

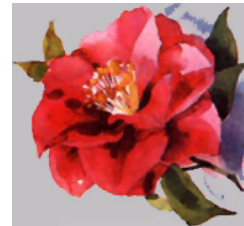
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ALABAMA STAR AWARD



NOTE: The Star Award should be done independently and after school hours. This is a supplement to the regular Alabama History curriculum, and is for students who wish to do extra work over and above what is required during school.

Name _____

School _____ Grade _____

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AWARD INFORMATION

The jazz standard, "Stars Fell on Alabama," was inspired by a Leonid meteor shower clearly visible in Huntsville on the night of November 12-13, 1833. The event startled and even alarmed many people there. Having never seen such a spectacle, many thought the end of the world was at hand. Instead, it was a predictable and natural phenomenon of awesome proportion. Like astronomers who can predict and calculate future meteor showers, FEEF predicts that enhancing the educational experience for Fairhope's young people will lead to amazing results!

What is the Alabama Star Award?

The Alabama Academic Award is sponsored by the Fairhope Educational Enrichment Foundation (FEEF) to provide a fun, challenging way to learn more about our state. Students must provide written responses to questions in the following categories:

Alabama Geography (30 points)	Alabama Government (20 points)
Alabama History (40 points)	Alabama People (25 points)
Alabama Trivia (10 points)	Alabama Road Trip Poster (25 pts.)

Students must earn a total of 135 points to receive the award.
Students must complete one entire section of the packet to be evaluated.

Who is eligible?

Any 4th grade Fairhope public school student is eligible for this award!

Where can I find the answers?

Most of the answers can be found in your Alabama History textbook. You can also use the Internet, especially the Alabama Department of History and Archives website, www.archives.state.al.us.

When can I submit my responses to earn the award?

Completed responses must be submitted in writing to a FEEF representative on any of the following dates, but no later than April 15, 2011. FEEF representatives will be available at your school at 10 a.m. on:

Friday, September 24, 2010	Friday, January 21, 2011
Friday, October 15, 2010	Friday, February 18, 2011
Friday, November 19, 2010	Friday, March 18, 2011
Friday, December 10, 2010	Friday, April 15, 2011

What happens if my answers are incorrect?

Incorrect answers will be noted and students may make corrections prior to the next evaluation date. Because there will not be the opportunity to make corrections after the April evaluation, it is advisable to submit answers throughout the year, rather than waiting for the last evaluation date.

When are the awards given?

Students who have completed the questions and/or tasks will be honored and presented with the Alabama Academic Award on awards' day at the end of the school year. Recipients will also have their picture submitted to the local newspapers.

Questions? Contact-FEEF at 990-FEEF(3333) or email: info@feefonline.org

Alabama Geography (30 pts.– 5 pts. each)

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers may be handwritten on loose-leaf paper or typed. Please attach them to the packet.

1. Name the four states that border Alabama to the north, south, east and west.
2. There are five major geographic regions of Alabama. Name each region and write a brief description of each.
3. What is the Fall Line?
4. What is the Black Belt?
5. What is the capital of Alabama?
6. Name at least three of the principal rivers of Alabama.

Alabama History (40 pts. – 2 pts. each)

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers may be handwritten on loose-leaf paper or typed. Please attach them to the packet.

1. The word Alabama comes from an Indian word “Alibamu.” What does it mean?
3. Who were the first Europeans to explore Alabama and who was their leader?
4. When did the French reach Alabama and what area did they explore?
5. Who were the cassette girls?
6. Name the four distinct Indian nations present in Alabama by the late 1500s.
7. Describe Indian culture in Alabama. For example, you might include how they got food, what kinds of houses they lived in, what their religion was like.
8. When did Alabama become a state?
9. What battle ended the Creek War and who led the Americans in this fight?
10. What was the Trail of Tears?
11. In the 1800s most plantations in Alabama thrived on one main crop. What was it?

