

Alabama Day

Activity Booklet

ALABAMA



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## Celebrate Alabama Day!

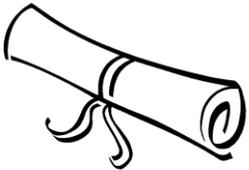
Following regulation by Congress for admission of new states to the Union, the Alabama Territory called a Constitutional Convention to meet in Huntsville on July 5, 1819. By August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Constitution was drafted, approved, inscribed on parchment, and signed by the delegates attending the Convention. Copies were sent to Washington where they were submitted to the United States Senate and House of Representatives. On December 14, 1819 President James Monroe signed the resolution admitting Alabama as the 22<sup>nd</sup> state of the Union!

Complete the activities in this booklet and celebrate Alabama Day!

- **Alabama Constitution Word Search**
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- **Alabama Trivia Crossword and Answers**
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# ALABAMA CONSTITUTION WORD SEARCH



T L D B E N E A J Q C E A S B  
 Y N K E W Q R T E U O V L T B  
 L U E A L T U I O Y N I A H I  
 J O L M I E R A R V S T B G B  
 W D T C D E G O L Y T U A I T  
 A A L I K N T A L B I C M R W  
 G E R L P I E U T X T E A X X  
 C I A V R A U M S E U X G D T  
 E W E R G E C N A D T E E R F  
 P T E E V I T A L S I G E L B  
 O T J U D I C I A L O X N X I  
 G Z F N O I T C E S N G G J L  
 I I Z O Y G E C X R B K S R L  
 K R E V L F X U K Z P S V J U  
 S T A T E H S C V W E N B R I

Directions: Find and circle the words listed below.

Alabama

Legislative

Equal

Constitution

Executive

Free

Amendment

Judicial

Law

Article

Capitol

Vote

Section

Territory

Delegate

Bill

State

Walker

Veto

Rights

Bibb



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## *Alabama Constitution Fun Facts*

