

Comparing and Contrasting Massachusetts and New York

Name: _____

Massachusetts

Massachusetts was one of the original 13 Colonies and is the home of many famous historical sites including Plymouth Rock, Salem Village, Harvard University, and numerous attractions from the Revolutionary War. It is located in the New England section of the northeastern United States and borders Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Massachusetts became a state on February 6, 1788; it was America's sixth state. Massachusetts is home to nearly seven million people and has the third highest population density in America. Its capital and largest city is Boston, which is also the largest city in the New England region, and a national hub for education, shipping, technology, banking, history, and tourism. Eastern Massachusetts has pristine beaches, harbors, sea shores, and wetlands, whereas western Massachusetts is mountainous.

New York

New York, one of the original 13 colonies, is located in the Mid-Atlantic portion of the United States. It borders Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont. Two of the Great Lakes: Ontario and Erie border the western portion of the state, hence, making New York a Great Lakes State. The St. Lawrence River forms part of the border between New York and the Canadian province of Quebec. New York also borders Ontario. Long Island extends from New York into the Atlantic Ocean, where it forms Long Island Sound between New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. New York's capital city is Albany and its largest city is New York City. New York City is considered the financial and cultural center of America, and is its largest city in terms of population. The Statue of Liberty, arguably America's most iconic symbol, is located on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. The portion of New York that does not include New York City and its surrounding areas is referred to as Upstate New York. Much of upstate New York is covered by mountains; the Adirondacks in northeastern New York and the Appalachians in southern New York.

Which facts belong in each category?

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Albany is the capital
Has the Adirondack Mountains
Home to the Statue of Liberty
Has beaches
Part of New England
Home to Salem Village
Is a Great Lakes State
Borders Canada
Is one of the original 13 colonies

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