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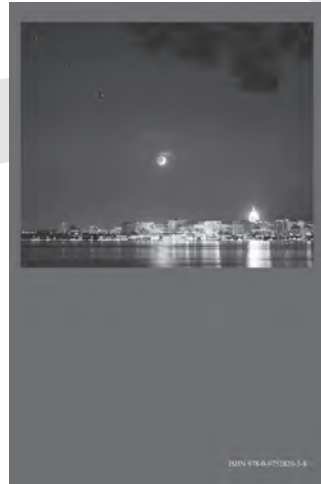
# Introduction

What is the state bird? How many farms are in Wisconsin? Where is the state's largest lake? The answers to these and many other questions can be found in the *2009-2010 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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The *Wisconsin Blue Book* is the biennial manual of state government compiled by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB). Section 13.92 (1) (a), Wisconsin Statutes, requires the LRB to provide assistance to "students of government." Section 118.01 (2) (c) requires school boards to design programs giving pupils instruction in citizenship. The *Blue Book* and this accompanying study guide were prepared in partial fulfillment of that mandate.

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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**

1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____



# Getting Started

One of the most useful parts of the *Blue Book* is the Biographies section (pp. 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.

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## Senate

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

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

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3. What is your senator's telephone number?

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4. E-mail address?

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5. Mailing address?

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## Assembly

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

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

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3. What is your representative's telephone number?

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4. E-mail address?

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5. Mailing address?

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# 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?

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

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

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

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# 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?

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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?

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7. According to the session schedule on page 260, when was Inauguration Day in 2009?

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8. Use the table on p. 278 to answer questions about the 2009 Legislature.

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

b. How many women are in the Senate? \_\_\_\_\_

c. How many veterans are in the Legislature? \_\_\_\_\_

9. According to the table on p. 306, how many bills were introduced during the 2007-08 session? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Were there any significant bills about education passed in the 2007-08 session?

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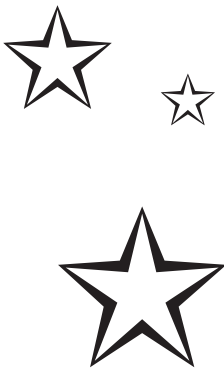


# Legislative Branch

## Senate



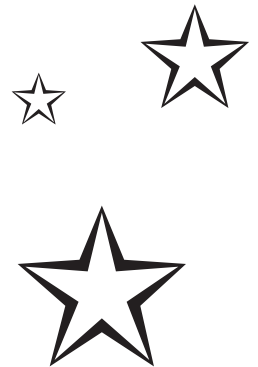
*Top: Senate Chamber. Left: The Capitol is open to all citizens of Wisconsin. Senator Kathleen Vinehout meets with representatives of her district's agricultural community. Bottom: Senators elected to new terms in 2008 were sworn in on January 5, 2009. (Brent Nicastro, Legislative Photographer)*



# Legislative Branch



## Assembly



*Top: Assembly Chamber. Center: Rep. Krusick speaking as a member of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, the Economy and Small Business. Left: Rep. Sheridan, Speaker of the Assembly for the 2009 session, gavels the Assembly to order. (Brent Nicastro, Legislative Photographer)*



# 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 Natural Resources, for example, governs fishing, hunting, and environmental concerns, and the Department of Public Instruction oversees school standards.

1. Who is the current Governor?

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2. Where is the Lieutenant Governor's office located?

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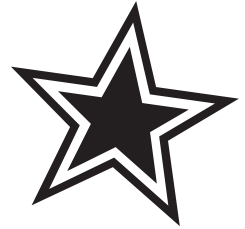
3. Find the picture of the food scientist on p. 391. What department does he work for?

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*Governor Doyle signing the 2009-2011 biennial budget bill. (Brent Nicaastro, Legislative Photographer)*

# Executive Branch



4. Where can you find information about the State Historical Society?

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5. The Adjutant General is the head of the Department of Military Affairs. What is the name of the Adjutant General?

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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 Academic Excellence?

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7. Which department runs the Wisconsin Veterans Museum?

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8. Which nonprofit corporation owns the home of the Milwaukee Bucks?

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9. The Professional Football Stadium District, a regional agency, is in charge of renovating what?

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# 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.



*Fifth Grader Holden Bradfield reads his winning essay to Supreme Court justices during a Justice on Wheels visit during October 2008 in Oshkosh. (Joe Sienkiewicz/Oshkosh Northwestern)*

1. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?