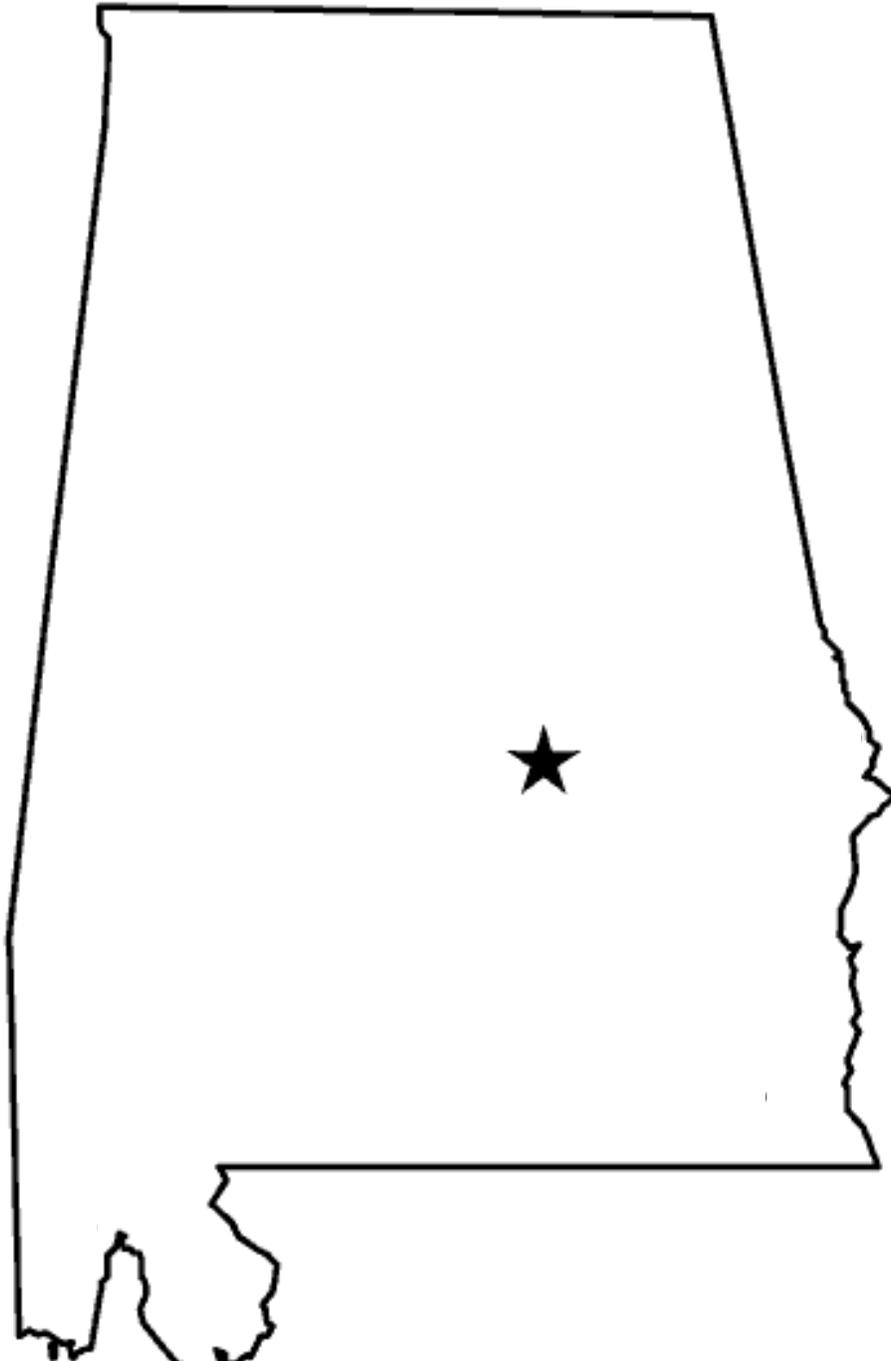
- ❖ Alabama has had six constitutions.
- ❖ The Alabama Territory was established on March 3, 1817 by the act that also created the state of Mississippi.
- ❖ 60,000 people were needed to become a state; Alabama recognized 67,594 people.
- ❖ The first Constitutional Convention met in Huntsville, Alabama in July, 1819 in Walker Allen's Cabinet Shop.
- ❖ Written on 26 sheets of parchment, the constitution was attached by gross grain silk ribbon and sealing wax. The original was kept by the Secretary of State until it was turned over to the Alabama Department of Archives and History.
- ❖ The signers of the Alabama Constitution were eighteen lawyers, four doctors, four planters, two ministers, one merchant, and one surveyor. From this group of men came one United States vice president, six United States senators, six Alabama Supreme Court justices, and six Alabama governors.
- ❖ On December 14, 1819 Alabama became the 22<sup>nd</sup> state in the Union. James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, signed into law a resolution which admitted Alabama into the Union.
- ❖ The first state constitution served Alabama for 42 years. On January 7, 1861 the convention met in Montgomery to discuss secession. The constitution was changed to reflect this.
- ❖ In 1867, under Governor Parsons, white and African American delegates gathered to write a nationally recognized constitution.
- ❖ The current Alabama Constitution (1901) is one of the longest in the United States, having over 100,000 words and 706 amendments.



# **Design Your Own Alabama Map for Alabama's Birthday on December 14th!**

**Directions:** Design a map that will tell the story of Alabama!

Create or use symbols that you believe will best explain what Alabama means to you. Mail your map to the Alabama Department of Archives and History to be displayed in a map scrapbook in the Hands-on Gallery.



