Texas

**Fun Facts:**
- Nickname: The Lone Star State
- Statehood: 1845; 28th state
- State Flower: Bluebonnet
- State Tree: Pecan
- Official State Dish: Chili Con Carne
- State Large Mammal: Longhorn
- State Small Mammal: Armadillo

**Major Metropolitan Areas:**
1. Dallas-Fort Worth – Approximately 1.5 hours from Waco
2. Houston – Approximately 3 hours from Waco
3. San Antonio – Approximately 3 hours from Waco
4. Austin – Our capital city! Approximately 1.5 hours from Waco

**Industries:**
- Advanced Manufacturing (Texas Instruments, Toyota, Tesla, General Motors)
- Aerospace, Aviation, & Defense (SpaceX (in Waco!), Southwest Airlines, Bell Helicopter, Lockheed Martin, American Airlines)
- Biotechnology & Life Sciences (Alcon, McKesson, Lumniex)
- Energy (Exxon Mobile, Valero, Halliburton)
- Healthcare (Waco-Specific) (Baylor Scott & White, Ascension)
- Information Technology (Oracle, Dell, IBM, Apple)
- Petroleum Refining & Chemical Products (Phillips 66, Chevron Phillips, Tesoro)
- Corporate Services (55 Fortune 500 corporate headquarters, including Caterpillar, AT&T, Marathon Oil, Hewlett Packard, USAA, and Baker Hughes)
- Creative (nearly 900,000 Texans are employed in creative arts and culture; the Texas music industry contributed $10.8 billion in annual economic activity in 2020 alone)

**Texas Sports:**
- **Baseball**
  - Major League – Houston Astros and Texas Rangers (Arlington)
• **Basketball**
  - NBA – Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets, and San Antonio Spurs
  - WNBA – Dallas Wings
  - G League – Texas Legends (Dallas), Austin Spurs, and Rio Grande Valley Vipers (Edinburg)

• **Football**
  - NFL – Dallas Cowboys and Houston Texans
  - Collegiate – As Baylor Law students, you get free tickets to all Baylor University athletic events, including football.

• **Rodeo** (the official sport of Texas)
  - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
  - San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo
  - WRCA World Championship Rodeo in Amarillo
  - Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo
  - Rodeo Austin

**National Monuments and Parks:**

- Alibates Flint Quarries (National Monument in Fritch)
- Big Bend (National Park in Far West Texas)
- Guadalupe Mountains (National Park in Salt Flat)
- Waco Mammoth Site (National Monument in Waco)

**Museums and Historical Sites:**

- NASA Johnson Space Center (Houston)
- The Alamo (San Antonio)
- Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum (Waco)
- Bullock Texas State History Museum (Austin)
- Kimball Art Museum (Fort Worth)
- Perot Museum of Nature and Science (Dallas)
- Texas State Capitol (Austin)
- Presidential Libraries – Lyndon B. Johnson (Austin), George W. Bush (Dallas), and George H.W. Bush (College Station)

**Music and Performing Arts Venues:**

- Bass Performance Hall (Fort Worth)
- Billy Bob’s (Fort Worth) – World’s Largest Honky Tonk
- Gruene Hall (Gruene) – Oldest Dance Hall in Texas
- Music Hall at Fair Park (Dallas)
- Symphonies and Orchestras in cities across Texas, including in Waco
- Austin City Limits (Austin is the live music capital of the world!)
**Life on the Water in Texas:**

- Beach access along the Gulf of Mexico
- Floating the Comal, Guadalupe, and Frio Rivers
- Barton Springs Pool
- San Antonio Riverwalk
- Major lakes with recreational activities: Canyon, Possum Kingdom, and Marble Falls (Waco also has a great lake!)