

STUDENT GUIDE

NAME: _____

PROJECT TITLE: MATTER OF STATE

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Create a symbol that depicts a unique characteristic of your state.

PROJECT SEQUENCE:

- 1. DREAM
- 2. DESIGN
- 3. MAKE
- 4. SHARE
- 5. REFLECT

1 DREAM



1. Brainstorm a list of five things that make your state unique!

- What is something special about your state?
- What do you like to do in your state?
- Do people come from other states to enjoy something in your state?

MY LIST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

2 DESIGN



2. Choose an idea from your list and make it the main focus of your state symbol design.

DESIGN (CONT.)



3. Now sketch your state symbol. Be sure to label all the parts of your symbol, and list the materials you will use.

- What materials will work best when building your symbol?
- Can you combine materials in any way?
- Will you need additional supplies to add detail (e.g., paint, craft sticks, glue, etc.)?
- Is your symbol easy to recognize and understand?
- How can you take your design to the next level?

Sketch your state symbol:

Materials List:

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4. Collect your materials and build your state symbol.

5. Now, take a minute to write down three things that are working, three things that aren't working, and how you'll fix each one to make your state symbol even better.

| What's working? | What isn't working? | How will you fix it? |
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4
SHARE



6. Share your state symbol with a partner or in a group, and explain why you chose it and how you built it.

5
REFLECT



7. Reflect on what you learned by answering the following questions in a group or in a notebook.

Reflection Questions:

- On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, rate the success of your project. Why did you give it this rating?
- What did you learn today?
- What did you enjoy about this project?
- What did you find challenging?
- What could you have done differently?