

Comparing and Contrasting Florida and Georgia

Name: _____

Florida

Florida, aptly nicknamed The Sunshine State, was purchased from Spain in 1819. It became America's 27th state on March 3, 1845. Located entirely within the Atlantic Coastal Plain in the southeastern United States, Florida features beautiful beaches, wetlands, and grasslands. It borders two states: Georgia and Alabama. Most of Florida is a peninsula, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Gulf of Mexico to the west and the Caribbean Sea to the south. Key West, Florida, is the southernmost point in the United States. Florida is America's third most populous state with over 21 million people. Its capital is Tallahassee, but its largest city is Jacksonville. Orlando, Florida, is home to Disney World, Universal Studios, and other theme parks. Orlando is one of the most visited cities in America. The Everglades, located in southern Florida, is one of the world's most important wetlands and national parks.

Georgia

In 1732, Georgia became the last of the original 13 colonies to receive a royal charter. It was originally a colony designed for people crowded into debtors prisons in England. Georgia became America's fourth state on January 2, 1788. It is located in the southeastern United States and borders Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. It is nicknamed the Peach State. Atlanta is Georgia's capital and largest city. In 1996, it hosted the Olympic Summer Games. Atlanta's airport, Hartsfield International, is the world's busiest airport. With over 10.6 million people, Georgia is the eighth most populous state in America. Like many east coast states, Georgia features beautiful beaches on its east coast, piedmont in the central parts of the state, and mountains in the northwestern part of the state.

Which facts belong in each category?

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Was a state first
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Has more people
Has beaches
One of the original 13 colonies
Nicknamed the Peach State
Borders three large bodies of water
Became a state in 1832

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