1. State and Capitals (1 or more players)
Do you know the states capitals? Put all the puzzle pieces on the paper map. Pick a state and without picking it up, guess the capital. Pick up that puzzle piece to check your answer. If you were correct, keep the puzzle piece. If you were not correct, put the piece back on the map and try again. How many do you know on your first guess?

2. The Shape of States (1 or more players)
For this activity, set aside all the puzzle pieces that have multiple states on one piece. Place all the other puzzle pieces face down on the table. Take turns choosing a puzzle piece and without turning it over, try to guess the name of the state. Turn it over to check your answer. If you guessed correctly, keep that piece. Now it’s the next player’s turn. When all the pieces are collected, the player with the most pieces wins!

3. Name Game (3 or more players)
Each player needs a piece of paper and a pen. One player is the caller. The caller says any letter of the alphabet out loud, and then writes it down to avoid calling it again. All other players write down as many state names as they can think of that begin with that letter. Allow 30 seconds for players to write down their answers. Repeat this 10 times, with the caller saying a different letter each time. At the end of the game, the player who wrote the most state names wins!
4. **Next Door Neighbors (3 or more players)**
Put the puzzle together for this game. The caller says the name of a state out loud. Without looking at the puzzle, players take turns calling out the name of a state that shares a border (touches) the state called. The caller uses the map to check the answers. Players get one point for each correct answer. After 5 rounds, the player with the most points wins. Go in a circle and take turns being the Caller.

5. **Jumbled Names (2 or more players).**
Each player will need a piece of paper and a pen. Place the puzzle pieces face up on the table. Player 1 points to one state. All players write the name of that state on their paper. Next, all players try to make as many words as they can using only the letters from that state name. After one minute, players read their lists out loud. Players receive 1 point for each correct word they made. At the end of 5 rounds, the player with the most points wins!