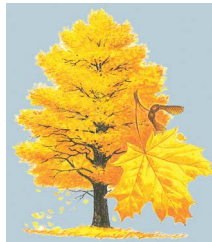
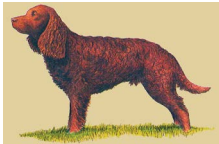
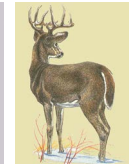
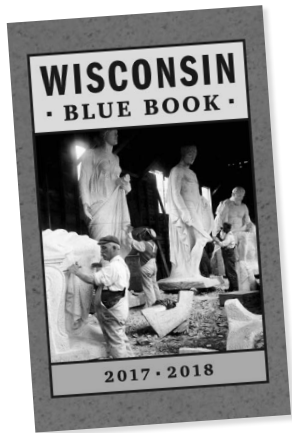


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WISCONSIN BLUE BOOK





The *Wisconsin Blue Book* is the biennial almanac of Wisconsin government. The 2017–2018 *Wisconsin Blue Book* includes biographies of elected state officers and legislators, information about the units of state government, a feature article highlighting the women of the Wisconsin Legislature, the text of the Wisconsin Constitution, and statistical and reference information. The Blue Book is intended to be readable and usable for civics classes in Wisconsin schools. This study guide is designed for upper elementary students and consists of questions about the three branches of state government, the official state symbols, and other interesting facts about Wisconsin.



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The legislative branch

1. Read the overview of the Wisconsin Legislature on pp. 131–33 and answer the following:

a. What are the two houses of the legislature?

b. How many total members does the Wisconsin Legislature have?

c. How many assembly districts are in the territory of each senate district?

2. Which senate district do you live in?

3. What is the name and party of your senator?

4. Look at the table of district votes for state senators on pp. 519–20. By how many votes did your senator win in the last election?



The assembly conducts business in a chamber that is over 100 years old.

5. When will your district hold its next election for senator?

6. List two ways you can contact your senator.

7. Which assembly district do you live in?

8. What is the name and party of your representative?

9. Look at the table of district votes for representatives to the assembly on pp. 522–26. By how many votes did your representative win in the last election?

10. List two ways you can contact your representative.

11. Using the information on pp. 144–45, determine if the following statements are true or false:

a. If the governor fails to sign a bill within five days, it is thrown away.

True

False

b. A bill or part of a bill that the governor has vetoed can become a law if both houses of the legislature pass it again with a two-thirds vote, rather than a simple majority vote.

True

False

12. Using the information on legislative committees on pp. 135–37, answer the following:

a. Who appoints the members of committees in each house?

b. What is the name of a committee that includes members from both houses?

The executive branch

13. According to the table on p. 625, how many governors have there been in Wisconsin?

14. Who is the lieutenant governor of Wisconsin?

15. According to pp. 2–5, Wisconsin has six executive officers. Which one is nonpartisan?



An inspector for the Division of Food and Recreational Safety tests water samples to be sure a water park is safe.

The judicial branch

16. Using the information on pp. 280–81, fill in the blanks:

a. How many justices does the Wisconsin Supreme Court have?

b. How many years is the term of a Wisconsin Supreme Court justice?

c. In what month are state supreme court justices elected?

U.S. Congress

17. Read the information about Wisconsin's U.S. congressional delegation on pp. 11–18 and answer the following:

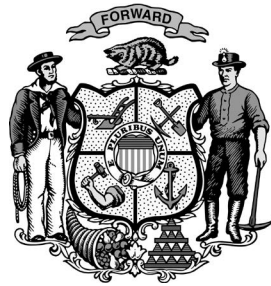
a. Name the two U.S. senators who represent Wisconsin.

b. What is the name and party of your U.S. representative?

c. According to the map on p. 18, Wisconsin is divided into how many U.S. congressional districts?

State symbols

18. Look at the state coat of arms and its description on p. 503. Name three things you see in the coat of arms and describe what they represent.





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Fourth graders from Mineral Point Elementary School researched state symbols and were surprised to discover that there was no official state dairy product. The students proposed designating cheese as the new symbol to their legislators, who agreed to bring the idea to the legislature. Teacher Livia Doyle and students Ella Kroll, Matthew Goninen, and Isabelle Coogan (*clockwise from top left*) testified in favor of the proposal at a committee hearing held in March 2017 at the state capitol. The legislation later passed unanimously, and the governor signed the bill into law at the students' school on June 1, 2017, the first day of Dairy Month.

19. For answers to the following, see the list of state symbols on pp. 504–05.

a. Which is the state bird?



Robin



Mourning dove

b. Which is the state rock?



Red granite



Galena

c. Which is the state domestic animal?



Dairy cow



American water spaniel

d. Which is the state ballad?

"On, Wisconsin"

"Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams"

"The Wisconsin Waltz"

e. What is the state wildlife animal?

f. What is the state soil?

g. Find the symbols listed below in the word search. Some may be backwards or diagonal. (Print out to complete.)

