

CAPITOL PARK MUSEUM

A LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM

LOUISIANA STATEHOOD EDUCATION RESOURCE BUNDLE

**INCLUDES: K-12 ACTIVITY WORKSHEETS ON
TOPICS RELATED TO OUR GALLERY SPACE**

ALL ABOUT LOUISIANA



Directions: Write or draw your answers to the prompts in the boxes below!

State Capital

Date of Statehood

State Nickname

State Fruit

State Bird

State Dog

State Mammal

State Tree

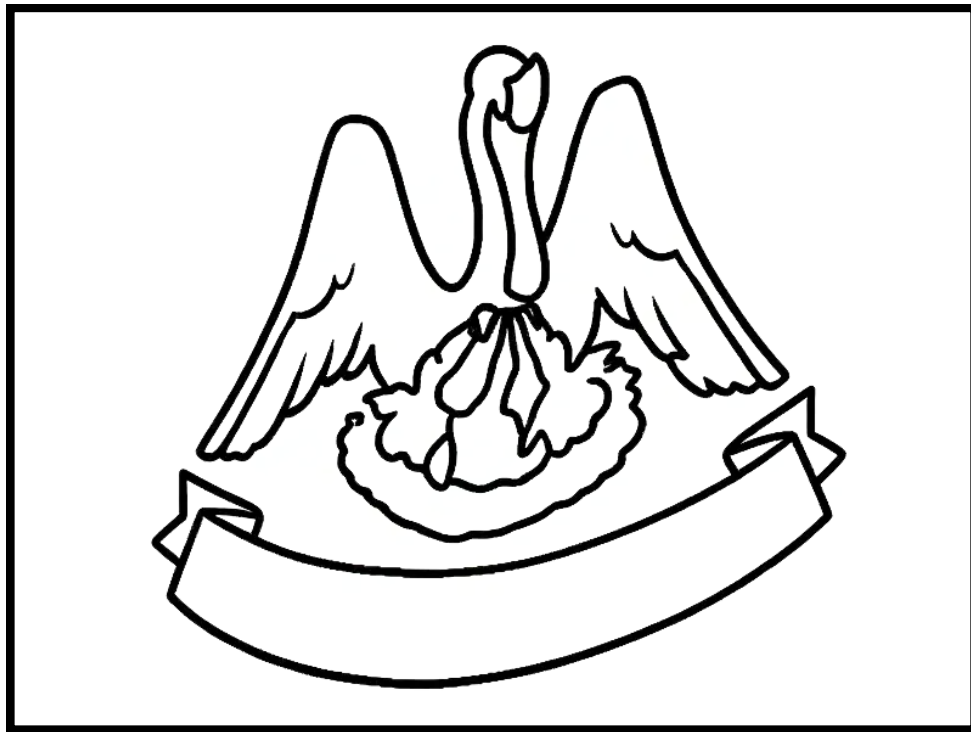
State Flower

What is your favorite thing about Louisiana?



COLOR THE FLAG

Directions: Color the flag and read the facts to learn more about our state's unique flag. Don't forget to write in the state motto on the line!



- There have been over half a dozen designs throughout Louisiana's long history.
- Most flags have depicted a pelican, her young, and the state motto: "Union, Justice, and Confidence."
- The current design was adopted in 2010 and features a mother pelican (head turned to the right) piercing her own chest to feed her young. (This symbolizes self-sacrifice.)



WHO'S BEEN HERE?

Directions: Draw and color the various flags that have flown in Louisiana skies at some point in our state's long history.



