

February 14, 1912 Arizona Becomes a State

Long ago, Arizona was thought to be nothing more than barren desert. However, with the beautiful climate and scenery in Arizona, it has become one of the fastest-growing states in the United States. Although there is a lot of desert in Arizona, it has not stopped people from irrigating and creating farmland. Arizona also has a large amount of manufacturing, including electronic and aerospace products. Arizona is first in the nation in copper production. You will also find amazing national monuments and parks in the state. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Petrified Forest National Park, Saguaro National Park, Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, and of course Grand Canyon National Park are only a few of the amazing sites to be seen in Arizona. And, in an interesting bit of history, although Arizona did not become a state until 1912, by 1919, Tucson, Arizona was the first city in the United States to have its own municipal airport. Many famous people are from Arizona including Barry Goldwater, Cesar Chavez, Geronimo, Timothy Creamer, Ira Hamilton Hayes, Frank Luke, Jr., and Lori Ann Piestewa.

Look at the map of Arizona below. Label the capital of Arizona. Locate the cities of Kingman, Flagstaff, Winslow, Payson, Scottsdale, Tempe, Tucson, Tombstone, Yuma, Kayenta, Fredonia, Parker, Lake Havasu City, Payson, and Ft. Apache, and label them on the map. Now label the Mazatzal Mountain Range, Santa Maria Mountain Range, Sierra Ancha Mountain Range, White Mountain Range, Chiricahua Mountain Range, Gila Mountain Range, Huachuca Mountain Range, Hualapai Mountain Range, Pinaleno Mountain Range, Santa Catalina Mountain Range, Santa Rita Mountain Range, Superstition Mountain Range, Humphreys Peak, and Mogollon Rim. Also, locate the Colorado River, Bill Williams River, Little Colorado River, San Pedro River, Santa Cruz River, Gila River, Salt River, Havasu Creek, Theodore Roosevelt Lake, San Carlos Lake, and Alamo Lake, and label them. Lastly, label the states or bodies of water that border Arizona. When you have finished, move on to the timeline of Arizona history on the next page and the research prompts that follow.



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