

9/14/25 How Much Do You Know About ... ?

# Arkansas

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

## Overview:

We're bringing back this popular quiz – updated and improved. Each week (ish), we'll explore one US state. This week, we've randomly selected **ARKANSAS**. Let's see how much you know about this state, where Ernest Hemingway wrote *A Farewell to Arms* and where 50% of America's spinach is grown.

## Instructions:

1. Divide the players evenly into teams (or as closely as possible).
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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Instructions: Find out how much you know about ARKANSAS from this quiz.

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## QUESTIONS

1. What is the capital of Arkansas?
2. How many of the six states that border Arkansas can you name?
3. Two adjacent cities on the border of Arkansas and Texas have this same merged name.
4. Arkansas is home to two distinct mountain ranges: the Ouachita (WASH•it•taw), and this other range that occupies much of northwest Arkansas into Missouri. (Hint: It was the original home of the fictional Jed Clampett family before they moved to Beverly Hills on TV in 1962.)
5. Needing cash to fight rebellions and wars, Napoleon Bonaparte sold Arkansas to the US as part of what larger land deal?
6. What US president approved the Louisiana Purchase, thereby adding 828,000 square miles of land, including Arkansas, to the United States?
7. The three stars under the name "Arkansas" on the state flag represent these three countries, each of which claimed Arkansas as a possession or territory at one time or another since its founding by Europeans.
8. Arkansas is one of only three US states where this precious gem has been discovered.
9. What is the two-letter postal code for Arkansas?
10. In 1957, this US president sent 1,000 US Army troops to Little Rock, to escort four African American students into the public high school.
11. Arkansas is the home base of this multinational retail company – the largest company by revenue in the world.

12. In addition to Walmart, there are five other Fortune 500 companies based in Arkansas. Can you name one of them?
13. In what Arkansas city was President Bill Clinton born in 1946?
14. Famous people from Arkansas:
  - a. This pipe-smoking, five-star WWII general, who was the United Nations Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Southwest Pacific Area, was born in Little Rock in 1880.
  - b. Born in Delight, Arkansas, this singer did delight audiences with hit songs such as "Wichita Lineman," "Rhinstone Cowboy," and "By the Time I Get to Phoenix."
  - c. This musical "Man in Black" was born in Kingsland, Arkansas in 1932.
  - d. It might surprise some television viewers that Daniel Davis, who played the British butler Niles on this 1990's TV sitcom, was born in Gurdon, Arkansas in 1945.

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## ANSWERS

1. Little Rock
2. Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas
3. Texarkana
4. The Ozarks
5. The Louisiana Purchase
6. Thomas Jefferson
7. Spain, France, and the United States
8. Diamonds. (Colorado and Montana are the other two.)
9. AR
10. Dwight D. Eisenhower
11. Walmart
12. Tyson Foods, Dillard's, Sam's Club (owned by Walmart), and J.B. Hunt Transport Services
13. Hope
14. Famous people from Arkansas:
  - a. General Douglas MacArthur
  - b. Glen Campbell
  - c. Johnny Cash
  - d. *The Nanny*. Davis attended high school in Little Rock and went to acting school at the Arkansas Arts Center. His nearly perfect English accent was a performance!