

Comparing and Contrasting Alabama and Tennessee

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. High hills from the Appalachian Range dot parts of northern Alabama. 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.

Tennessee

Tennessee is located in the Southern United States. It borders eight other states including Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri. Tennessee is landlocked, which means it has no beaches. Tennessee became America's 16th state on June 1, 1796. Its capital and largest city is Nashville. Both the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers wind through the state, with the Mississippi forming its entire western border. Eastern Tennessee features some of the highest peaks in the Appalachian Mountains. The Mockingbird is the state bird of Tennessee, and four other southern states.

Which facts belong in each category?

Borders Mississippi
The Tennessee River flows through
Became a state FIRST
Is a Southern state
Its capital and largest city are the same
Has popular beaches
Touches the Gulf of Mexico
Includes parts of the Appalachian Mountains and hills
Borders Florida

Alabama	Both	Tennessee

Answers:

Alabama	Both	Tennessee
Has popular beaches	Borders Mississippi	Became a state FIRST
Touches the Gulf of Mexico	The Tennessee River flows through	Its capital and largest city are the same
Borders Florida	Is a Southern state	Shares a state bird with other states
	Includes parts of the Appalachian Mountains and hills	