

Comparing and Contrasting Arizona and New Mexico

Name: _____

Arizona

Arizona, located in the southwestern portion of the United States, became a state on February 14, 1912. It was America's 48th state! It is one of the four corner states, and shares borders with California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado. It shares its southern border with Mexico. Arizona's capital and largest city is Phoenix, which has more than two million people. Arizona is home to the Grand Canyon, which is one of the nation's most popular natural attractions. The Grand Canyon was carved by the ancient Colorado River, which flows through the northern part of Arizona. Much of southern Arizona is covered by the Sonoran Desert, which includes groves of giant Saguaro cacti!

Nevada

Nevada is located in the western part of the United States. It became America's 36th state on Halloween of 1864, just before the Civil War. Located entirely within the Great Basin, Nevada is full of deserts and isolated mountain ranges. It borders California, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, and Idaho. It shares the famous Hoover Dam with Arizona, on the border of the two states. Nevada's capital is Carson City, but its largest city is Las Vegas. Las Vegas is one of America's top tourist attractions and features famous casinos, theater productions, and restaurants.

Which facts belong in each category?

Borders Mexico
Located with the Great Basin
Is one of the four corner states
Has giant saguaro cacti
Its capital and largest city are different
Has deserts
Borders Utah
Hoover Dam
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Answers:

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