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Abstrakt

V mojí závěrečné práci píšu o americkém státě Arkansasu. První část bude věnována základním informacím, kde uvedu zeměpisné informace o státě a jeho symbolech. V následujících částech se budu zabývat o historii a založení státu, jeho zajímavostech a místech, která jsou pro tento stát důležitá a stálo by za to je navštívit.

Abstract

In my final work, I'm focusing on American state Arkansas. The first part of my work will be on the main information about this state, including geographic information and the symbols of the state. In the following parts, I will be dealing with history and foundation of the state, its points of interest and places, which are important for this state and could be worth visiting them.

Abstract

In mijn laatste werk richt ik mij op de Amerikaanse staat Arkansas. Het eerste deel van mijn werk zal gaan over de belangrijkste informatie over deze staat van geografische informatiesystemen van de staat. In de resterende onderdelen, zal ik te maken hebben met de geschiedenis en stichting van de staat, haar bezienswaardigheden en plaatsen die belangrijk zijn voor de staat en die zeker de moeite waard zijn om te bezoeken.

Introduction

I chose the American state Arkansas as the topic for my final work. I will be writing about main information of this state, but also about its history and foundation, important places and points of interest, famous people, but also how is this state important for the entire United States.

I chose this topic, because I always wanted to visit the United States and I admire it for its achievements and amazing places. But with Arkansas, I have bigger relationship than rest of the states, because I have known people from the Arkansas university for two years.

The goal of my work is showing the readers, that Arkansas is a very beautiful and unique state and has a lot of fascinating places to visit.

1 Main information

1.1 Geographical information

Arkansas lies in the central south of the United States, at the east side of the Great plains. It has six neighboring states: Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. The border between Arkansas and two neighboring states, Tennessee and Mississippi, is made by the Mississippi River. In the eastern part of the state lays Mississippi's delta. In the southern part there are dense forests with sites of petroleum. In the western part of the state there are Ouachita Ozark mountains. Arkansas is the 29th biggest state of the United States. Its area is 137 733 square kilometers. Currently, 2.980.000 people live in Arkansas, which makes it the 32nd most populated state in the



Pic. 1 Map of Arkansas

United States.

1.2 State symbols

The capital city of Arkansas is Little Rock, which is also the biggest city in the state. Arkansas has a State Anthem called Arkansas by Eva Ware Barnett, which became the

Anthem of the state in 1987. Arkansas is called the Natural State, because of the beautiful nature there. As every state has its own governor, Arkansas has, of course, one too. The current governor of Arkansas is Asa Hutchinson since 13th of January 2015.

1.2.1 Arkansas Anthem text

Arkansas

Verse 1

I am thinking tonight of the Southland,

Of the home of my childhood days,

Where I roamed through the woods and the meadows

By the mill and the brook that plays;

Where the roses are in bloom

And the sweet magnolia too,

Where the jasmine is white

And the fields are violet blue,

There a welcome awaits all her children

Who have wandered afar from home.

Chorus:

Arkansas, Arkansas, tis a name dear,

'Tis the place I call "home, sweet home";

Arkansas, Arkansas, I salute thee,

From thy shelter no more I'll roam.

Verse 2

'Tis a land full of joy and of sunshine,

Rich in pearls and in diamonds rare,

Full of hope, faith, and love for the stranger,

Who may pass 'neath her portals fair;

There the rice fields are full,

And the cotton, corn and hay,

There the fruits of the field

Bloom in the winter months and May,

'Tis the land that I love, first of all, dear,

And to her let us all give cheer.

1.2.2 Arkansas' state flag



Pic. 2 The state flag of Arkansas

1.2.3 Arkansas' state seal



Pic. 3 The state seal of Arkansas

1.3 Agriculture

1.3.1 Rice

Arkansas grows rice on more than 1,3 million acres each year. Rice is grown mainly in eastern Arkansas counties from Louisiana to Missouri. The top five rice-producing counties are Arkansas, Poinsett, Cross, Lawrence and Lonoke. Arkansas is the largest rice producer in the United States. It produces half of the US rice. Every year, Arkansas produce 4,000,000 tonnes of rice.

1.3.2 Cotton

Arkansas is the 5th biggest producer of cotton in the United States. In 2014, 335,000 acres of cotton were planted, which resulted in 820,000 bales of cotton.

1.3.3 Corn

In 2013, 1 million acres of corn was planted. That was the biggest number since 1951, when 1,05 million acres were planted. 855,000 acres of corn was harvested. Area intended for corn planting was increasing for last 15 years, because of profit compared to other crops. Corn is usually planted between March and April and harvested in August and September.

