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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