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

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

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# Judicial Branch



4. In which month are judges elected?

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5. Name a Circuit Court judge in your county.

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6. How many municipal courts are there?

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7. Is the State Law Library open to the public?

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8. What is the Web address for the State Bar of Wisconsin?

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9. The photo of the student reading his essay for the Supreme Court was taken where? Why did the court travel there?

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10. What are the 3 types of law cases discussed in the Significant Decisions section?

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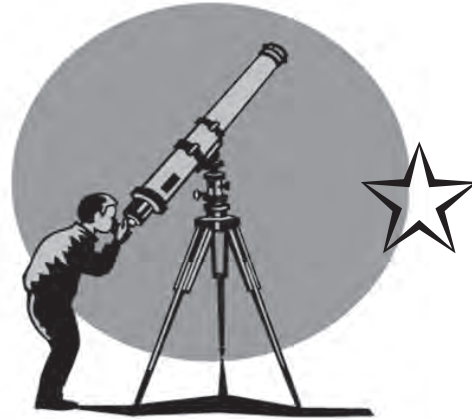
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# Statistics (pages 621-862)

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 Mozzarella cheese were produced in Wisconsin in 2007?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the dominant feature of Aztalan State Park?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How many 4th graders attended public school in the 2008-09 school year? Is the trend upward or downward from previous years?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the highest point of elevation in Wisconsin?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Who spoke at the State Fair in 1859?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. When was your county created?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How many Wisconsin soldiers served in World War I?  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Statistics



8. What daily newspaper is published in Fort Atkinson?

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9. How many people in Wisconsin are between the ages of 10-14, according to the 2007 estimate?

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10. How many passengers went through General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee during 2008?

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11. What is the zip code for Herbster?

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

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13. How many Wisconsin school districts have less than 500 pupils?

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14. How many Wisconsin students were enrolled in Charter Schools for the 2007-08 school year?

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

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16. Who got the most votes in Wisconsin during the 1944 presidential election?

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# Statistics

17. What did “Famous Citizen” Roy Chapman Andrews find in the Gobi Desert?

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18. What are the call letters of radio station 105.5 in Verona?

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19. The historical marker found on Highway 25 in Dunn County is on what subject?

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20. What was the Wisconsin population in 1960?

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*Wisconsin was among the first states to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing the right of women to vote.*

