

Phoenix



A phoenix (pronounced FEE-niks) is a bird from Egyptian and Greek stories. When the bird felt it was near death, it built a nest, sat on the nest and then set it on fire. The flames would consume the bird but a new phoenix would emerge from the ashes.

Today, the name of the capital of Arizona is Phoenix. One legend says that Darrel Duppa, a British settler, suggested that the town had risen from the ashes of American Indian cultures, just like the Phoenix bird, and the name stuck.



Phoenix was officially recognized on May 4, 1868. A post office was built in Phoenix on June 15, 1868.

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