

Comparing and Contrasting Florida and Alabama

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.

Alabama

Alabama, which means "Tribal Town" in native language, became a state on December 14, 1819. It is located in the southeastern United States and borders Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. Its nickname is the Heart of Dixie. Much of the Tennessee River winds through the northern part of the state. 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 largest city is Birmingham. Its state bird is the yellowhammer.

Which facts belong in each category?

Borders Georgia

Located in the southeastern United States

Its capital is Tallahassee

Borders the Gulf of Mexico

Has more people

Has beaches

Became a state first

Borders Tennessee

It was purchased from France

Home to America's southernmost point

Florida

Both

Alabama

Neither

Answers:

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Alabama

**Became a state first
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