

Comparing and Contrasting Georgia and Tennessee

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. Georgia's state bird is the Brown Thrasher.

Tennessee

Tennessee is located in the southeastern United States. It is nicknamed the Volunteer State. It borders eight other states including Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri. Nearly seven million people live in Tennessee. 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. Great Smoky National Park, the nation's most visited national park, lies partly in Tennessee and partly in North Carolina. The Mockingbird is the state bird of Tennessee, and four other southern states.

Which facts belong in each category?

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Was a state first
Its capital and largest city are different
Has mountains
Has more people
Has beaches
One of the original 13 colonies
Is Landlocked
Hosted the Summer Olympics
Located in the southeastern United States

Georgia
Both
Tennessee
Neither

Answers:

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