

Comparing and Contrasting Alabama and Mississippi

Name: _____

Alabama

Alabama, which means "Tribal Town" in native language, became a state on December 14, 1819. It is a southern state that borders Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. Much of the Tennessee River winds through the northern part of the state. Alabama borders the Gulf of Mexico to the south and features popular beaches. Its capital, Montgomery, was named for Revolutionary War hero Richard Montgomery. Its state bird is the yellowhammer.

Mississippi

Mississippi means "great river" in native language. It became a state on November 10th, 1817. It is located in the southern United States and borders Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. The great Mississippi River forms much of the border between Mississippi and Louisiana. The Gulf of Mexico washes ashore on its southern border, where people flock to its beaches and casinos. Mississippi's capital is Jackson, named after America's seventh president. Its state bird, the mockingbird, is shared by four other southern states.

Which facts belong in each category?

Borders Tennessee
Its name is taken from native language
Became a state FIRST
Is a Southern state
Borders Louisiana
Capital is named after a Revolutionary War hero
Touches the Gulf of Mexico
Shares a state bird with other states
The Tennessee River flows through

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Answers:

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