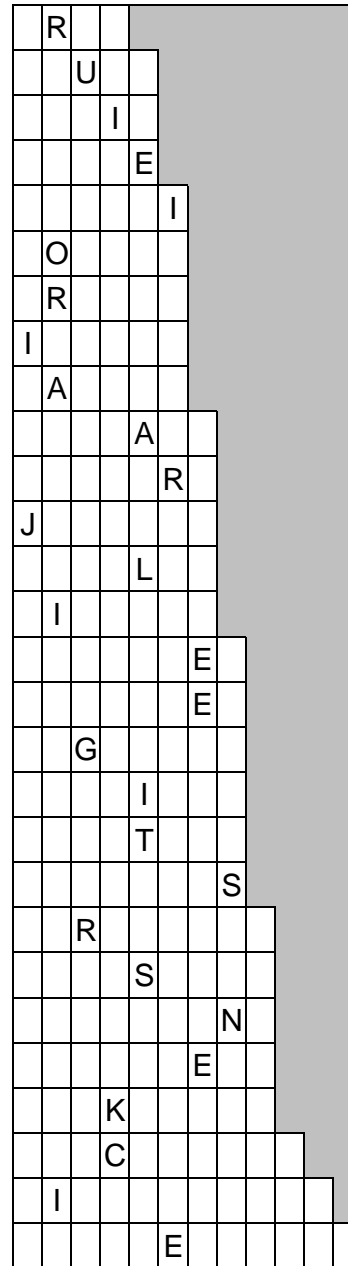


# MISSISSIPPI!



State Motto: "Virtute et armis" or "By valor and \_\_\_"  
 Home of \_\_\_ guitarists Muddy Waters, B. B. King, and Bo Diddley  
 The 1950s and 60s saw many struggles for \_\_\_ rights and integration  
 Football stars Brett \_\_\_, Jerry Rice, and Walter Payton are from Mississippi  
 Gulf coast city settled by the French seeking the mouth of the Mississippi  
 Producers of \_\_\_, poultry, cattle, soybeans, catfish, shrimp, and oysters  
 The \_\_\_ explorer La Salle claimed the area for King Louis XIV in 1682  
 The Natchez Trace Parkway started as a prehistoric \_\_\_ trail  
 The Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Natchez were some of the \_\_\_ tribes  
 Bordered by \_\_\_, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and the Gulf Coast  
 Home of \_\_\_ stars: Conway Twitty, LeAnn Rimes, Tammy Wynette, Faith Hill  
 The capital city, located in the on the Pearl River  
 The King of Rock 'n' Roll Elvis \_\_\_ was born in Tupelo on January 8, 1935  
 Famous talk show host Oprah \_\_\_ was born in Kosciusko, January 29, 1954  
 American novelist William \_\_\_ was born in New Albany, September 25, 1897  
 Root beer, Pine Sol cleaner, and delta blues music were \_\_\_ here  
 The state flower, tree, and nickname come from the flowering \_\_\_ tree  
 Many antebellum \_\_\_ can be seen in the city of Natchez  
 The highest point in the state is Woodall \_\_\_, at 806 feet  
 Playwright Tennessee \_\_\_ wrote "A Streetcar Named Desire" in 1947  
 Mississippi has become a leading producer of upholstered \_\_\_  
 The famous voice of \_\_\_ Jones was born in Arkabutla, January 17, 1931  
 Mississippi's rural culture has produced many famous writers and \_\_\_  
 Became the \_\_\_ state on December 10, 1817  
 The Civil War battle over the port city of \_\_\_ saw nearly 20,000 casualties  
 Industries such as textiles, wood products and food \_\_\_ have grown recently  
 First explored by Spaniard Hernando DeSoto, who discovered the \_\_\_ River  
 Jim Henson, born in Greenville, created many \_\_\_ and Muppet characters



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