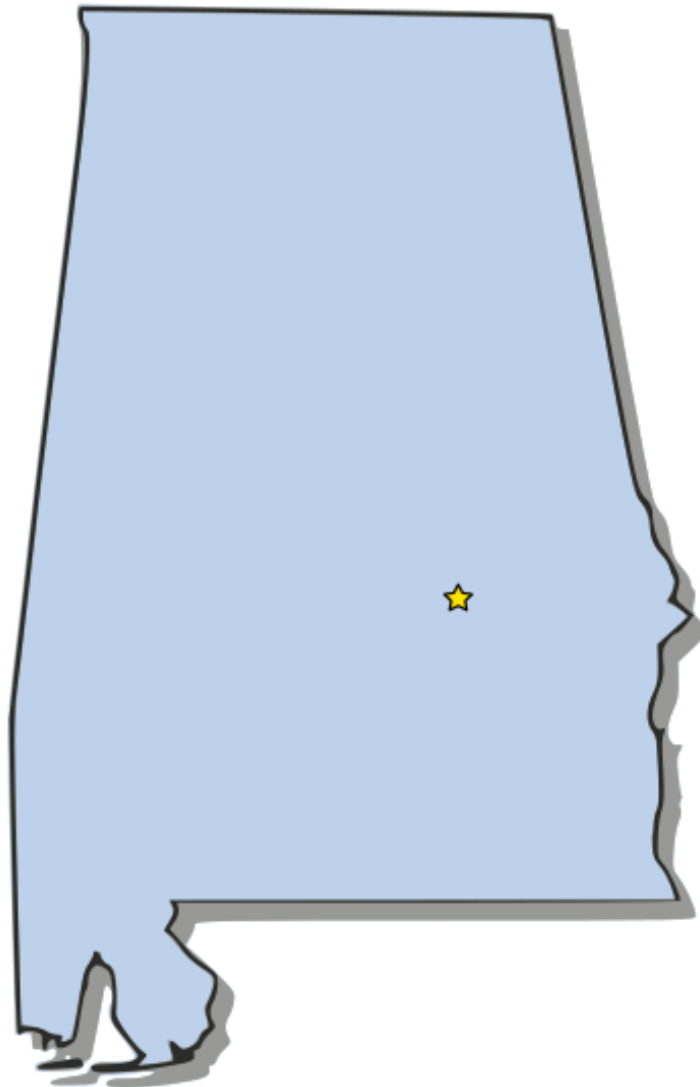


December 14, 1819 Alabama Becomes a State

The state of Alabama was settled and ruled by many different countries before it became a part of the United States. It was ruled by Spain, France, and England as well as different Native American tribes before all of the land was ceded to allow the events to happen that led to statehood. Since statehood was obtained in 1819, Alabama has grown and been a great asset to the country. For example, Alabama was home to one of the regiments that served at the front longer than any other in World War I, and it has contributed to the country in many ways since that time.

Look at the map of Alabama below. Label the capital of Alabama. Locate the cities of Huntsville, Birmingham, Mobile, Tuskegee, Tuscaloosa, Decatur, Madison, and Enterprise and label them on the map. Also, locate Cheaha Mountain, Guntersville Lake, Pickwick Lake, Wheeler Lake, the Mobile River, Alabama River, and the Tombigbee River and label them. Now label the states that border Alabama and the natural borders of the state. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of Alabama history on the next pages and the research prompts that follow.



Timeline of Alabama History

Fill in the timeline on this page and the next with the correct events for each year from the list that follows the timeline.

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