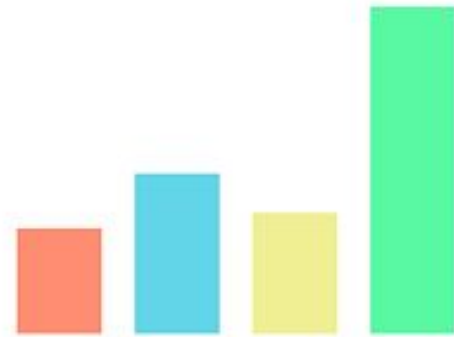


# A Data Review of: The Berkeley Fiction Review



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# What are authors writing about?

Looking at the titles of published stories, what words appear most often?

The following word cloud was generated using the available titles of stories from 33 issues of the Berkeley Fiction Review published between 1981 and 2019.



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# Looking at the stories

The following observations are made using the full text of 16 available issues of the Berkeley Fiction Review published between 1985 and 2007.

This looks at around 770,000 words and approximately 5.7 million characters.

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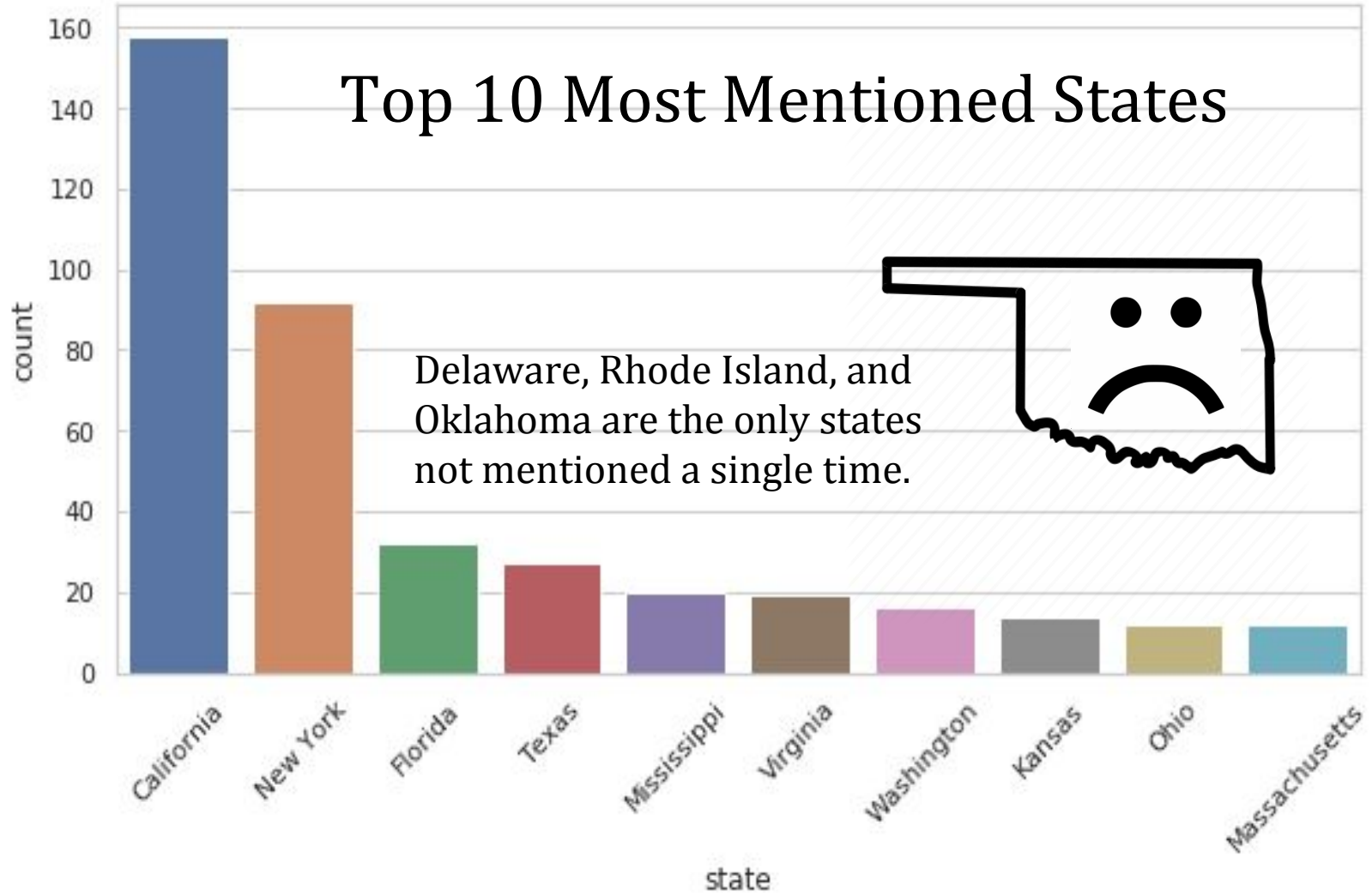
Where are authors writing about?

