



KENTUCKY DERBY
MUSEUM

Winner's Circle Geography

Grades 4-12

OBJECTIVE: To identify states using geographic clues, while also emphasizing Kentucky's dominance in the Thoroughbred breeding industry.

Because only 3-year-old Thoroughbreds may run in the Kentucky Derby, every year there will be a different winner. No horse can run in the Derby twice. As of 2018, 144 different Thoroughbreds have visited the Kentucky Derby Winner's Circle.

Ask students: Of those 144 winners, how many do they think were born in Kentucky? Have each student write down the number they think it is, but show no one else!

While showing the accompanying PowerPoint presentation, graph the information on the bar graph below.

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- What does this graph show you about Thoroughbreds in America?
- What is the ratio of Kentucky Derby winners bred in Kentucky compared to total number of Derby winners?
- According to your graph, which state has bred the second most number of Derby winners?
- Name a state that borders Kentucky that has never bred a Derby winner.
- List three challenges of bringing a horse from England to America to run in the Derby.

