

Comparing and Contrasting Idaho and Wyoming

Name: _____

Idaho

Located in the western United States, Idaho is the nation's 14th largest state. It borders six other states: Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, and Washington. It borders Canada to the north. Idaho became America's 43rd state on July 3, 1890. It is nicknamed the Gem State but is sometimes called the Panhandle State. A panhandle is a narrow, rectangular strip of land that extends from the main part of a state into another. Idaho and Oklahoma are among states with panhandles. Idaho's capital and largest city is Boise. Idaho, however, is probably best known for its potatoes. The state is responsible for about a third of all potatoes produced in America. Much of Idaho is dominated by the Rocky Mountains, although a small part of southwestern Idaho is classified as desert. Idaho is home to about 1.7 million people. The mountain bluebird is its state bird.

Wyoming

Wyoming, nicknamed the Equality State is located in the western United States. Its capital and largest city is Cheyenne. It earned its nickname from the fact that it was the first state to elect a woman as governor. Wyoming, much like Colorado, is rectangular in shape. It borders South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah, and Nebraska. Eastern Wyoming is mostly prairies, whereas western and central Wyoming are covered by the Rocky Mountains. Yellowstone National Park, located in northwestern Wyoming, is America's oldest national park. The park sits on top of a massive caldera and is famous for its incredible beauty, wildlife, and interesting formations. Wyoming became America's 44th state on July 10, 1890. Even though it is the 10th largest state, it is America's least populous state.

Which facts belong in each category?

Has less people
Became a state first
Borders Utah
Is in the Midwestern United States
Has the Rocky Mountains
Is rectangular in shape
Had the first woman governor
Has more people
Borders Canada
Is a larger state by area

Idaho
Both
Wyoming
Neither

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