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

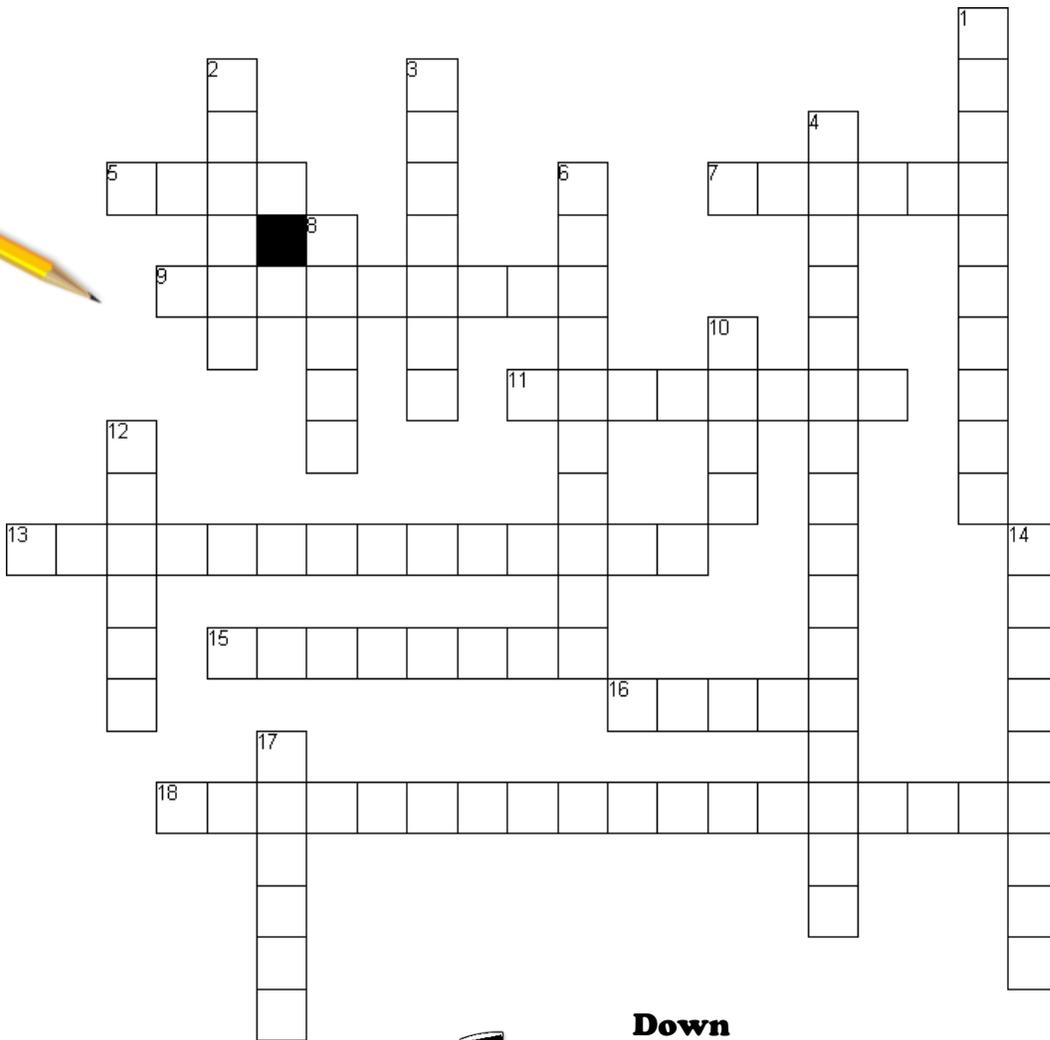
Age \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Alabama Department of Archives and History  
ATTN: Hands-on Gallery  
P. O. Box 300100  
Montgomery, AL 36130-0100