Corn

Badger

Muskellunge

Sugar maple

Wood violet

Honey bee

Trilobite

Cranberry

Kringle

Cheese

Milk

Tartan

Polka

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

More about Wisconsin

20. According to the description on pp. 269–70, what is the Professional Football Stadium District in charge of renovating?

21. According to the timeline beginning on p. 495, when was the Wisconsin territory transferred from the French to the British?

22. Look at the table on p. 588 titled “Wisconsin population since 1840.” What was the rural population of Wisconsin in 1910?

23. Using the information on pp. 585–87, list the five parties that qualified for ballot status as of June 2017.



Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet traveled the Mississippi River in 1673.

Wisconsin Constitution

24. Find the Wisconsin Constitution starting on p. 454. The constitution is divided into sections called “articles.” How many articles are there?

25. Which article of the Wisconsin Constitution relates to education?

26. According to Article IV, Section 6, of the state constitution, what are the two qualifications required to serve in the legislature?

Using the index

27. Use the index to find the following information:

a. Who is your county's district attorney?

b. When was your county created?

c. What is the name of the senate majority leader?

d. What is the name of the speaker of the assembly?

The feature article

28. Read the feature article beginning on p. 299 and answer one of the following questions:

a. What are some of the reasons that women legislators chose to run for public office? Use three examples cited by the women legislators interviewed.

b. What were some of the difficulties that women legislators faced when campaigning for office? Use three examples cited by the women legislators interviewed.

c. What are some things that women legislators felt they have gained from public service? Use three examples cited by the women legislators interviewed.



Answer guide

The legislative branch

1. See pp. 131–33.
 - a. The assembly and the senate
 - b. 132 (99 in the assembly + 33 in the senate)
 - c. Three
2. Answers will vary. See legislative bios pp. 20–125.
3. Answers will vary. See legislative bios pp. 20–125.
4. Answers will vary. See district votes for state senators, general and special elections, pp. 519–20.
5. Answers will vary. Find the election in which your senator last ran in the table on pp. 519–20. Each senator serves for four years.
6. Answers will vary, but include his or her e-mail; telephone; or mailing address. See legislative bios pp. 20–125.
7. Answers will vary. See legislative bios pp. 20–125.
8. Answers will vary. See legislative bios pp. 20–125.
9. Answers will vary. See district votes for representatives to the assembly, general and special elections, pp. 522–26.
10. Answers will vary, but include his or her e-mail; telephone; or mailing address. See legislative bios pp. 20–125.

11. See pp. 144–45.

- a. False
- b. True

12. See pp. 135–37.

- a. The assembly speaker in the assembly and the senate majority leader in the senate
- b. Joint committee

The executive branch

13. 45. See table p. 625.

14. Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. See bio p. 3.

15. State superintendent of public instruction. See p. 4.

The judicial branch

16. See pp. 280–81.

- a. Seven
- b. Ten
- c. April

U.S. Congress

17. See pp. 11–18.

- a. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson. See pp. 11–12.
- b. Answers will vary. Look at the map on p. 18 to find the congressional district that covers your home and look at pp. 13–17 to find the representative for that district.
- c. Eight

State symbols

18. Any of the following (see p. 503):

- Plow (in shield): agriculture
- Pick and shovel (in shield): mining
- Arm and hammer (in shield): manufacturing
- Anchor (in shield): navigation
- Small shield: U.S. coat of arms and Wisconsin's membership in and loyalty to the United States
- Sailor: labor on water
- Yeoman: labor on land
- Horn of plenty: prosperity and abundance
- Pyramid of 13 lead ingots: mineral wealth and the 13 original states of the United States
- Badger: state animal

19. See pp. 504–05.

- a. Robin
- b. Red granite
- c. Dairy cow
- d. "Oh Wisconsin, Land of My Dreams"
- e. White-tailed deer
- f. Antigo silt loam

g. Word search

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

More about Wisconsin

- 20. Lambeau Field. See pp. 269–70.
- 21. 1763. See p. 497.
- 22. 1,329,540. See table p. 588.
- 23. The Republican Party of Wisconsin; the Democratic Party of Wisconsin; the Libertarian Party of Wisconsin; the Wisconsin Green Party; and the Constitution Party of Wisconsin. See pp. 585–87.

Wisconsin Constitution

- 24. 14. See pp. 454–57
- 25. Article X. See p. 456.
- 26. A candidate must (1) have resided in the state for one year and (2) be a qualified elector in the district which he or she would represent. See p. 464.

Using the index

- 27. See the index. See pp. 665–77.
 - a. Answers will vary. See index entry for “district attorneys” and table on pp. 583–84.
 - b. Answers will vary. See index entry for “counties, creation date” and table on pp. 590–91.
 - c. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald. See index entry for “senate, Wisconsin, majority leader.”
 - d. Speaker Robin Vos. See index entry for “assembly, speaker.”

The feature article

- 28. Answers will vary. See pp. 299–360.

