

Simplifying Radical Expressions “Name That State” Activity

Directions: Simplify each radical expression below. Then, find the correct answer on the US map and find which state the fun fact refers to. You may need to refer to an atlas or other resource if you are unsure of the state. Show any work on a separate sheet of paper.

Radical Expression	Simplified Expression	Fun Fact	State
1. $\sqrt{49x^2}$	_____	In 1937, this state became the first to issue permanent license plates for cars.	_____
2. $\sqrt{175x^5y}$	_____	This state is the birthplace of Davy Crockett.	_____
3. $\sqrt{18x^5y^7}$	_____	This state’s official animal is the grizzly bear.	_____
4. $\sqrt{25x^2}$	_____	This is the only state that grows coffee.	_____
5. $\sqrt{175}$	_____	This state has the tallest state capitol building in the U.S.	_____
6. $\sqrt{176x}$	_____	Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, was from this state.	_____
7. $\sqrt{243x^5y}$	_____	At one time, it was against the law to serve ice cream on cherry pie in this state.	_____
8. $\sqrt{243x^7}$	_____	In 1903, the Wright Brothers made their first successful powered flight in this state.	_____
9. $\sqrt{448}$	_____	The first motion picture theatre opened in this state in 1902.	_____
10. $\sqrt{32x}$	_____	This state has the highest literacy rate in the nation.	_____
11. $\sqrt{180x^5y}$	_____	This was the last of the original 13 colonies to become a state.	_____
12. $\sqrt{252x}$	_____	This state houses the oldest European settlement in North America (Saint Augustine).	_____
13. $\sqrt{891}$	_____	This became our 49 th state in January 1959.	_____
14. $\sqrt{44x^5y^3}$	_____	This is the only state to have the flags of 6 different nations fly over it.	_____
15. $\sqrt{81x^2}$	_____	Joseph C. Gayetty, from this state, invented toilet paper in 1857.	_____

