

Full Name: _____ Date: _____ Class Period: _____

SELECTED LEADING U.S. CITIES

DIRECTIONS: Identify the city based on its description by writing its name and the abbreviation of its state on the line provided.

<u>CITY/STATE</u>	<u>NICKNAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1. _____	The Big Easy	This port city is one of the oldest cities in America and is well known for its multicultural heritage, cuisine, architecture, music (birthplace of jazz), & Mardi Gras. It is the 62 nd most populous city.
2. _____	The Big Peach	This city is a top business city as it is home to Coke, Delta Airlines, Home Depot, UPS, etc. It is also a transportation hub; Hartsfield-Jackson is the world's busiest airport. It is the 33 rd most populous city, but its metro region is one of the fastest growing areas and the 8 th largest in the U.S.
3. _____	City of the Saints	This city was founded by Mormons led by Brigham Young and is still the headquarters of their church. Because of its position on the First Transcontinental Railroad, it was called the Crossroads of the West. Today, it is known for its outdoor recreation/skiing industry; it hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics. It is the industrial banking center of the U.S. It is the 125 th most populous city.
4. _____	The Magic City	This city is a global city with the largest concentration of international banks in the U.S. Its port accommodates the most cruise ships in the world. It is known for its South Beach and its skyline is the third highest behind New York and Chicago. It is the 42 nd most populous city & 7 th largest metro area.
5. _____	The City of Brotherly Love	This inland port city is historically significant as the Declaration of Independence was signed there and it was the first capital of the U.S. It is famous for scrapple, hoagies, soft pretzels & cheese steaks. It is the 6 th most populous city and the 5 th largest metro area.
6. _____	The Motor City	This city is a major port city and the only major U.S. city that is north of Canada. It is known as the world's automotive center and is famous for popular music. It is the 11 th most populous city/metro area.
7. _____	The Windy City	The 3 rd most populous city became important as a railroad hub. It is also famous for 1920's gangsters, the Sears Tower, ethnic cuisine (deep dish pizza), and the 2 nd busiest airport in the world, O'Hare.
8. _____	Bean Town	This city is one of the oldest cities in the U.S., and home to several major events of the American Revolution, America's first public school, college (Harvard), and subway system. It is also known for its high cost of living. It is the 21 st most populous city, but the 10 th largest metropolitan area.
9. _____	Space City	This city is sometimes called the nation's Energy Capital and is home to more Fortune 500 companies than any city but New York. It is mainly known for NASA's Mission Control Center. It is the 4 th most populous city and 7 th largest metro area.
10. _____	City of Angels	This city is a world leader in business, culture, fashion, media and entertainment; and home of Hollywood. It is the 2 nd most populous city/metro area, and the 2 nd largest in terms of area.
11. _____	The Big Apple	This city is a leading global city and the most populous city/metro area in the U.S. It was the 2 nd capital of the U.S. Some of the main attractions include the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, Ground Zero, Ellis Island, Wall Street, Broadway and the U.N. headquarters.
12. _____	Murder Capital of America	This city is legally named the District of Columbia and serves as the nation's capital. Its main attractions are government buildings, national memorials, and the Smithsonian Institute. It is the 27 th most populous city, but the 9 th largest metro area.

SELECTED LEADING U.S. CITIES II

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<u>CITY/STATE</u>	<u>NICKNAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1. _____	Gateway to the West	This city is located near the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. It became important as people migrated through the city heading west on wagon trails. It also hosted the first World's Fair and Olympics (1904) in the U.S. It is the home to many corporations (Anheuser Busch) and the Gateway Arch. It is the 52 nd most populous city and 18 th largest metro area.
2. _____	Golden City	This city is a popular international tourist destination renowned for chilly summer fog, steep hills, architecture, Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars & Chinatown. It is the 13 th most populous city/metro area.
3. _____	Sin City	This city, also called Lost Wages, is an internationally renowned major resort city for gambling and entertainment. Its casino industry was started by organized crime. It is the 28 th most populous city.
4. _____	City of Fountains	This city is also called Cow Town because it is known for its steak along with barbecue, Blues and Jazz. Only Rome has more fountains than this city, and it is also called the <i>Heart of America</i> as it is near both the population & geographic center of the U.S. It is the 35 th most populous city.
5. _____	Music City	This city is known for the country music industry including the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Grand Ole Opry and the CMA Music Festival. Also known as the "Athens of the South." It is the 25 th most populous city.
6. _____	Alamo City	This city is famous for Spanish missions, the Alamo, the River Walk, and for a strong military presence with six bases, most notably Lackland A.F.B. It is the 7 th most populous city.
7. _____	Barbecue Pork Capital of the World	This city was the center of the civil rights movement and the place of Martin Luther King's Assassination. It is also known for the King of Country, Johnny Cash, the King of Rock, Elvis Presley, and King of Blues, B.B. King, all getting their start here in the 1950's. It is the 18 th most populous city.
8. _____	Emerald City	This city is the birthplace of Grunge music (Nirvana, Pearl Jam, etc.), and is known as Coffee Capital of the World (Starbucks, etc.). It is the 24 th most populous city and 15 th largest metro area.
9. _____	Forest City	America's 40 th most populous city is the home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.
10. _____	Steel City	This city began as a fort during the French and Indian War, and was once the heart of the steel industry. It is the 60 th most populous city and the 22 nd largest metro area.
11. _____	Hollywood East	America's 83 rd most populous city is the world leader in theme parks and entertainment attractions.
12. _____	Bold New City of the South	This is the largest city in the U.S. in terms of area and the 12 th most populous.
13. _____	Biggest Little City the World	Another American city known for its casino's and the 89 th most populated city.
14. _____	The Big D	This city was historically important as the center of the cotton and oil industries and as a railroad hub. It is home to America's Most Hated sports team, and the 4 th largest metro region in the U.S.