

Comparing and Contrasting Kentucky and Tennessee

Name: _____

Kentucky

Kentucky, nicknamed the Bluegrass State, is located in the Southeastern United States. It borders seven states: West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, and Virginia. Its western border is formed by the Mississippi River and its northern border is formed by the Ohio River. Kentucky became America's 15th state on June 1, 1792. It was one of the first states to become part of America after the Revolutionary War. Its capital is Frankfort and its largest city is Louisville, site of the Kentucky Derby - the world's most important horse race. Today, about four and half million people live in Kentucky. Its state bird is the cardinal.

Tennessee

Tennessee is located in the Southeastern 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. Today, Tennessee is home to almost seven million people!

Which facts belong in each category?

The Mississippi River winds through
The capital is Nashville
State bird is the mockingbird
Became a state first
Has more people
Has beaches
Borders Indiana
Borders more states
Located in the Southeastern United States
Home to the world's most important horse race

Kentucky
Both
Tennessee
Neither

Answers:

Kentucky

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Borders Indiana

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