# Alabama Trivia Crossword

Test your Alabama knowledge! Complete the crossword using the clues below



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## Across

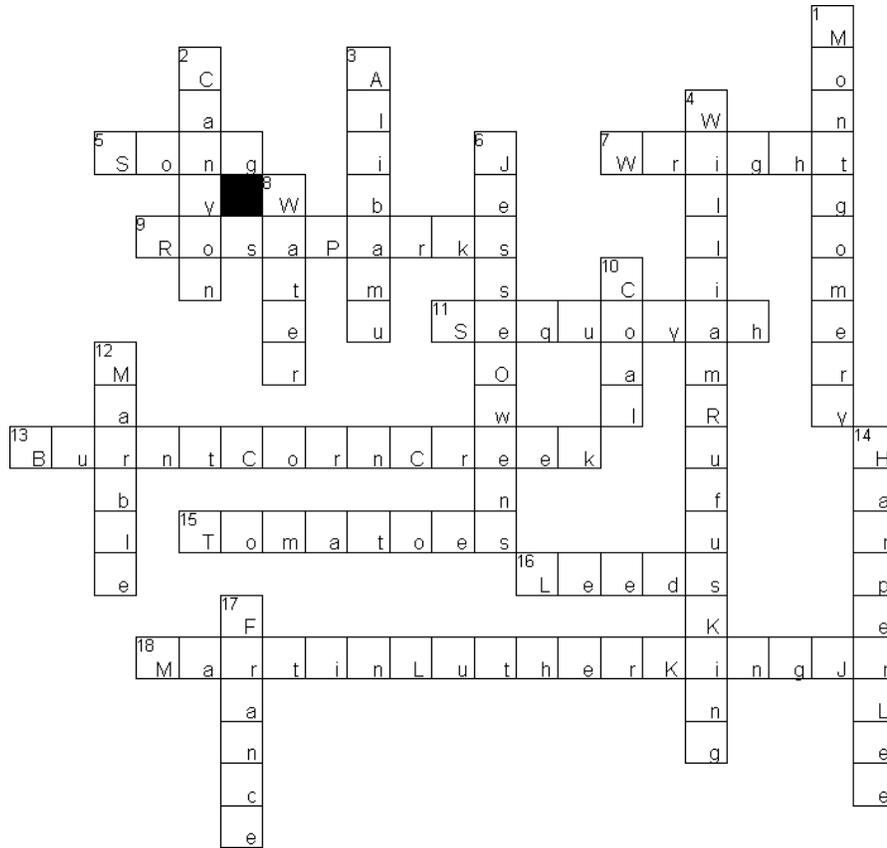
5. Julia Tutwiler wrote Alabama's State \_\_\_\_\_ 
7. These brothers made the first night flight in Alabama
9. Started the Montgomery Bus Boycott
11. Cherokee Indian who invented the Cherokee Alphabet
13. First battle of Creek Indian War 1813-1814
15. Author Fannie Flag wrote *Fried Green* \_\_\_\_\_
16. NBA star Charles Barkley was from this Alabama town
18. Preached at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church



## Down

1. *Cradle of Confederacy* city
2. Little River \_\_\_\_\_
3. Indian word for Alabama which mean "Thicket Clearers"
4. Alabamian vice president
6. Olympic track star from Oakville
8. Helen Keller's first word
10. Alabama's largest mining industry
12. Alabama's official state rock
14. Wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*
17. The first European country to settle in Alabama in 1702

# Answers!



Go to [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) for more information!

# Alabama Whirligig

Whirligig is a name used to describe anything that continuously whirls, moves, or changes. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century (1800s), people used this word to describe children’s wind-up motion toys.

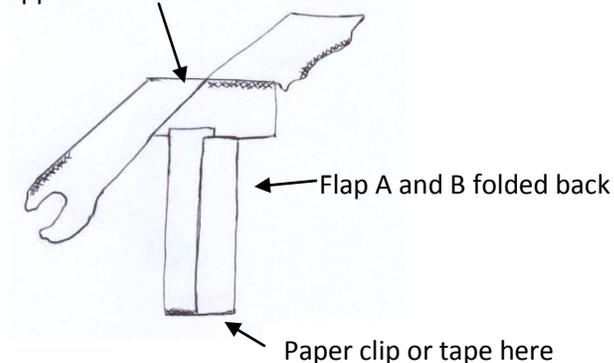
Make a whirligig and give it a twirl!

Directions:

1. Cut out the Alabama shape.
2. Cut along the dotted lines.
3. Fold flap A and flap B back. They should fold on top of each other.
4. Place a paper clip or piece of tape at the bottom of the A-B fold.
5. Bend blade C away from blade D in opposite directions.
6. Throw the Whirligig in the air and watch what happens!

Does your whirligig turn clockwise or counterclockwise? Switch and fold blades C and D the other way. Now which way does it twirl? Try different blade lengths and widths to experiment with aerodynamics (the study of objects moving through air).

Blade C and D folded in opposite directions.



