

# Graded Assignment Expectations & Grading Rubric:

I have made sure that I have...

- Included my name on my work.
- Read the article and answered all multiple choice questions by circling the correct answer. (*Each question is worth 1 point*)
- Completed all six portions of the Cause and Effect graphic organizer based on the article “Nevada: The State with Three Nicknames”, and have written my answers in complete sentences. (*Each portion is worth 1 point*)

**This assignment is worth a total of 8 points!**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Point)

Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions: Read the passage and circle the correct answer for the multiple choice questions that follow.**

### Nevada: The State with Three Nicknames

#### The Early Days

During Nevada's early days, it was part of the Utah Territory. In 1859, miners found silver at the Comstock Lode at Virginia City. The population in that area boomed. In 1861, Nevada broke from the Utah Territory and formed its own territory. On October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36<sup>th</sup> state. "The Battle Born State" is the nickname that came from becoming a state during the Civil War. Today, this phrase is seen on Nevada's state flag.

#### Growing as a State

Since Nevada became a state in 1864, it has grown to be the 35<sup>th</sup> most populated state in the United States. It is the seventh largest state in square miles. Over two thirds of the people who live in Nevada live in the area of Las Vegas. This means that there is a lot of wide open space! Nevada does not get much rain, so most of the state is barren and empty. The deserts and mountains in Nevada grow different plants than what will grow in states that get more rain. Sagebrush is a fragrant shrub that grows naturally in Nevada, so it is known as "The Sagebrush State."



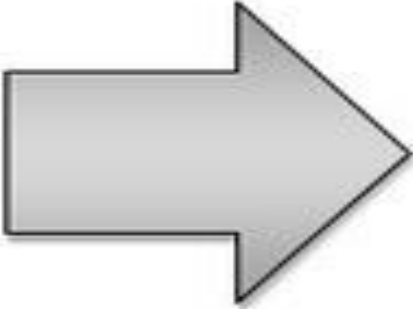
## Nevada Today

Through the years, tourism replaced silver mining as the main industry in Nevada, and people from all over the world visit Las Vegas to gamble, enjoy all you can eat buffets, watch shows, and relax in the sun. Visitors also go to Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Laughlin for the same reasons and to participate in outdoor activities like water skiing, hiking, camping, or snow skiing. The tourists who visit Nevada need people to take care of them. Many people who live in Nevada work at jobs that help the tourists enjoy their vacations.

From the days of silver mining in Virginia City to the days of the sparkling lights of Las Vegas, Nevada has thrived. It is a state with a “rich” history. Finding silver in Nevada paved the way for it to become a state, so “The Silver State” is its most well-known nickname. Today, this phrase is seen on Nevada’s license plates as a reminder of how it all began so many years ago!

1. What is the basic text structure of “Nevada: The State with Three Nicknames”? (1 point)
  - a. cause/ effect
  - b. chronology
  - c. comparison
  - d. problem/ solution
2. What key words and phrases signal the text structure of “Nevada: The State with Three Nicknames”? (1 point)
  - a. as a result; this means; it is a state
  - b. during; since; through the years
  - c. the deserts; paved the way; a reminder of
  - d. 35<sup>th</sup> most populated; seventh largest; two thirds

### Graphic Organizer: Cause and Effect

Cause		Effect
		

**Directions:** Fill in the cause and effect chart above, using the Nevada passage. Causes must match up with the effect. Write complete sentences, with appropriate grammar and punctuation. *(Each section is worth 1 point.)*