1.4 „The Natural State“

Arkansas is surnamed „the Natural State“, because it has lots of areas unaffected by humans. Probably the most beautiful area in the state are Ozark mountains, also called the Ozark Plateau.

1.4.1 Plants

Common trees of the central United States are maples, oaks and ashes. Conifers aren't very usual for this state, but deciduous trees grow there in dense forests, mostly in Ozarks.

1.4.2 Animals

Along with the plants, Arkansas has its own specific animals living there, but has no unique Arkansas animals. The typical animal for this state is a black bear. There are over 3,500 individuals in the state. Beside black bears, Arkansas has couple of deer and elk species, cute opossums and also florida panthers and bats.

2 History and Points of Interest

2.1 History

Arkansas has a pretty short history. Its history began in 1836, when it was founded as the 25th state. It's a typical southern state. In the American civil war, Arkansas proudly fought for the confederation, which supported slavery of the African people. Unlike other southern states, Arkansas was barely populated until 19th century.

2.1.1 William Clinton

In 1992, an Arkansas man named William Clinton became the U.S. president, so Arkansas became target of medias once again. Untill this moment, most of the Americans didn't even know, where Arkansas laid. Four cities are trying to get popular, because of Bill Clinton: Hope – the city of his birth, Hot Springs – his home, Fayetteville – the city, where Bill and Hillary got married, and the capital Little Rock.

2.1.2 „Little Rock Nine“

Little Rock Nine was a group of nine African-American students registered in Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Little Rock let these nine black children enter the whites school. They were followed by Little Rock Crisis and were initially prevented from entering the racially separated school by Orval Faubus, the governor of Arkansas. This action started the conflict between the state and the federal Government. The U.S. Government said „GO“, the Arkansas Government said „STOP“. Little Rock was surprisingly the main scene of this conflict. This whole incident was part of the Civil Rights Movement.

2.2 Famous Trademarks

2.2.1 Walmart

Walmart Stores Inc. is an American multinational corporation, which runs the large discount department stores and warehouse stores. Walmart was founded by Sam Walton in 1968 and got traded to New York Stock Exchange in 1972. Its headquarters are in Bentonville, Arkansas. Before 2008, Walmart had an official name Wal Mart and Wal-Mart. Unfortunately, no Walmart is currently in the Czech Republic. Walmart's slogan is: „Save money. Live better.“

2.2.2 Tyson

Tyson is an American incorporation focusing on meat industry. It was founded in 1935 during the Great Depression, when John W. Tyson moved with his family to Arkansas looking for better opportunities. He decided to start his own company focused on flightless bird called chicken, which would make his career successful. Tyson says: „In life, as in chicken, it's always better when you just keep it real. No filler. No nonsense. Just stick to the good stuff. The 100% real stuff. The simple things that make life, and chicken, great. Keep it real. Keep it Tyson.“ Unfortunately, Tyson has currently problems with animal rights activists, because their slaughterhouses have problems with chicken torturing. You can sign the petition against animal cruelty on the bottom side of the page called „TysonTorturesAnimals“ found here: <http://www.tysontorturesanimals.com> .

2.3 Important places

2.3.1 Little Rock

Little Rock is a geographical, political and financial centerpiece of Arkansas. Little Rock is a place, where north-western upland and eastern Delta meet. In the River Market District is a natural Museum of Discovery mainly for kids. Behind the museum there is a thin green stripe called Riverfront Park. In the middle of the Riverfront Park is a memorable „Little Rock“, which named this town. In the same park there is The Military Museum with objects from American Civil war. A little bit northern, close to the river is an Old State House Museum, which is taken a good care of. Most beautiful part of the museum are the

restored spaces of senate. This house is a place, where William Clinton 3rd of October 1991 announced, that he is candidating for a president. City opened up a hall devoted to Bill Clinton's road to White House.

2.3.2 Hot Springs

Hot Springs is a spa resort, which lies 80 kilometers to the south-west of the Little Rock. Hot Springs are surrounded by dense forests of Zig Zag Mountains, bordering eastern Ouachitas foothills. Hot Springs became famous, when railway was built in 1875, that made meaningless town a significant spa europe-style. Hot Springs became that famous, so they got visited by Al Capone and Bugsy Malone couple of times. Fame of the Hot Springs decreased in the 50s, because a new arthrosis medicine was invented. After Bill Clinton, who lived here between 1953 – 1964, was elected for a president, a visitor center has been built. A center of Hot Springs is caulked in a zigzag valley, which leads main Central Avenue. Hot Springs national park is the only national park in the United States, which has a town lying in it. A couple of trails are heading to the close Hot Springs Mountain. On top of the mountain is a Mountain Tower lookout, whence whole Hot Springs, Ouachitas mountains and surrounding lakes can be seen.

