Bar of Wisconsin?

9. Who is the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals?



Statistics

The *Wisconsin Blue Book* has a large section dealing with statistics about the state. Use this section to answer the following questions.

1. How many pounds of American cheese were produced in Wisconsin in 2009?

2. What is the dominant feature of Kohler-Andrae State Park?

3. How many 4th graders attended public school in the 2010-11 school year? Is the number up or down from the previous year?

4. Who is the Lafayette County Sheriff?

5. How many votes did Ronald Reagan get in Wisconsin during the 1984 presidential election?

6. When was your county created?

7. How many Wisconsin soldiers served in the Korean Conflict?

8. What weekly newspaper is published in West Salem?

9. How many people in Wisconsin are between the ages of 10-14, according to the 2009 estimate?

Statistics

10. How many passengers went through General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee during 2010?

11. What is the ZIP code for Caroline?

12. What is Wisconsin's national rank in egg production?

13. How many Wisconsin school districts have less than 1,000 pupils?

14. How many Wisconsin students were enrolled in home-based private educational programs for the 2009-10 school year?

15. What counties does the Winnefox Public Library System serve?

16. Where is the birthplace of Wisconsin Governor Arthur MacArthur?

17. Walter W. "Red" Smith was the first sportswriter to receive what award?

18. What are the call letters of the La Crosse TV station on digital channel 23?

19. The historical marker found in Pepin County at Highway 35, Pepin Park is on what subject?

20. What was the Wisconsin population in 1910?

Famous Citizens of Wisconsin

(pages 691-694)

Match the descriptions in the left column to the names in the right column.

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. First black attorney in Wisconsin_____ | a. Mildred Harnack |
| 2. Winnebago posthumously awarded Congressional Medal of Honor_____ | b. Laura Ingalls Wilder |
| 3. Called the “father of the Supercomputer”_____ | c. Georgia O’Keeffe |
| 4. Founder of the Green Bay Packers_____ | d. Laura Ross Wolcott |
| 5. Painter awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom_____ | e. Harry Houdini |
| 6. UW-Madison president during the 1870s and 1880s_____ | f. Charles McCarthy |
| 7. Chemist: devised butterfat content test_____ | g. William T. Green |
| 8. Magician and escape artist_____ | h. John Bascom |
| 9. Wrote <i>Little House on the Prairie</i> _____ | i. Owen J. Gromme |
| 10. Playwright and novelist; received Pulitzer Prize for <i>Our Town</i> _____ | j. Daniel Hale Williams |
| 11. Doctor; first physician to perform open heart surgery_____ | k. Thornton Wilder |
| 12. First woman physician in Wisconsin_____ | l. Earl L. Lambeau |
| 13. Author of <i>The Wisconsin Idea</i> _____ | m. Cordelia Harvey |
| 14. Woman war hero who resisted the Nazis in Germany_____ | n. Orson Welles |
| 15. Director and actor; directed and starred in the movie <i>Citizen Kane</i> _____ | o. Tom Snyder |
| 16. Painter of the 1945 federal duck stamp_____ | p. Stephen Babcock |
| 17. Established military hospitals during the Civil War_____ | q. Seymour Cray |
| 18. Circus promoter of the “Greatest Show on Earth”_____ | r. Mitchel Red Cloud, Jr. |
| 19. Late night TV talk show host_____ | s. Carl Laemmle |
| 20. Built Universal City Studios_____ | t. Albert Ringling |

State Symbols

Find the 17 state symbols hidden in the puzzle.



- American water spaniel
- Antigo silt loam
- badger
- corn
- cranberry
- dairy cow
- galena
- honeybee
- milk
- muskellunge
- polka
- redgranite
- robin
- sugar maple
- trilobite
- whitetailed deer
- wood violet

R	I	G	R	F	L	C	D	U	A	N	V	P	B	J	W	T	H	V	V
R	V	S	Y	R	N	T	F	P	R	O	B	I	N	G	F	O	A	V	U
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E	L	Q	M	C	Q	O	X	M	E	Q	E	H	O	A	K	L	O	P	X
A	M	E	R	I	C	A	N	W	A	T	E	R	S	P	A	N	I	E	L
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