Castile and Leon Flag
(Spanish)
Flew in the 1500's



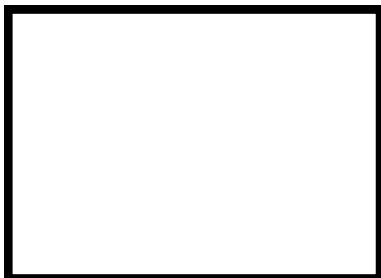
White Fleur de Lis Flag
(French) 1682-1762



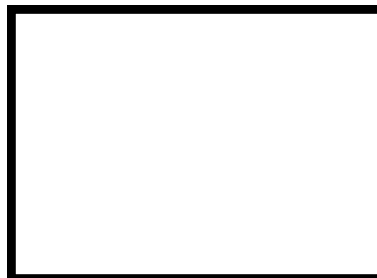
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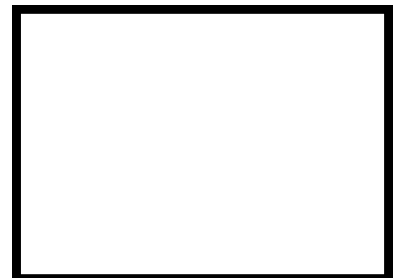
Spanish Flag
1763-1803



French tricolor
1801 - Dec. 20, 1803



U.S. Flag (15 states)
1803-1861



Republic of West Florida
Flag, Sept. 1810-Dec. 1810



Republic of Louisiana
Flag 1861



First National Confederate
States of America Flag
March 1861-1863

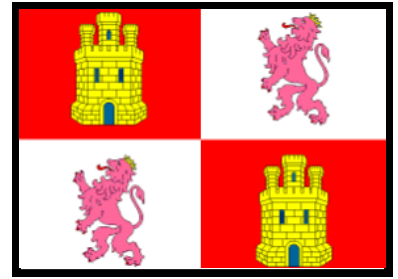


Modern State Flag
Invented 1912, newest
version adopted 2010

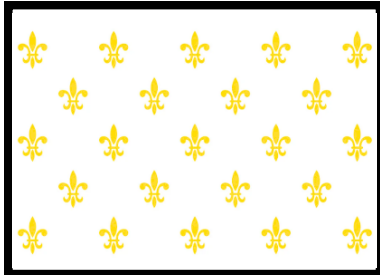


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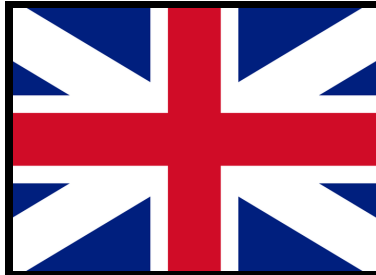
ANSWER KEY