# Colorful County Map



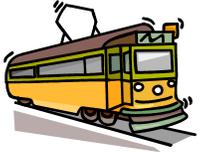
## Color the Map According to County

- ★ Use **BLUE** to color the counties beginning with the letters **A** or **B**.
- ★ Use **RED** to color the counties beginning with the letter **C**.
- ★ Use **PINK** to color the counties beginning with the letters **D** or **E**.
- ★ Use **BROWN** to color the counties beginning with the letters **F**, **G**, or **H**.
- ★ Use **ORANGE** to color the counties beginning with the letters **J** or **L**.
- ★ Use **GREEN** to color the counties beginning with the letter **M**.
- ★ Use **YELLOW** to color the counties beginning with the letters **P** or **R**.
- ★ Use **PURPLE** to color the counties beginning with the letters **S**, **T**, or **W**.

# I Am Proud of Alabama



Did you know all of these things happened in Alabama?



★ The first electric streetcar in the world ran down Dexter Avenue in Montgomery! It was nicknamed the Lightning Route.



★ Wilber and Orville Wright operated a flying school where Maxwell Air Force Base is located today. The first night flight occurred at the Wright training school there!

★ Dr. L.L. Hill completed the first successful open heart operation in Montgomery!

★ The first submarine boat, C.S.S. *Hunley*, was built in Mobile!

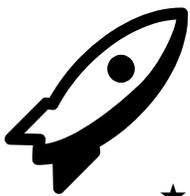


★ In 1901 Alabama started the first state-funded Archives in the United States!

★ The first Mardi Gras ever in the United States happened in Mobile.



★ Rosa Parks started the Montgomery Bus Boycott in Montgomery and energized a national civil rights movement.



★ Alabama workers built the first rocket to put people on the moon.

★ Montgomery was the first capital of the Confederate States of America before it moved to Richmond.

Wow! Read a history book or visit a museum to find out more cool things about Alabama!



Go to [www.archives.alabama.gov](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) to learn more about Alabama!

# Alabama Governors and their Spouses

Dates in Office	Governor	First Lady (or spouse)
1814-July 1820	William Wyatt Bibb	Mary Freeman
July 1820-1821	Thomas Bibb	Parmelia Thompson
1821-1825	Israel Pickens	Martha (Patsy) Lenoir
1825-1829	John Murphy	Sarah Hails
1829-March 1831	Gabriel Moore	Divorced
March-November 1831	Samuel B. Moore	Unmarried
November 1831-1835	John Gayle	Sarah Ann Haynsworth
1835-July 1837	Clement Comer Clay	Susanna Claiborne Withers
July 1837-November 1837	Hugh McVay	Widower
November 1837-1841	Arthur Pendleton Bagby	Anne Elizabeth Connel
1841-1845	Benjamin Fitzpatrick	Widower
1845-1847	Joshua Lanier Martin	Sarah Ann Mason
1847-1849	Reuben Chapman	Felicia Pickett
1849-1853	Henry Watkins Collier	Mary Ann Battle
1853-1857	John A. Winston	Widower
1857-1861	Andrew Barry Moore	Mary Gorree
1861-1863	John Gill Shorter	Mary Jane Battle
1863-April 1865	Thomas Hill Watts	Eliza B. Allen
June 1865-December 1865	Lewis E. Parsons	Jane Ann Boyd McCullough
December 1865-July 1867	Robert M. Patton	Jane Locke Brahan
July 1868-November 1870	William H. Smith	Lucy Wortham
November 1870-1872	Robert B. Lindsay	Sarah Miller Winston
1872-1874	David P. Lewis	Unmarried
1874-1878	George S. Houston	Ellen Irvine
1878-1882	Rufus Wills Cobb	Frances Fell
1882-1886	Edward A. O'Neal	Olivia Moore
1886-1890	Thomas Seay	Clara De Lesdernier
1890-1894	Thomas Goode Jones	Georgena C. Bird
1894-1896	William C. Oates	Salley Toney
1896-1900	Joseph F. Johnston	Theresa Virginia Hooper
1900-June 1901	William J. Samford	Caroline Elizabeth Drake
June 1901-1907	William D. Jelks	Alice Shorter
1904-1905 (acting)	Russell Cunningham	Sue L. Moore
1907-1911	Braxton B. Comer	Eva Jane Harris
1911-1915	Emmet O'Neal	Lizzie Kirkman
1915-1919	Charles Henderson	Laura Parker
1919-1923	Thomas E. Kilby	Mary Elizabeth Clark
1923-1927	William W. Brandon	Elizabeth Andrews Nabors
1927-1931	Bibb Graves	Dixie Bibb
1931-1935	Benjamin M. Miller	Margaret Otis Duggan
1935-1939	Bibb Graves	Dixie Bibb



