

Comparing and Contrasting Georgia and South Carolina

Name: _____

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.

South Carolina

Nicknamed the Palmetto State, South Carolina is located in the southeastern United States. It is bordered to the north by North Carolina and to the south and west by Georgia. The Atlantic Ocean washes ashore on its east coast. Its beach destinations such as Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head draw millions of visitors each year. South Carolina was one of America's original 13 colonies. It became the eighth state on May 23, 1788. Before the Civil War, it became the first state to leave the United States. South Carolina's capital is Columbia and its largest city is Charleston. The eastern portion of South Carolina is dominated by the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Here, the Savannah River forms the border between it and Georgia. Central South Carolina features the piedmont, and western South Carolina is hilly and mountainous. Today, a little more than five million people live in South Carolina.

Which facts belong in each category?

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Has beaches
One of the original 13 colonies
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Borders more states

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