

# Arizona

Grand Canyon State



## **Flag:**

The 13 rays of red and gold on the top half of the flag represent both the 13 original colonies of the Union, and the rays of the Western setting sun. Red and gold were also the colors carried by Coronado's

Spanish expedition in search of the Seven Cities of Cibola in 1540. The bottom half of the flag has the same Liberty blue as the United States flag. Since Arizona was the largest producer of copper in the nation, a copper star was placed in the flag's center. Flag adopted 1917.



## **Arizona**

**When Arizona was admitted to the union in 1912, it quickly gained the nickname *The Baby State*, which it held on to until**

1959 when Alaska was admitted. However, it was also sometimes

known as ***The Valentine State***, based on the fact that it was admitted on Valentine's Day. It's not surprising that the success of copper mining the state means that it is occasionally known as the ***Copper State***. Its connection with American Indians gave Arizona the name ***Apache State***, with other nicknames such as ***Aztec State***, ***Sand Hill State***, ***Sunset State*** and ***Grand Canyon State*** being used at one time or another, with the last of these appearing on licence plates..

## **Economy:**

**Agriculture:** Cattle, cotton, dairy products, lettuce, nursery stock, hay.

**Industry:** Copper and other mining, electric equipment, transportation equipment, machinery, printing and publishing, food processing, electronics, tourism.