Looking through the stories, what are most commonly mentioned US States?

What are the most commonly mentioned countries of the world?



# Top 10 Most Mentioned States

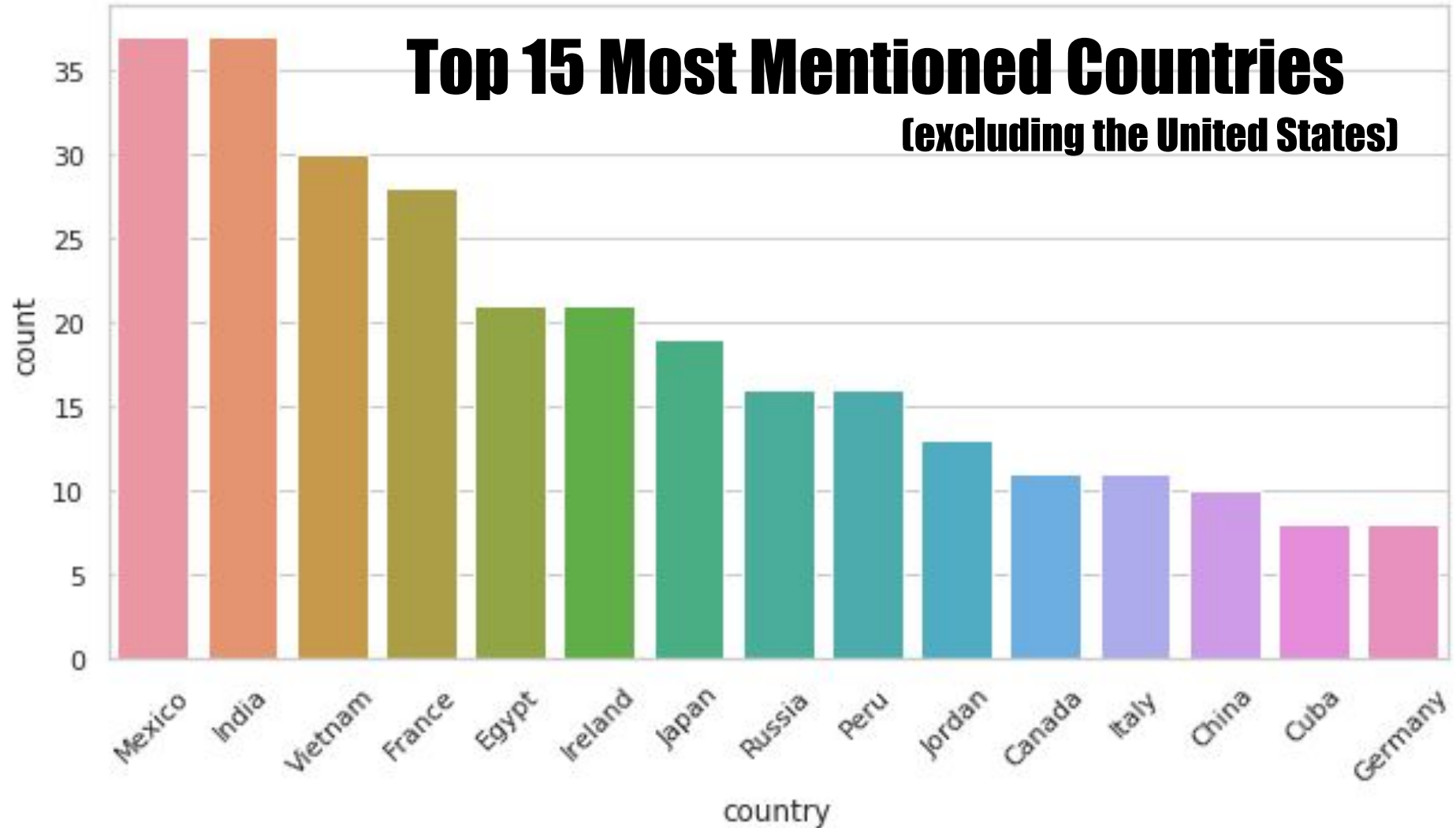




US States  
Word Cloud

# Top 15 Most Mentioned Countries

(excluding the United States)





