



# Nicknames of states of USA

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**There are many  
nicknames of  
states of USA  
but...**

**I want to tell you  
only about the  
more interesting  
for me**



**Alabama is known as the "Heart of Dixie" because it is in the very middle of a group of states in the Deep South. Dixie itself is a nickname for the American South. It started when Louisiana printed notes with the French word for "ten" on them. "Deece," or D-I-X, led to "Dixie".**





**Way up north, Alaska is called the "Last Frontier" for understandable reasons. Near the Arctic Circle, it was the final part of the nation to be explored and settled.**

**Arizona is the "Grand Canyon State" because of the famous winding canyon carved by the Colorado River.**



The southern state of **Arkansas** is the "**Land of Opportunity**". The state legislature chose this nickname. Arkansas is rich in natural resources and has become a favorite place for older people to retire.



In a popular Spanish book, a fictional island called "California" was filled with gold. Sure enough, plenty of it was discovered in the real **California**, in eighteen forty-eight. This started a gold rush unlike any other in American history in the "**Golden State**".





You would think **Colorado** would be known as the "Rocky Mountain State". But its nickname is the "**Centennial State**". That is because it became a state in eighteen seventy-six, exactly one hundred years after the nation declared its independence.







The southern state of **Florida** likes to tell about its sunny days and fine beaches. So Florida is the "**Sunshine State**". Florida's neighbor to the north grows some of the sweetest fruit in America. So **Georgia** is the "**Peach State**".

**Hawaii**, far out in the Pacific Ocean, is the "**Aloha State**". That is the friendly greeting that means both "hello" and "goodbye" in the native Hawaiian language. So, aloha for now.

Next week we will tell you about the nicknames of more American states.



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