ILLINOIS!

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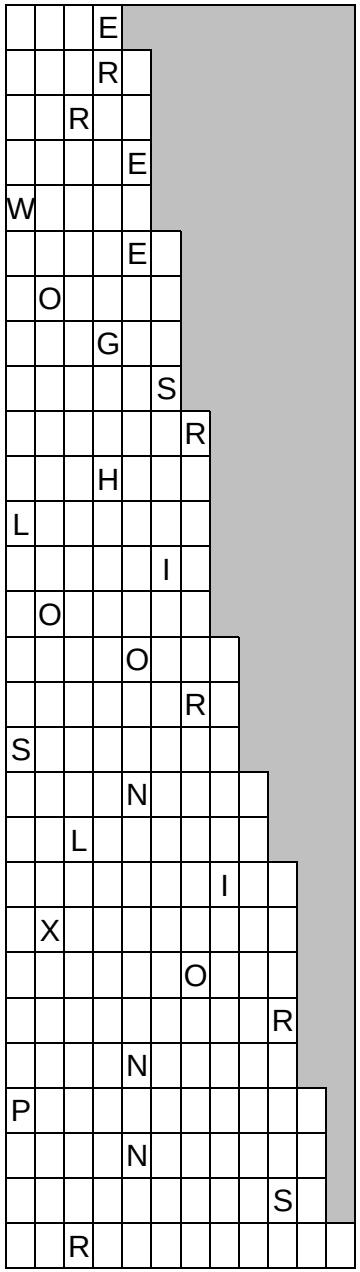
Carlyle __, Illinois' largest with over 24,000 acres, is man-made
Home of the __, Bulls, Cubs, White Sox and Blackhawks
Chicago is the state's largest city, at nearly __ million people
Named for the Illini native __ that originally inhabited the region
Chicago was dubbed the "__ City" by New York Sun editor Charles Dana
Major __: Chicago, Rockford, Aurora, Naperville, Peoria, and Springfield
Chicago's Nabisco __ and cracker factory is the world's largest
Lincoln was not born in Illinois, but former president __ was
Major __: Illinois, Mississippi, Ohio, Wabash, and Kaskaskia
Most of Illinois is __-carved plains with fertile soil deposits
Charles Mound is the __ point in the state at 1,235 feet elevation
Known as the "Land of __" and the heart of America
Before development, the land was once covered with __ grasses
Weather varies wildly, from heat and cold waves to __-producing storms
State Motto: "State sovereignty, __ union"
There are eight wilderness areas in Illinois; all are in the __ end
Rural Illinois is one of the leading producers of corn and __
The first __ restaurant is located in Des Plaines, Illinois in 1955
Abraham Lincoln began his __ career in Illinois
Wood River was the launching point of the Lewis and Clark __
Chicago beat out New York as host of the 1893 World's Columbian __
Chicago's __ __ is the tallest building in North America
Chicago had the world's first __ in 1885, the Home Insurance Building
University of Chicago research helped develop __ for the atomic bomb
The __ era of the 1920s brought mafia gang violence to Chicago
The capital city, located near the center of the state
Became the __-__ state on December 3, 1818
The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 killed over __ people



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