



# Seattle

Seattle is located in the Pacific Northwest of the United States and about 220 km south of the Canadian border. Seattle is known as “The Emerald City” or “Jet City”. “Emerald” because of the great number of trees found in and around the city and “Jet” because of the airplane company Boeing. The city is surrounded by water and mountains, with the Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains to the west and Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains to the east.

The city was settled by Europeans in 1851 and originally called New York-Alki. One of the earliest villages was located in what is today known as the Pioneer Square district. This area soon became known as Seattle. This name was chosen out of respect for an Indian leader named Sealth who became friends with the Europeans. The main industries of those days were lumber and coal. The city became an official city of the United States in 1869.

In 1883 the Northern Pacific Railway came to Seattle, boosting the population of the city. However, many of the city’s buildings were burnt to the ground in the fire of 1889. The town required buildings to be rebuilt with brick and steel, which made the buildings more fire resistant and also gave the city a modern look. In 1897 gold was found in Alaska and Seattle became a port for those traveling north. A strong relationship formed between Alaska and Seattle which helped build both economies.

During the early 1900’s many immigrants came to work in Seattle. In 1909 the city held an international fair to celebrate. 1914 saw the completion of the L.C. Smith building, which was, for more than 40 years, the tallest building on the west coast of America.

The mid-1900’s brought more industries to Seattle, including boat making. The airplane company, Boeing became a big part of Seattle’s economy, creating airplanes like the 707 in the 1950’s. In 1962 Seattle held a world’s fair which saw the creation of Seattle’s most famous tourist attractions such as the Space Needle, the Monorail, and the Pacific Science Center.

Today Seattle is known as the birthplace of many famous companies including, Starbucks, Microsoft, and Amazon. They are also very proud of their professional sports teams, the Seattle Seahawks and the Seattle Mariners. Seattle is famous for their seafood, which can be found at the iconic Pike Place Market. The city has a large shipping port that does a great deal of trade with Asia and other parts of the world. The city has a large art and music scene. Several famous musicians have called Seattle home including Nirvana, Kenny G, Heart, Sir Mix-a-Lot, Alice in Chains, Pearl Jam, Sound Garden, Macklemore, Pedro the Lion, Minus the Bear, Odesza, and Jimi Hendrix.

Source: <https://www.seattle.gov/cityarchives/seattle-facts/brief-history-of-seattle>

## Vocab Match

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

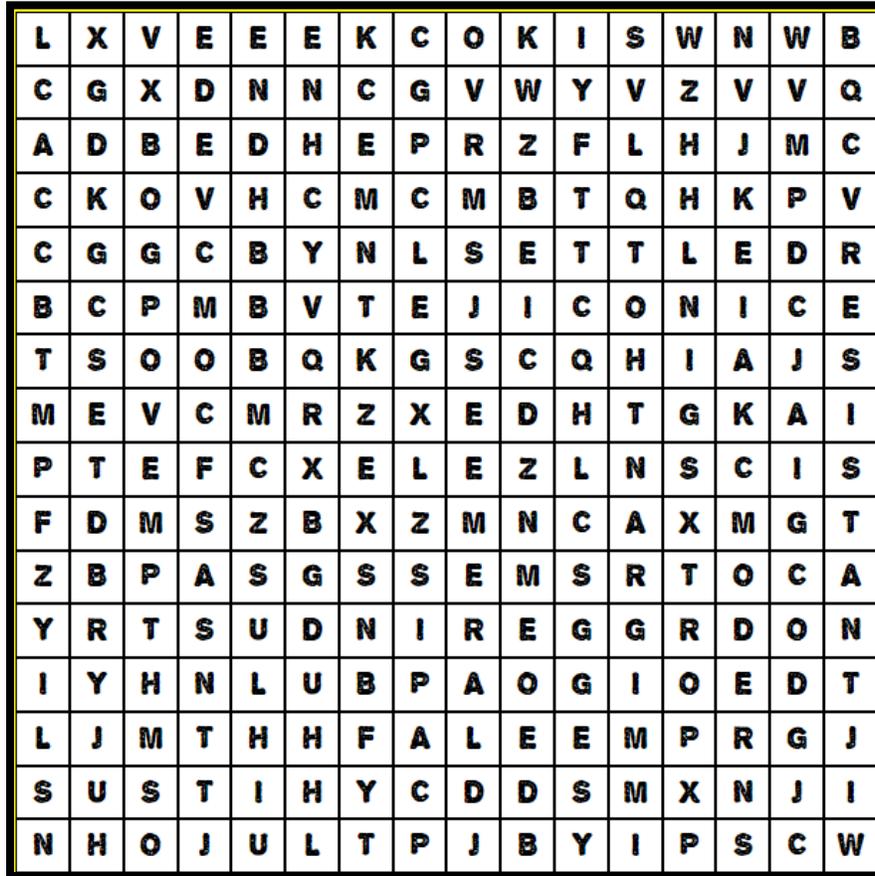
Word	Definition	Answer
1. emerald	a. verb- move and live in a new area	1. ___
2. settled	b. adj- well known	2. ___
3. industry	c. noun- a place	3. ___
4. boost	d. adj- stops	4. ___
5. resistant	e. noun- business	5. ___
6. modern	f. noun- a city with many boats	6. ___
7. port	g. adj- new	7. ___
8. immigrant	h. verb- increase or lift	8. ___
9. iconic	i. adj- deep green	9. ___
10. scene	j. noun- a person who moves to a new place	10. ___

## Discussion Topics

1. What do you know about Native Americans?
2. Have you ever been to Seattle? Have you been to the USA? Would you like to?
3. What famous companies are from your hometown?
4. Do you like American sports like, American football or baseball? What sports do you like?
5. Who is your favorite musician?

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Find these words!

boost

iconic

industry

port

scene

emerald

immigrant

modern

resistant

settled

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Quiz**

**1) How far is Seattle from Canada?**

a. 2202 feet b. 220 miles c. 220 kilometers d. 220 yards

**2) Why is Seattle called "The Emerald City"?**

a. Trees b. Apples c. Cucumbers d. Peas

**3) Why is Seattle called "Jet City"?**

a. cars b. trains c. boats d. airplanes

**4) Why did the Europeans name the city Seattle?**

a. their friend b. the trees c. the birds d. the fish

**5) Why did the city have to rebuild in 1889?**

a. earthquake b. tornado c. fire d. tsunami

**6) When was gold found in Alaska?**

a. 1897 b. 1907 c. 1889 d. 1987

**7) How long was the L.C. Smith building the tallest building in Western America?**

a. 40 years b. 20 years c. 50 years d. 30 years

**8) What was not built for the 1962 world's fair?**

a. the Pacific Science Center b. the Cheesecake Factory c. the Monorail d. the Space Needle

**9) What type of food is famous in Seattle?**

a. seafood b. potatoes c. spinach d. pizza

**10) What type of artists is Seattle famous for?**

a. painters b. actors c. sculptors d. musicians

# Key

<b>Matching</b>	<b>Quiz</b>
1. i	1. c
2. a	2. a
3. e	3. d
4. h	4. a
5. d	5. c
6. g	6. a
7. f	7. a
8. j	8. b
9. b	9. a
10. c	10. d

## **PROJECT:**

Students make a poster presentation about their favorite company. Students should explain background info, strengths and weakness of the company.