*(State Historical Society, #WHi (X3) 18424)*

# Famous Citizens of Wisconsin

## (pages 711-714)

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

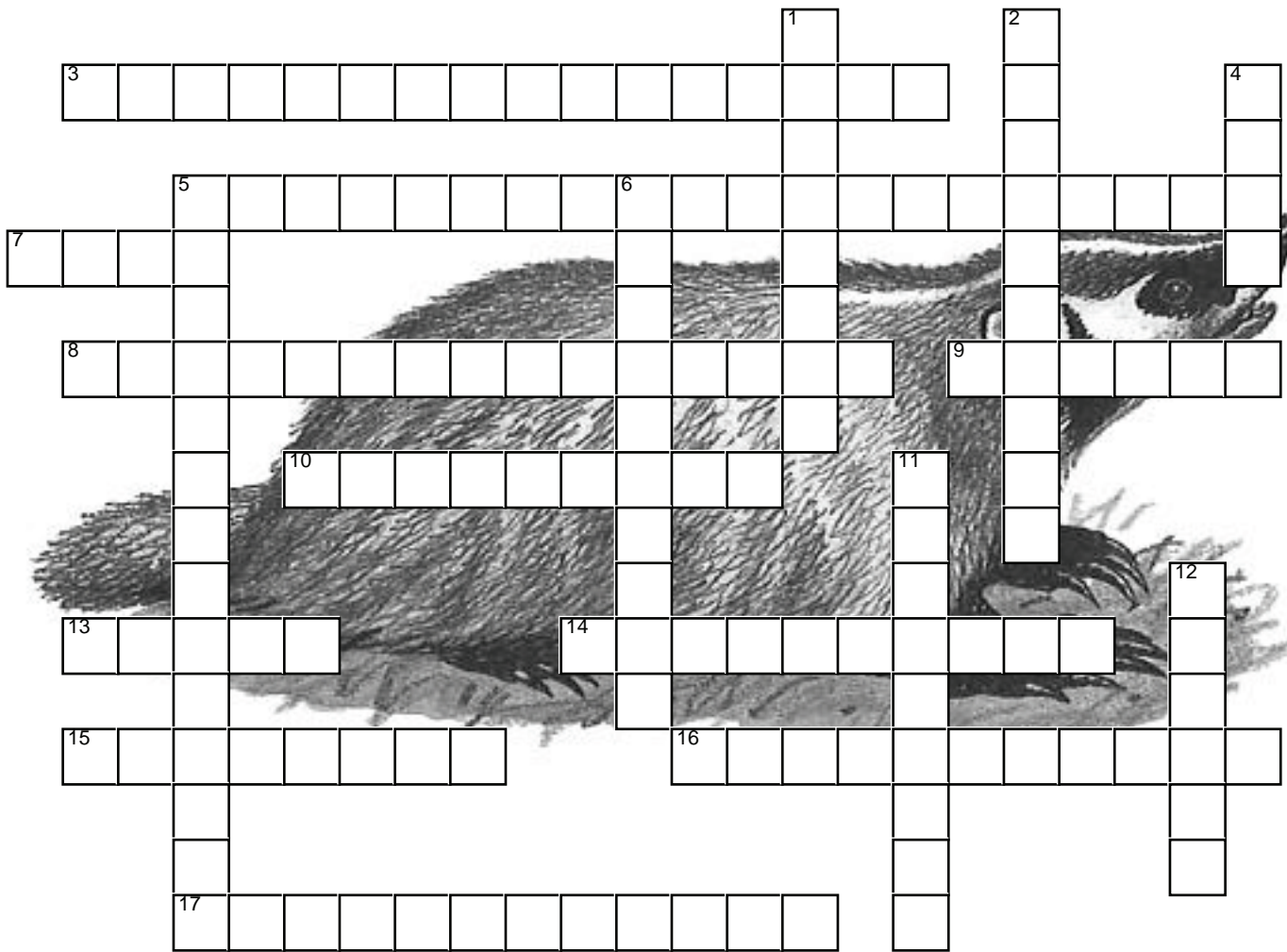
1. Called the “father of the Supercomputer” \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Founder of the Green Bay Packers \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Author; received 1925 Pulitzer Prize for the novel *So Big* \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Painter awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Surgeon and pioneer in radium cancer treatment \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Actor; won Academy Awards for two films \_\_\_\_\_
  7. UW-Madison president during the 1870s and 1880s \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Chemist; devised butterfat content test \_\_\_\_\_
  9. Magician and escape artist \_\_\_\_\_
  10. Wrote *Little House on the Prairie* \_\_\_\_\_
  11. Playwright and novelist; received Pulitzer Prize for *Our Town* \_\_\_\_\_
  12. Doctor; first physician to perform open heart surgery \_\_\_\_\_
  13. Musician; world famous pianist-singer \_\_\_\_\_
  14. First woman physician in Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_
  15. Author of *The Wisconsin Idea* \_\_\_\_\_
  16. Woman war hero who resisted the Nazis in Germany \_\_\_\_\_
  17. Director and actor; directed and starred in the movie *Citizen Kane* \_\_\_\_\_
  18. Chief Justice of U.S. Supreme Court, 1986-2005 \_\_\_\_\_
  19. First black attorney in Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_
  20. Winnebago posthumously awarded Congressional Medal of Honor \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Mildred Harnack
  - b. Laura Ingalls Wilder
  - c. Liberace
  - d. Albert Ochsner
  - e. Laura Ross Wolcott
  - f. Harry Houdini
  - g. Spencer Tracy
  - h. Charles McCarthy
  - i. William T. Green
  - j. John Bascom
  - k. Daniel Hale Williams
  - l. Thornton Wilder
  - m. Earl L. Lambeau
  - n. Orson Welles
  - o. William H. Rehnquist
  - p. Edna Ferber
  - q. Stephen Babcock
  - r. Seymour Cray
  - s. Mitchel Red Cloud, Jr.
  - t. Georgia O’Keeffe

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# State Symbols

Use pages 962-66, as well as the inside cover pages, to fill in this puzzle about the state symbols.

[For the on-line version of this puzzle go here.](#)



# State Symbols



## ACROSS

3. State domestic animal (for 2010)
5. State dog
7. State grain
8. State wildlife animal
9. State mineral
10. State fossil
13. State dance
14. State rock
15. State domestic animal (for 2009)
16. State fish
17. State symbol of peace



## DOWN

1. State insect
2. State tree
4. State beverage
5. State soil
6. State flower
11. State fruit
12. State animal