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# USELESS BUT SOMEWHAT INTERESTING STATISTICS

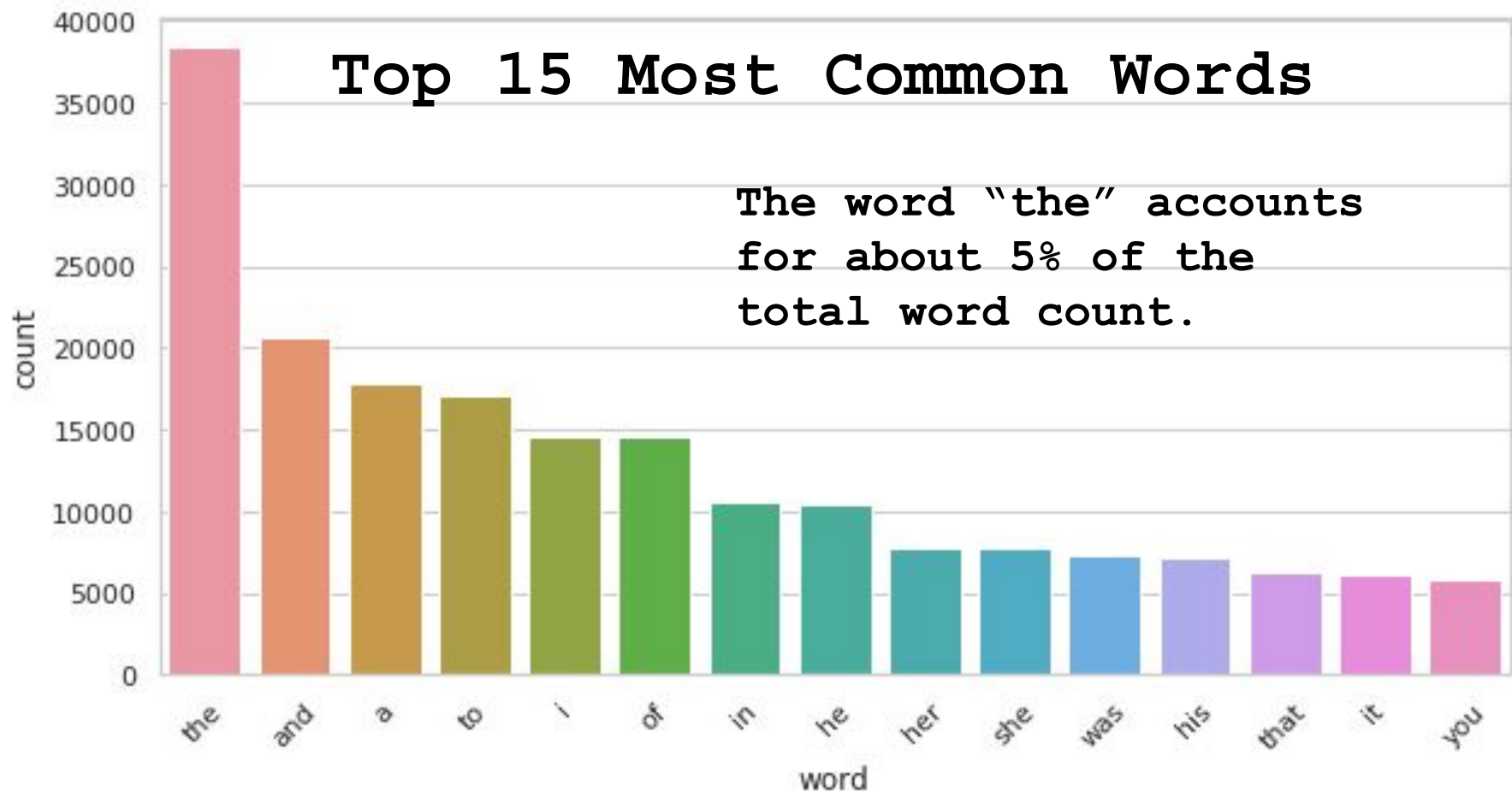
Of the 767,115 words and  
5,723,146 characters across 16  
issues of the BFR:

What are the most used words?

What are the most used letters?

## Top 15 Most Common Words

The word "the" accounts for about 5% of the total word count.



# Top 15 Most Common Characters (excluding spaces)

Spaces make up almost  
40% of the 5.7 million  
characters.

