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Oklahoma

Did you know that Oklahoma has a pink tree as their state tree, and a State flower called ‘rosa Oklahoma? If you said yes then you probably know a lot about Oklahoma, but if you said no then keep reading because there is all of that and a lot more on my report.

**Geography**

Oklahoma is at the bottom of America and is the state right above Texas. It is bordered by Texas, Kansas, and New Mexico. The capital city is Oklahoma City, but some others are Tusla, Norman, and Broken Arrow.

Also, Oklahoma is known for its gorgeous Ouachita Mountains, Glass mountains, Boston Mountains, Red River, Salt Fork Red, Broken Bow Lake, Lake Texoma, and their Chickasaw nation recreation area.

Oklahoma has a climate that is very hot and humid especially in summer! And when winter comes around it rarely ever snows although, it does get a little colder just not as cold as Idaho. In the summer it gets to one hundred degree weather all of the time. Because of Oklahoma during the winter time being hot but a little bit colder, this can cause tornadoes. This also happened because they don’t have big mountains like Idaho does.

**Basic State Information**

Oklahoma is known as the sooner state. This is because they were once the American settlers who staked their claims in Formerly American lands that the Indians owned. That was until the Indian appropriations act of 1889 authorised the land rush of 1889 opening the land to settlement.

Oklahoma’s flag features a cyan background and it has an emblem of a osage war shield with a big pine tree branch that dangles seven pinecones at the bottom. The state motto is "Labor Omnia vincits” which means “work conquers all things.”

The state bird of Oklahoma is the scissor-tailed flycatcher. It's a common striking bird, with a really good diet to the state. It also normally lives in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma’s state flower is ‘Rosa Oklahoma.’ More than 180 gardening clubs debated that it should be the state flower. They said that it was very beautiful and represented Oklahoma's nice, rich, soil good for gardening.

Oklahoma’s state tree is the eastern redbud tree, which is known for being a symbol of spring. Maimee Lee Robinson Brown played a huge part in making it the state tree. She argued that it was a huge hysterical tree that welcomed the pioneers to Oklahoma. It has beautiful, pink, blossoms and is a multi-trunked tree with a rounded crown and heart shaped petals. It was also chosen as a symbol of Oklahoma’s natural beauty.

**Economy and Industry**

The economy of Oklahoma relies on industries like wheat, cattle, rye, canola, sorghum, and pecans. The main thing they produce is wheat, specifically winter wheat. The cattle are also huge considering that they produce a lot of meat.

The manufacturing and technology of Oklahoma includes natural gasses and oils. (fun fact, they produce about three times the amount of energy that they get.)

**History**

One of the most important events in Oklahoma was the civil war that happened in Oklahoma. If you don’t know what that is, it's a war that had numerous skirmishes and battles with Native Americans that were on both sides of the British and Americans. That was so long ago that Oklahoma wasn’t even a state back then. Although I think it’s really cool that they fought there. This happened from April 12, 1861 to April 9, 1865.

Oklahoma is the birthplace of Jim Thorpe and Willma ManKiller. Jim Thorpe is known for being a Native American athlete that always won gold and Wilma Mankiller was the first woman principal chief of the Cherokee Nation and served from 1985 to 1995, so for ten years. Oklahoma is also the birthplace of Will Rogers and Ralph Ellison. Will Rogers was a famous actor that was also known for his positive outlook on life. Ralph Ellison was a renowned author and essayist. He is especially known for his book "Invisible Man".

**Culture, people, and interesting facts.**

In Oklahoma people celebrate powwows, rodeos, and the national indian taco championships.The powwows are when Native Americans get together to do a dance called a powwow. The national Taco championships are when a group of people get together to make the best Indian taco, and features live music Native American dance demonstrations, craft vendors, and more.

In addition to Brad Pit Oklahoma is home to famous people like James Garner, Rebeca McEntrie, Toby Keith, Blake Shelton, and Bill Hader.

Did you know that for a short term of time Oklahoma was called the trail of tears? Another fun fact is that there were two tribes called the chickasaw and choctaw tribes that traveled a very long way to make it to Oklahoma. Due to the Indian removal act, the subsequence of Dancing Rabbit Creek, and the treaty of doaksville, they were forcibly removed from their ancestral lands and had to move to what they called “Indian Territory” which is now called Oklahoma.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, Oklahoma is an amazing state because of its Geometry, basic state information, economy and industry, history, culture, people, and interesting facts. If you’ve made it this far, great job and now you are kinda a nerd about Oklahoma. I hope you enjoyed my essay! (;