

Comparing and Contrasting Arkansas and Mississippi

Name: _____

Arkansas

Arkansas, located in the southeastern portion of the United States, became America's 25th state on June 15, 1836. It borders Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Tennessee. Its entire eastern border is formed by the Mississippi River. Another large river, the Arkansas River, flows through the state capital of Little Rock. Little Rock is also the largest city in Arkansas. People from across the nation come to Hot Springs National Park. For centuries, people believed the natural springs could cure ailments. While much of Arkansas is considered plains and delta, northern and northwestern Arkansas feature low mountain ranges known as the Ozark Plateau and the Ouachita Mountains. The state bird of Arkansas is the Mockingbird.

Mississippi

Mississippi became a state on November 10th, 1817. It is located in the southeastern United States and borders Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee. The great Mississippi River forms much of the border between Mississippi and Louisiana and between Mississippi and Arkansas. 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. Jackson is Mississippi's largest city. Its state bird, the mockingbird, is shared by four other southern states.

Which facts belong in each category?

Borders Mexico
State bird is the mockingbird
Has mountains
Capital and largest city are the same
Became a state first
Located in the southeastern United States
Has beaches
Has deserts
Mississippi River forms part of its border
Borders Oklahoma

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Both
Mississippi
Neither

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