

Comparing and Contrasting Kentucky and Indiana

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, home of the Louisville Slugger factory, the world's largest producer of wooden baseball bats. It is also the site of Churchill Downs - the setting for 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.

Indiana

Indiana became America's 19th state on December 11, 1816. It is nicknamed the Hoosier State. The origin of the word "Hoosier" remains unknown, but today it refers to a citizen of Indiana and has been in use since as early as 1833. Indiana is located in the Midwestern United States and borders Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky. Its northwestern coast borders Lake Michigan, thus, making it one of the Great Lakes states as well. The Ohio River forms its southern border between it and Kentucky. Its land is mostly rolling hills, farms, and grasslands. The state capital and largest city is Indianapolis - home of the Indianapolis 500 - one of the most important car racing events in the world. Over 6.8 million people live in Indiana, making it the nation's 17th most populous state. Its state bird is the cardinal.

Which facts belong in each category?

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State bird is the cardinal

Became a state first

Has more people

Borders another country

At least one of its borders is formed by the Ohio River

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Is one of the Great Lake States

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