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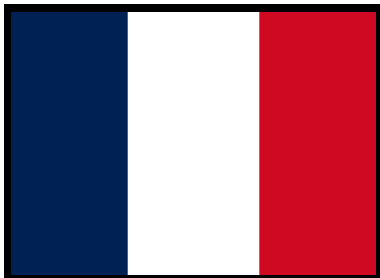
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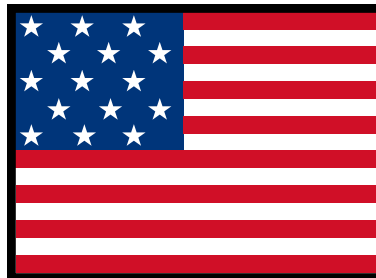
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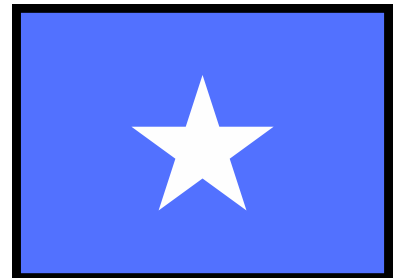
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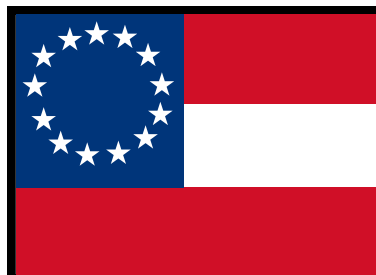
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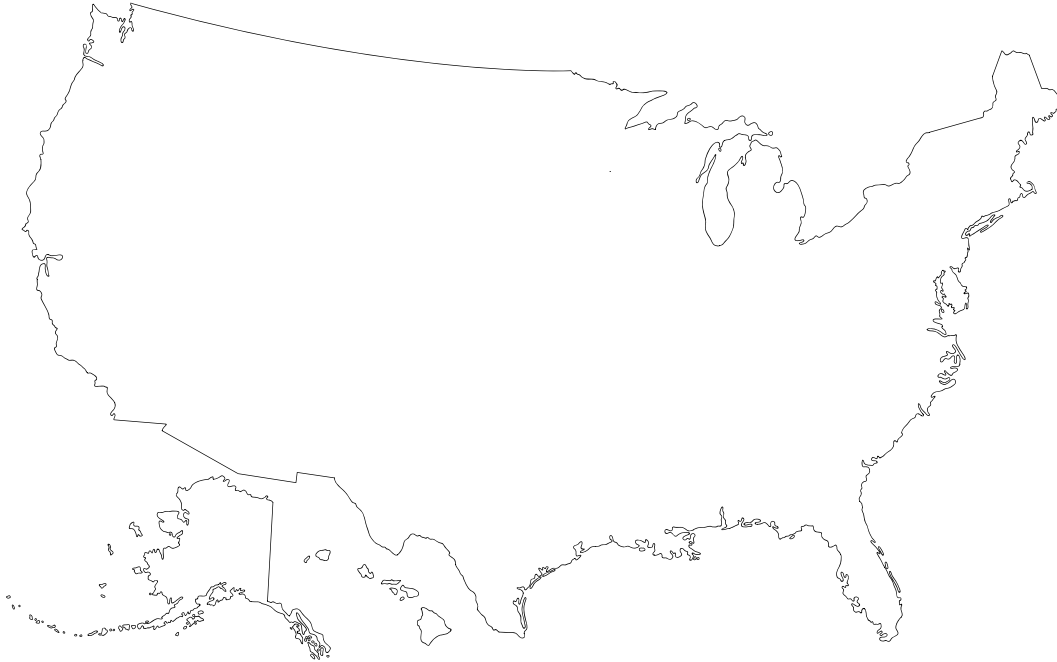


MAPPING THE PURCHASE



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Directions: Using the map below, 1) identify the Louisiana Purchase territory and all nations present on the continent in 1803, and 2) answer the questions.



Why would Napoleon sell the territory containing the Mississippi River and Port of New Orleans after just having acquired it from the Spanish a few years earlier?

What potential benefits did the U.S. get from such a purchase?

What potential problems arose following the purchase of 530,000,000 acres of land?

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

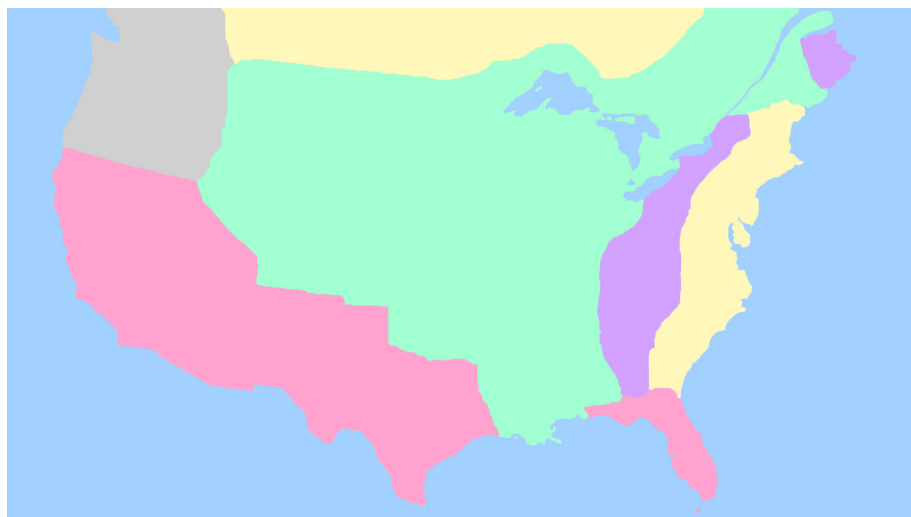


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Directions: Write a letter to Thomas Jefferson arguing for or against the Louisiana Purchase. Use evidence from primary and secondary sources to support your logic as to why it is or is not a good idea for the U.S. to purchase the land from France.

