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

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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