

Comparing and Contrasting Louisiana and Texas

Name: _____

Louisiana

Louisiana, nicknamed the Pelican State, is located in Southeastern United States, along the Gulf of Mexico. Not surprisingly, its state bird is the brown pelican. Louisiana is bordered by Texas, Mississippi, and Arkansas. The Mississippi River forms much of the eastern border of the state and flows out through the Louisiana to the Gulf of Mexico. Louisiana is well known for its many bayous, swampy outlet nears lake and rivers filled with trees. Louisiana became America's 18th state on April 30, 1812. It was part of a huge parcel of land known as the Louisiana Territory, which was purchased from France in 1803. Its capital is Baton Rouge and its largest city is New Orleans. The historic city of New Orleans is famous for its Mardi Gras celebrations and French atmosphere. It is also considered the birthplace of jazz in America.

Texas

Texas, nicknamed the Lone Star State, was an independent country from 1836 until 1845, when it became America's 28th state. Texas borders Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. The Rio Grande forms the long border between Texas and Mexico, and the Gulf of Mexico washes upon the shores of southeastern Texas. Texas is the second largest state by area in America and also is its second most populous state; only California has more people. Its capital is Austin, named after Stephen F. Austin, the founder of Texas. Its largest city, Houston, is named after Sam Houston, who led the Texans to victory over the Mexican Army following the Battle of the Alamo in 1836. While much of the state is plains and grasslands, Texas has deserts and high mountains in the west, hills in the south, beaches on its Gulf Coast, and wetlands in the east. Its state bird is the mockingbird and its state flower is the famous bluebonnet. Texas is hit with more tornadoes than any other state.

Which facts belong in each category?

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Borders Arkansas
Became a state first
Has more people
Borders another country
The Mississippi River flows through
Borders more states
Largest city is Houston
Located along the Gulf of Mexico

Louisiana
Both
Texas
Neither

Answers:

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