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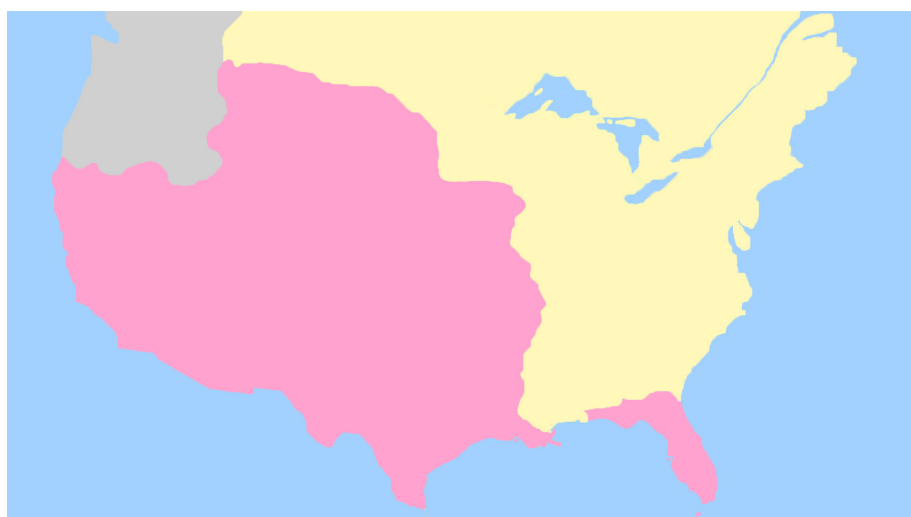
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



PRE-SEVEN YEARS WAR BOUNDARIES

- Great Britain
- Spain
- France
- Unclaimed
- Disputed territory between Great Britain and France

Territorial lines ca. 1754. The war was officially declared by Great Britain on France in 1756.



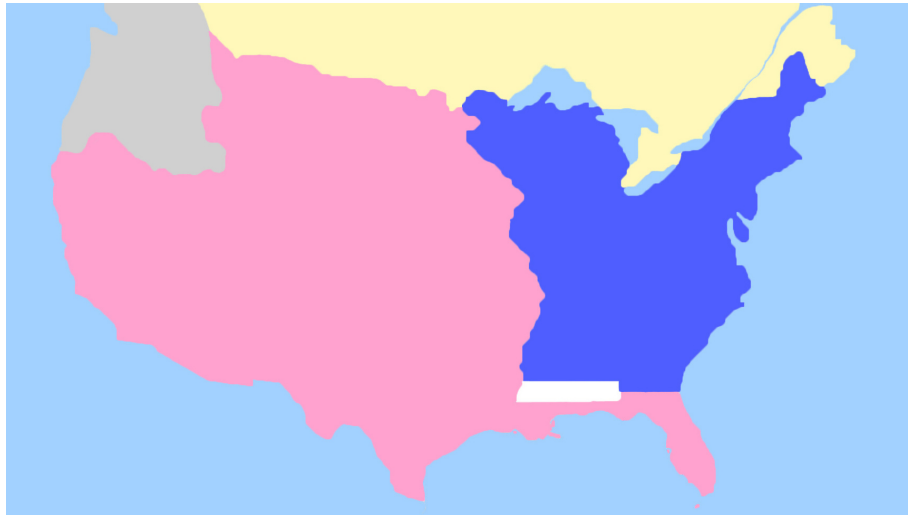
POST-SEVEN YEARS WAR (CA. 1763)

- Great Britain
- Spain
- Unclaimed

Boundaries following the Treaty of Paris (1763), which ended the Seven Years War (also known as the French and Indian War) between France and Great Britain.



