

GUIDED READING

Alabama: Our Beautiful Home

Chapter 1: Celebrate Alabama!

Section 1 Festivals and Fairs

Directions: Use the information from pages 4 - 16 to complete the following.

1. Alabama is located in the _____ part of the United States.
2. Alabama is called " The _____."
3. _____ celebrate historic events, art, local food, people, and cultures.
4. _____ is the belief and customs of a group of people.
5. _____ are a way to show off the local farm crops and students' activities.
6. Sometimes fairs _____ nearby industries.
7. An _____ is a factory or place to work that makes products or services.
8. Festivals are planned around a _____ (subject).
9. Festivals with an _____ theme give _____ a chance to show their work.
10. _____ means ways of life passed on from one generation to the next.
11. This [St. Bernard Abbey] is the only _____ (a place for monks to live and study) in Alabama.
12. The Jerry Brown Festival in Hamilton has _____ (simple style of art by local people) and pottery.

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13. The _____ of many festivals is a _____ or _____.
14. About _____ of the _____ crop in the United States is _____ within 100 miles of Dothan .
15. Alabama is famous for its barbecue (_____).
16. _____ means something made long ago.
17. All festivals have _____, but some of them have only a special kind of music.
18. There is a special Cajun music called _____.
19. _____ means people with French heritage living in Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama.
20. Your _____ history is the way of life for you and earlier generations of your family.
21. For example, the _____ could be Irish or Chinese if these immigrants settled the area.
22. _____ are people who settle in a new country.
23. Some festivals honor the area's _____ and culture.
24. Most counties have a county _____ in late summer or fall.
25. These fairs, both big and small, bring people from all _____ _____ _____ to see the sights.
26. _____ want to show off their prize _____.
27. _____ (animals such as cattle, pigs, sheep, and horses) owners bring their best animals.

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28. The _____ National Fair is held in _____
each year.
29. Students in the **Future Farmers of America** (_____) show livestock of all
kinds there.
30. The _____ has _____ (a display to show something)
about a wide range of subjects.
31. The four Hs mean _____, Hands, _____, and Head.
32. In 1703, there was a group of _____ immigrants living in a tiny town
called Mobile.
33. They [French immigrants] decided to honor a holiday that they had in France —
_____.
34. This was the first celebration of Mardi Gras (_____) in
North America.

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Section 2 Historic Places

Directions: Use the information from pages 17 - 27 to complete the following.

1. Alabama has many _____.
2. Those are places where something _____ in _____ happened.
3. Some of them [historic places] are on the U.S. Department of the Interior's _____ of National Historic Sites.
4. A _____ is a place where something was located or happened.
5. There is a national or state _____ in nearly every county in Alabama.
6. Old Cahawba near Selma is a site called "Alabama's most famous _____."
7. The town was the state's _____ capital.
8. A _____ is a city that is the seat of government.
9. The Creek Indians _____ several _____ in Alabama against white settlers and the U.S. Army.
10. _____ are people who go to live in a new area.
11. Many county _____ are historic places.
12. A courthouse is usually called _____ because of its architecture.

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13. _____ is the style of a building such as Colonial or Victorian.
14. Many _____ are good examples of fine architecture.
15. _____ bridges played an important part in the growth of Alabama.
16. They [bridges] let people in buggies and wagons _____ rivers and creeks.
17. Bridges made _____ on the _____ of the water possible.
18. The _____ helped _____ the wood from rot.
19. They [bridges] also _____ travelers during _____.
20. Step back in time to see Mooresville, " a town _____ than the state."
21. Alabama was the _____ of much of the _____ for equal rights.
22. _____, the state capital, had the nation's attention during the _____ struggle.
23. The _____ played a huge part in the state's history.
24. Visit _____ and see the Tuskegee Airmen Museum.
25. It honors the _____ men who _____ and fought so bravely during World War II.
26. Mobile hosts the USS *Alabama*, a retired _____ that fought in World War II.
27. Alabama's _____ grew partly because of its _____.
28. Alabama once had a huge _____ (cloth or fabric) industry.

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29. By visiting the many places of historical interest — both _____
and _____ — you can better understand our state.
30. _____ is an area that includes southeast Alabama and parts
of Florida and Georgia.
31. A _____ is a building with a special ceiling that shows the
night sky and stars.
32. _____ is the place where animals or plants live.
33. The state had a _____ in the 1840s.

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Section 3 Sports and Recreation

Directions: Use the information from pages 28 - 33 to complete the following.

1. Alabama has many _____ places for you and tourists to enjoy.
2. There are _____, _____, and streams and the _____ Coast.
3. There are also _____ and wide-open spaces — perfect places for all types of outdoor recreation.
4. These places make our state a _____ _____ (the end of a trip) for tourists.
5. Alabama offers everything from flat floating to exciting _____ (fast-moving water; rapids) river trips.
6. The Alabama Scenic River Trail is _____ miles long.
7. That makes it the _____ canoe river trail in _____ single _____.
8. _____ is very popular in Alabama.
9. Many of the people canoeing, fishing, or hiking in Alabama are also _____.
10. Because of our state's good _____, golfers can play year-round.
11. People in Alabama are wild about _____ and sports _____.
12. _____ have teams and cities have sports programs.

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13. Alabama also has _____ baseball teams such as the Huntsville Stars, the Birmingham Barons, the Montgomery Biscuits, and the Mobile Bay Bears.
14. Automobile _____ is also very popular in Alabama.
15. The _____ Superspeedway is the biggest, fastest, and most competitive _____ in the _____.
16. W. C. _____ was born in 1873 in Florence, Alabama.
17. He was the first person to _____ (print or make public) "the blues."
18. That is why Handy became known as the " _____ of the _____."