**Our 50 State: Illinois**

**Microsoft Power Point Assignment**

**Directions:** Below is a list of the information that you will need to collect to complete your slide show. All items must be addressed to receive full credit. Remember to keep a list of the sources where you found your information. This will help you complete the “Works Cited” page at the end of the slide show. Many of the slides will also require pictures. At least three pictures must come from the American Memory site at the Library of Congress.

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Your Name

Date

**Symbols of [name of your state]**

- The state bird is:
- The state flower is:
- The state tree is:

**State Flag**

- Describe the flag and why this design was chosen for your state.

**State Nickname**

- Tell what is the state’s nickname. Write a short explanation of how your state got this nickname.

**State History**

- First Inhabitants
  - Name the major tribes of Native Americans that lived in this state. Include a few interesting facts about these people.
- Exploration
  - Which European explorers visited your state and where did they come from?
- Settlement
  - Where was the first post-explorer settlement located in your state? Who started it and why?

**State History, continued**

- Colonial Days
  - If your state was one of the original thirteen colonies, explain what life was probably like during that time.
- Territorial Days
If your state was a territory before it became a state, explain when the United States Congress created the territory. Explain how settlers were able to obtain land in the new territory.

**Statehood**

**Government**
- National Government
  - Name the current United States Senators and Representatives.
- State Government
  - Name the current governor.
  - Describe the state’s legislature.

**Maps**

**Population**
- 1950:
- 1960:
- 1970:
- 1980:
- 1990:
- 2000

Over the past fifty years the population has (increased/decreased).

**Economy**
- Chief products of the state include:
  - Agricultural (farm) products
  - Mining products
  - Manufactured goods

**Weather**
- The average high temperature in July is:
- The average high temperature in January is:
- The average yearly precipitation is:

**Natural Resources**
- Water
  - Name the major rivers and bodies of water.
- Minerals
  - Name and describe a few different kinds of minerals.

**Natural Resources, continued**
- Plant Life
  - Name and describe some of the trees and wildflowers.
- Animal Life
  - Name and describe some of the wild animals.
**Places to Visit**

**Famous People**
- Choose three well known residents of your state. Tell what they did to become famous.

**State Motto**
- Tell about the state motto and what makes this state special.

**Works Cited**
- List the resources you used for your research.