Introductory Paragraph:
What state did you choose? Why did you choose that state? What makes it interesting to you? Have you ever been there? Why is it special? Give a brief overview/introduction of what you will be telling readers about.

Statistical Paragraph:
Where is the state located? What is the state bird, flower, song, motto, etc. What is the area population, size, and ranking? What is the capital? What is the largest city? How does the state make its money? What is it’s nickname? When did it become a state? What are the major colleges or universities? Draw a picture of the state flag.

“Why It’s Important” Paragraph:
Why is this such an important state? Was it first or last to do something important? Is it the biggest, the smallest, or wettest, driest, hottest, or coldest? Were there a lot of presidents born there? Does it have the most of something or grow the most? What is special about it?

Physical Map:
Draw a map of the state. Include a key showing major cities, state parks, tourist attractions, rivers, mountains, lakes, oceans, etc. Show what states are right next to this state. Use colors to show the difference between mountains, valleys, deserts, and water. (Ex: grey, green, brown, and blue—just ideas, you don’t have to use those specific colors).

Your Choice Paragraphs, Choose Two:
(Choose the two that you like. Each paragraph should be a complete paragraph and separate from each other).

1. What do people do?: What are the major jobs people have? What do they do for recreation? Do they make things or grow things? Do they have great parks, zoos, museums, or sport teams? Is there great hiking, camping, mountain climbing, fishing, boating, or surfing?

2. Climate: Is it really rainy, sunny, snowy, humid, hot, or cloudy? How much? What is the average temperature? Is it really smoggy? What are the record temperatures?

3. Natural Disasters: Do they have lots of earthquakes, volcanoes, tornadoes, floods, etc.? How do people prepare for them? What damage do they do? What was the last one or the biggest or the worst?

4. Animals: Are there a lot of land animals? Are there wildlife refuges? Are the animals big or small? Do they fly, crawl, or swim? Are there any animals special to this state?

Concluding Paragraph:
Write a brief summary of your information. What did you learn? What do you like best about the state? End with a good closing sentence about the state.