

Comparing and Contrasting California and Oregon

Name: _____

California

California, located along the west coast of the United States, became America's 31st state on September 9th, 1850, soon after gold was discovered at Sutter's Fort. California, which is nicknamed the Golden State, borders Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, and Mexico. The Pacific Ocean lies to its west. Its capital is Sacramento and largest city is Los Angeles. California has more people than any other state and has numerous attractions that bring people from all over the world such as Disney Land, Hollywood, Lake Tahoe, and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. California also has vibrant cities such as San Francisco and San Diego. It has beautiful national parks such as Yosemite and Redwood, which feature the tallest trees in the world. California has snow-capped mountain ranges, volcanoes, deserts, and beautiful beaches.

Oregon

Oregon, located in the northwestern portion of the United States, became America's 33rd state on February 14, 1859. Over four million people live in Oregon, which is nicknamed the Beaver State. Oregon is bordered by California, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada. To its west is the Pacific Ocean. Oregon's capital is Salem. Its largest city is Portland. Oregon's most famous attraction is probably Crater Lake National Park, located in the southern part of the state. Crater Lake is a large deep lake that was formed when a volcano collapsed. The lake is unusually blue in color. Parts of the lake are more than 2,000 feet deep. Crater Lake National Park is also one of the snowiest places in the world. In an average winter, it receives up to 45 feet of snow!

Which facts belong in each category?

Nicknamed the Golden State
Home to Crater Lake
Has more people
Became a state first
Located on the West Coast
Has volcanoes
The capital city is the largest city are the same
Borders Idaho
Has a national park
Borders a country

California
Both
Oregon
Neither

Answers:

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