2.3.3 Ozark Mountains

Neither one of the tops of the mountains is higher than 900 metres, its ridges are surprisingly sharp and steep. Ozarks are pretty long, they lie from the northern Arkansas to the southern Missouri. Ozark mountains have a lot of unpaved roads, which could be very challenging. Ozark mountains have a lot of wild streams with clear water and narrow mountain passes with beautiful mountain lakes. In the 1830, speculants started coming into Arkansas with intent of occupying big part of dangerous woods, but they discovered that soil in this area isn't as fertile as Kentucky's or Tennessee's, so most of them returned back to east. A couple of brave families stayed in the mountains and founded some settlements pilgrims-style, but they got discovered and now are Ozark mountains one of the most rapidly developing country places in the United states. Because of the conservationists, a Mountain View state park was founded. Most visited place of the Ozark mountains is the Victorian spa town called Eureka Springs, which lies on the border of the state Missouri.

2.3.4 Mountain View and Ozark Folk Center

About 96,5 kilometres to north from Little Rock lies a state-administered museum and folk craft center „Ozark Folk Center“. In this place, you learn about life of people in mountain settlements, which were cut off the rest of the world, because no paved road was heading there, until 50s. In Mountain View town, two festivals are hold every year: Spring Folk Festival in April and Bean Festival in the end of October, which is focused on beans.

2.3.5 Eureka Springs

Picturesque town called Eureka Springs lies in the steep mountain slopes in the north-western Arkansas. This town was founded a hundred years ago as a treatment center. This importance slowly started to disappear, but because of its beautiful position, it's a favorite tourist spot. Its speciality became the honeymoon apartment. The center of the town is victorian based. Favorite tourist attraction is Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Railway. 5 kilometres to the east of the town is an unbelievable giant 7-floored christian complex in the shape of Jesus Christ called Christ of the Ozarks. In his 20 metres long arm is Bible Museum and Sacred Arts Center. This foundation was founded by Elna M. Smith. You can also try New Holy Land Tour minibus tour, if you dare.

2.3.6 Helena

Helena is a small harbor on the Mississippi River about 96,5 kilometres to the south of Memphis. Helena was used mainly for transport of the Arkansas cotton. Mark Twain called it the „most beautiful place on the river“ sometimes that time.

2.4 The Fayetteville University

Fayetteville university is the largest university in Arkansas. Its quantity makes 26,000 students. The university was opened in 1871 as the first public university in Arkansas. Currently, the university has more than 200 different academic programs to study, more than 300 student organizations and it is rated as the 62nd best university in the United States. Young people from the Czech Republic can study at the university, too. The university has students from more than 100 countries, Czech included.

2.4.1 History of the Fayetteville University

The university was founded on the 30th of March 1871. The Fayetteville was chosen as the site for the university on the 15th of November the same year with bidding by Board of Trustees. The first president of the university was Noah Putnam Gates. In 1938, a new stadium was built directly for Razorbacks. In 1969, Muhammad Ali lectured at the University of Arkansas about his conscientious objection to conscription into the Vietnam War. Current president of the Arkansas University is Dr. Donald R. Bobbitt.

2.4.2 The Arkansas Razorbacks

The Arkansas Razorbacks is one of the most successful athletic programs in Arkansas. Razorbacks represent the university in 19 different sports. "Track and Field Capital of the



Pic. 4 Arkansas Razorbacks logo

World" had Razorbacks' national champions in women's track and field last year.

3 Connections with Arkansas in Olomouc

3.1 Křižovatka Olomouc

Křižovatka Olomouc is the nonprofit religious organization in Olomouc founded by people coming from Arkansas. The leaders of Křižovatka are Mitch Anderson and Joshua Beall,

who also founded the whole Křižovatka. Every year, students from Arkansas fly to Olomouc to participate in the English Camps, which have been organized every year since 2009. Křižovatka has meetings called Mládež every Thursday, usually starting at 4PM.

Conclusion

It was honor for me to write about Arkansas. I have to say that it was fun for me, but I spent a lot of time working on my work to make it as good as possible. I hope my American friends from Arkansas will be satisfied. I thought it will be harder to write in English, but I have to say that in some parts, I got stuck and had to think, how to make it.

Prohlašuji, že na celé práci jsem pracoval samostatně a uvedl jsem použitou literaturu.

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