

Louisiana History and Culture

Timeline Cards



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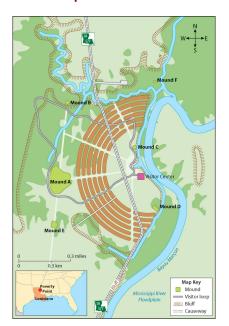
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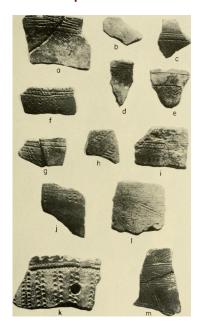
The Clovis were likely the first group of people to live in Louisiana. The Clovis people were hunter-gatherers.





The people of Poverty Point built Louisiana's first large city.





The Tchefuncte people are known for their pottery.





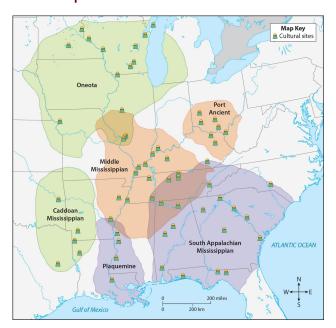
The Marksville culture was one of Louisiana's Mound Builder cultures.





The Coles Creek people lived in small communities. They traveled to large mounds for important ceremonies.





The Caddo, Mississippian, and Plaquemine peoples were Mound Builders and farmers.





Native Americans showed European explorers and settlers how to grow food, fish, and hunt in Louisiana.





Hernando de Soto was one of the first Europeans to reach the Mississippi River.

Framing Question: What was life like in colonial Louisiana?





French explorers Jolliet and Marquette mapped the Mississippi River.

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New Orleans was founded on a crescent, or curve, in the Mississippi River.

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The French gave Louisiana to Spain in exchange for help during France's war with Great Britain.

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Spain gave Louisiana back to France.

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President Thomas Jefferson bought Louisiana from France.





Lewis and Clark led the exploration of the northern part of the Louisiana Purchase.



The Dunbar-Hunter expedition explored the Ouachita River.





After Louisiana leaders wrote a constitution, Louisiana became a U.S. state.





Louisiana has seven cultural regions.

Framing Question: What makes Louisiana's culture unique?



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Cajun music and zydeco music both come from the Acadiana part of Louisiana.





When people think of Louisiana, they often think of foods such as jambalaya, gumbo, étouffée, and red beans and rice. Tamales, bread pudding, and Natchitoches meat pies are also traditional foods of Louisiana.





Many people visit New Orleans for Mardi Gras.





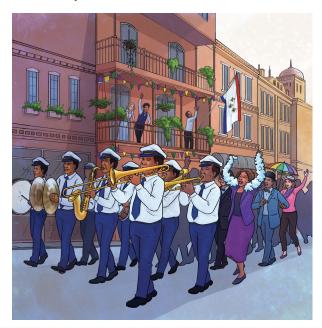
Cajun store owners in New Orleans started the tradition of lagniappe.





New Orleans is also the birthplace of jazz, a music style first played by African American musicians.





Second line parades started as a part of African American culture in New Orleans.





Louisiana has many symbols, including the brown pelican, the magnolia flower, and the black bear.



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