1939-1943	Frank M. Dixon	Juliet Perry
1943-1947	Chauncey Sparks	Unmarried
1947-1951	James E. Folsom	Jamelle Moore
1951-1955	Gordon Persons	Alice Boyd McKeithen
1955-1959	James E. Folsom	Jamelle Moore
1959-1963	John M. Patterson	Mary Jo McGowin
1963-1967	George C. Wallace	Lurleen Wallace
1967-1968	Lurleen Wallace	George C. Wallace
1968-1971	Albert P. Brewer	Martha Farmer
1971-1974	George C. Wallace	Cornelia Ellis
1974-1979	George C. Wallace	Cornelia Ellis
1979-1983	Forrest "Fob" James	Bobbie Mae Mooney
1983-1987	George C. Wallace	Lisa Taylor
1987-1990	Guy Hunt	Helen Chambers
1990-April 1993	Guy Hunt	Helen Chambers
April 1993-1995	James E. Folsom Jr.	Marsha Guthrie
1995-1999	Forrest "Fob" James	Bobbie Mae Mooney
1999-2003	Don Siegelman	Lori Allen
2003-2011	Bob Riley	Patsy Adams
<b>2011-present</b>	<b>Robert Bentley</b>	<b>Dianne Jones</b>

53 people have served as governor of Alabama. (Not counting those who served as acting governor or post-Civil War military governor)

Initially, the governor served a two-year term. The *Alabama Constitution of 1901* set the term at four years and prohibited a governor from serving two consecutive terms. Constitutional Amendment No. 282, ratified in 1968, allows the governor to serve two consecutive terms.



Visit <http://www.archives.alabama.gov/govslist.html> to find out more about Alabama's governors including their political party and county of origin. You can also view pictures of the governors.

# ALABAMA GOVERNORS WORD SEARCH



Find and circle the Governors' names below.

ONEAL LGTTVACHSRBIYCLQSM EYALCIB  
 PERSONSYBLIKJMITBHOSFUHRLIQDSO  
 DCPMOHNEXRQGOOZWAOHKR BZORLMEBI  
 PUSAAPATTERSONHPEOCPI SZOEQCNXE  
 WFXHZZHTUBLGUEMNR LHB NXQMMFBUYJ  
 QUQGNOWFHOTVBACTSYBWHJYCONFDPE  
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 LMLGIYO VAGDWULIDUICTKLDSVASCVC  
 MMADWOJEVAXXIX KHUGOIDDADDJBDDOI  
 NIZRXSUQWSETPDTQCCWLQYJNZBSWZI  
 UOLHTPMFSAYBCISQTGSKJSOINN RJBY  
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 XZCLUA OQDOHTBOLPETUBDFRKGLEXZB  
 VWYPZOBMARALHKG IQNQIFAWMSNRUOE  
 NOTTAPHIBDTPHVOEZOSJPBLAPVBFUI

Bagby  
 Bibb  
 Brandon  
 Brewer  
 Chapman  
 Clay  
 Cobb  
 Collier  
 Comer  
 Cunningham  
 Dixon

Folsom  
 Gayle  
 Graves  
 Henderson  
 Houston  
 James  
 Jelks  
 Johnston  
 Jones  
 Kilby  
 Lewis

Lindsay  
 Martin  
 Miller  
 Moore  
 Murphy  
 Oates  
 O'Neal  
 Parsons  
 Patterson  
 Patton  
 Persons

Pickens  
 Samford  
 Seay  
 Shorter  
 Smith  
 Wallace  
 Watts  
 Winston