Finding Florida
A Guided Journey Through The Sunshine State
Hi!
My name is Morgan and I am going on a journey through Florida!

Along the way, I may need some help finding hidden symbols and learning cool facts. Will you help me?
What's your name?

My Name is...
Write how many counties there are in Florida. If you don't know, you can ask an adult for help!

We are going to visit Pensacola, Apalachicola, Tallahassee, St. Augustine, Cape Canaveral, Tampa, Fort Myers, the Everglades, and the Florida Keys!
Our first stop is Pensacola in northwest Florida. Pensacola was the capital of West Florida when it was a territory.

The Pensacola lighthouse helps explorers on boats see how close or far they are from the shore.

Will you help me finish coloring this scene of Pensacola?
Next, we will pass through Apalachicola! Did you know that one of Florida’s most famous inventors was from Apalachicola?

In 1851, Dr. John Gorrie invented a machine that could make ice. His invention led to the creation of the air conditioner. Dr. John Gorrie’s invention can help us do all kinds of cool things, like make ice cream! Here’s how to make your own ice cream. Be sure to ask an adult for help!

How to Make ICE CREAM

**Ingredients**
- Ice Cubes
- 1/2 Cup half-and-half
- 6 Tablespoons Kosher salt
- 3 Teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 Pint-size sealable bag
- 1 Gallon-size sealable bag

**Directions**
1. Fill a gallon-size bag half full with ice cubes. Add the salt.
2. Combine the half-and-half, sugar, and vanilla in the pint-size bag.
3. Place the smaller bag inside the bigger bag. Make sure the bags are both sealed tightly.
4. Shake, shake, shake for 5-10 minutes.
5. Enjoy! Yummy!
I live ________ miles from Tallahassee!

So what’s the difference between Capital and Capitol?
Capital: The government headquarters of a state.
Capitol: A building that houses a government’s legislative branch.

Did you know...
Tallahassee was chosen as the capital of Florida in 1824 because it was the halfway point between Pensacola and St. Augustine.

Use a ruler to see how far you live from Tallahassee. Then use the scale on the bottom of the map to figure out the distance in miles.

I live ________ miles from Tallahassee!
Spot the Difference

Circle the 10 differences in the pictures below of our Historic Capitol.
3 Branches of Government

Can you match the words listed with the correct branch of government?

Governor – the person who manages the executive branch of state government.

Senator – one of 40 people elected to help write legislation (laws) in the Florida Senate.

Representative – one of 120 people elected to help write legislation in the Florida House of Representatives.

Speaker of the House – the leader of the Florida House of Representatives.

Chief Financial Officer – the state executive who oversees Florida’s accounting and monitors state funds.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court – the head judge of the Florida Supreme Court.

Circuit Court Judge – a judge that is elected by Florida citizens in a district.
The laws of Florida are written and passed in Tallahassee. The pathway for an idea to become a law can be very complicated. Will you help me pass my Bill?

You did it! Now let’s travel to...
Did you know...

St. Augustine was the capital of East Florida when it was just a territory.
St. Augustine is the oldest city in America! It was founded in 1565 by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés, a Spanish explorer.

One of Florida’s most important pioneers was Henry Flagler, who lived in St. Augustine! Henry Flagler created the Florida East Coast Railway, which was the first railroad to connect Florida to the rest of the U.S.

Can you help me finish coloring the train?
Juan Ponce de León named our state “La Florida” based on what he saw when he arrived in 1513. Can you use the code below to find the meaning?
Cape Canaveral is part of Florida’s “Space Coast.” It has been home to many rocket and shuttle launches in the U.S., with the first launch taking place back in 1950!

Did you know that moonstone is the state gem of Florida?
Mission Control needs your help to unscramble the words below before their next shuttle launch. Can you help them?

rtsa __________________

nltape __________________

hlunca __________________

isoismn ________________

krocte __________________

lyxaga __________________

vrgiayt __________________

uttsornaa ________________

Great job! As they prepare to explore space, let’s continue on our journey!
Arr! It looks like this pirate ship is not complete! Will you help connect the dots so this pirate ship can set sail?

Tampa has been the home of the Gasparilla Pirate Festival for over 100 years! The festival includes one of the largest parades in the U.S. and there’s even a children’s parade! Arr! Doesn’t that sound like fun?

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The next stop on our journey is Fort Myers, which is a major tourist destination!

Did you know that Henry Ford and Thomas Edison, 2 of America’s most famous inventors, were neighbors in Fort Myers?

Can you follow the path of the inventor to their invention?

Great work!

Next on the agenda is...
The Everglades is a unique and complex habitat made up of swamps, tropical hardwood hammocks, and marine life.

Did you know that Everglades National Park is the 3rd largest park in the U.S.? It is visited by over 1 million people every year! Can you color all of the wildlife in the Everglades by number?

Blue 1  Brown 2  Green 3  Yellow 4  Pink 5

Everglades Color by Number
The Florida Keys are made up of about 1,700 islands.

The land formation that makes The Keys is called an archipelago, which is a collection of islands.

The largest island in The Keys is Key West.

Key West is the southernmost part of Florida.

The Seven Mile Bridge is the longest bridge connecting The Keys.

The Key Deer is a species of deer that can only be found in The Keys.
Wow, you sure are a good explorer!

What was your favorite part of Florida that we explored?

What is 1 cool fact you learned?

Try the Word Search below to see if you remember all of the people, places, and things we discovered on our journey!

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

Manatee
Alligator
Moonstone
Legislator
Edison
Capital
Capital
Pirate
Inventor
Florida
Representative
Secretary
Gorrie
Archipelago
Mission Control
Gasparilla
Governor
Flagler
Executive
Judicial
Legislative
Lighthouse
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La Florida Means Land Of Flowers

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