12. Who was the only Vice President of the United States to ever come from Alabama?
13. Alabama joined the side of the Confederacy in the Civil War. Where was the first capital of the Confederacy?
14. Who fought in the Battle of Mobile Bay and who won?
15. Why was the Thirteenth Amendment important?
16. What were Jim Crow laws?
17. How many Alabamians lost their lives during World War I? How did they die?
18. The Bankhead Tunnel was a project of the WPA. What was the WPA? When was the tunnel completed? How much did it cost to build?
19. What was life like in Alabama during World War II? In your answer explain rationing and “black-outs.”
20. Who was Rosa Parks and why is she important to Alabama History?
21. Who was Dr. Wernher von Braun and why is he important to Alabama History?

Alabama Trivia (10 points – 1 pt. each)

Directions: These answers do not need to be written in complete sentences, but must be handwritten or typed on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What is the state bird of Alabama?
2. What is the state tree of Alabama?
3. What is the state flower of Alabama?
4. What is the state reptile of Alabama?
5. These bugs invaded Alabama in 1915, destroying the cotton crop and damaging the economy.
6. This famous country music group is from Fort Payne, AL.
7. What is the name of Helen Keller’s birthplace in Tuscumbia?

8. Mobile's first Coca-Cola bottlers built a beautiful home and gardens in Theodore, AL. Name this tourist attraction.
9. How many counties are in Alabama?
10. This Alabama native from Monroeville wrote the famous novel, *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

Alabama Government (20 pts. – 2 pts. each)

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers may be handwritten on loose-leaf paper or typed. Please attach them to the packet.

1. List the three branches of government and describe the job of each specific branch.
2. A governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, auditor, and commissioners make up what branch of government?
3. The 35-member Senate and the 105-member House of Representative make up what branch of government?
4. The Supreme Court, Court of Civil Appeals, Court of Criminal Appeals, Circuit Courts, District Courts, Probate Courts and Municipal Courts make up what branch of government?
5. Who is the Governor of Alabama?
6. Who is the person who represents you in the **State of Alabama** House of Representatives?
7. Who is the person who represents you in the **State of Alabama** Senate?
8. What year was the current Alabama constitution adopted? What makes the Alabama constitution unusual? (There are several correct answers to what makes the constitution unusual.)
9. Name the two Senators who represent Alabama in the **United States Senate**.
10. Who is your representative in the **United States House of Representatives**?

Alabama People (25 pts. – 5 pts. each)

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers may be handwritten on looseleaf paper or typed. Please attach them to the packet.

Choose five people from the following list. Tell who they are and why they are important to Alabama History. (What have they done that is important?)

Hugo Black	Julia Tutwiler	Bo Jackson
Dr. Regina Benjamin	George Wallace	Fannie Flagg
Daniel Pratt	Condoleezza Rice	Raphael Semmes
Booker T. Washington	Kathryn Tucker Windham	
William Wyatt Bibb	Winston Groom	Jesse Owens
Helen Keller	Mae Jemison	Bob Riley

Alabama Road Trip (25 points)

Alabama is a state with wonderfully varied geography. From the foothills of the Appalachians in the northeast corner of the state to the coastal plain in the southwest, visitors and residents alike can enjoy amazing scenery, an extensive offering of outdoor activities and historic sites ranging from the time of Paleo-Indians to recent decades. To complete this portion of the Alabama Star Award packet, students should create a presentation poster for an imaginary Alabama road trip.

The poster must include the following:

- Main destination
- One possible side-trip
- General route to destination, beginning in Fairhope
- Place to stay. This could be a state park, hotel or a campsite.
- Available activities at destination. Explain what visitors can do while staying at this place
- Historic sites of interest in the area
- Additional entertainment offered in the area

Students may include pictures, maps or other images taken from the computer. Text may not be cut and pasted from the internet or print sources. Text may be typed, but should be in the student's own words.

The Alabama state park system has a website that could be very useful for this project. It is www.alapark.com. Have fun and be creative!

Name _____ Teacher Name _____

AWARD SCORES

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Teacher Name _____

	Points Earned	Date	Evaluator Initials
Alabama Geography (30 possible points)			
Alabama History (40 possible points)			
Alabama Trivia (10 possible points)			
Alabama Government (20 possible points)			
Alabama People (25 possible points)			
Alabama Road Trip (25 possible points – 15 required)			
TOTAL POINTS (150 possible points)			

Congratulations!!

