Alabama the Beautiful
You live in the city of Helena in Shelby County.
You live in the state of Alabama.
You live in the country of the United States.
You live in the continent of North America.
You live in the Northern and Western Hemispheres of the World.
You live on planet Earth.
Alabama’s Surrounding States
The state flag of Alabama was adopted in 1895. It was made to look like the Confederate Battle Flag. It was called the “crimson cross of St. Andrew’s.”
Alabama’s State Seal

- The seal shows a circle with a map. It also shows the four bordering states and major river systems.
- The state motto is AUDEMUS JURA NOSTRA DEFENDERE in Latin. This means “We dare to defend our rights.”
The camellia became the state flower in 1959.

Camellias can be red, pink, white, and red and white stripes.

The camellia was brought from Asia and only grow on evergreen bushes.
The State Tree

- The Southern Pine became our state tree in 1949.
- The four kinds of this tree are longleaf, loblolly, slash, and shortleaf pines.
- They grow quickly and the wood is used for building.
The State Fish

- The tarpon became the state fish in 1955.
- They are sometimes called the “Silver King.”
- They are not good to eat.
- They live in salt water and live off of the Gulf of Mexico.
- They are 4-5 feet long and weight up to 80 pounds.
The State Bird

- The state bird is the golden-winged woodpecker. It is called a yellowhammer.
- They live in Alabama year-round and live in cities and rural areas.
The red-bellied turtle is the state reptile.

It is endangered.

This turtle only lives in Alabama. They live in the Mobile River delta area.
The State Horse

- The racking horse is Alabama’s state horse.
- They are very strong with a natural gait.
- The horse can be black, bay, sorrel, chestnut, brown, gray, yellow.
The State Insect

- The monarch butterfly is the state butterfly.
- It is orangish-brown with black and white markings.
- They are the only butterflies that migrate. They fly south to Mexico in the winter and fly home to Alabama in the spring.
The State Nut

- The pecan is the state nut.
- They are found throughout the United States, but usually are in the South.
- They are used in many recipes such as pies and pralines.
Alabama has three nicknames. We are called the Heart of Dixie because we are located in the Deep South.

We are also called the Cotton State because we were the leading cotton grower.

Alabama is also called the Yellowhammer State because of yellow cloth sewed to Confederate solder uniforms.
Alabama Facts

- Alabama’s abbreviation is AL.
- The capital is Montgomery, but most people live in Birmingham.
- Over 4 million people live in Alabama.
- Alabama’s major industry is agriculture, poultry, steel-making, and mining.
- None of Alabama’s lakes are natural.
- The highest point in Alabama is Cheaha Mountain.
- DeSoto and de Pineda were the earliest explorers.
Alabama Facts

- Bob Riley is the Governor of Alabama.
- The state song is *Alabama* by Julia Tutwiler.
- The folk dance is the official state dance.
Famous Alabamians

- Hank Aaron
- Helen Keller
- Nat King Cole
- Hank Williams
- Harper Lee
- Rosa Parks
- Jim Nabors
- Heather Whitestone
- Willie Mays
- Bo Bice, Ruben Studdard, and Taylor Hicks

Can you think of more famous Alabamians?