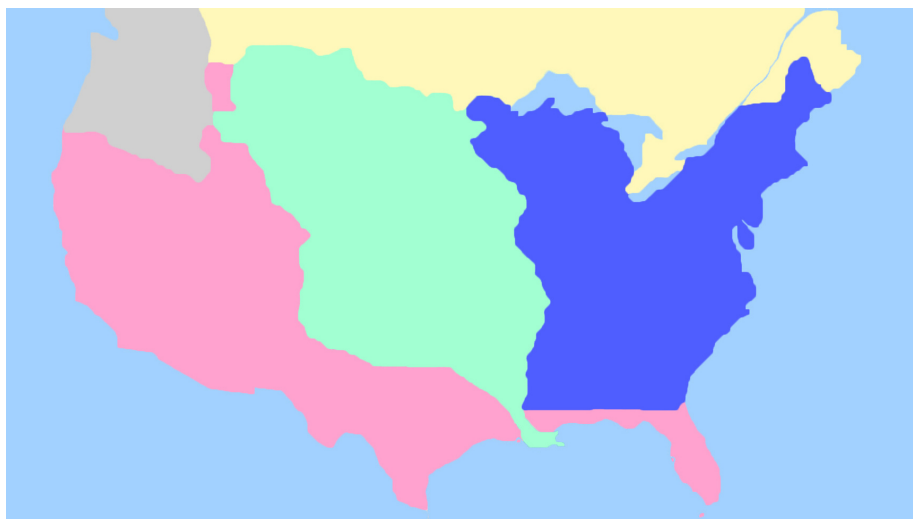
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Boundaries following the Treaty of Paris (1783), which ended the American Revolution between the American Colonists and Great Britain.

POST-AMERICAN REVOLUTION (CA. 1790)

- Great Britain
- Spain
- United States
- Disputed between Spain, Russia, & Great Britain
- Disputed between Spain & the U.S.



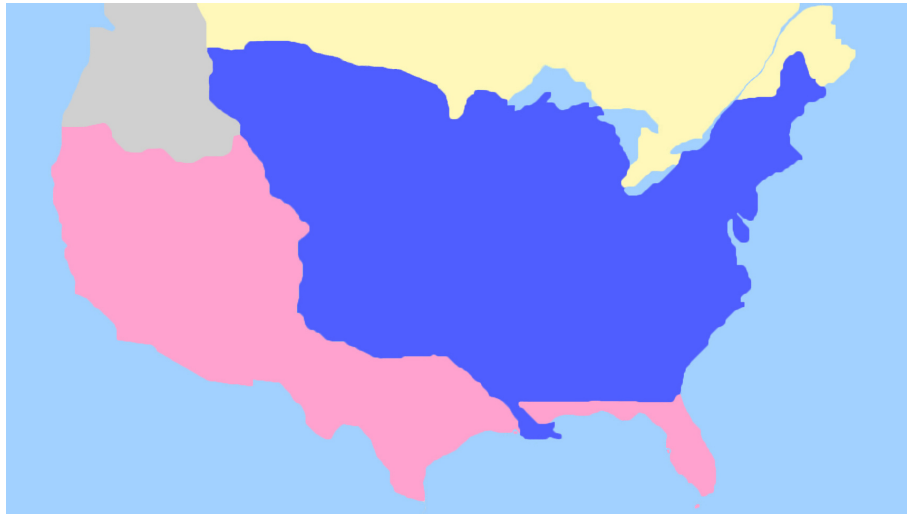
Boundaries following the Treaty of San Ildefonso (1800), which was secretly signed between Spain and France.

PRE-LOUISIANA PURCHASE (CA. 1802)

- Great Britain
- Spain
- France
- United States
- Disputed between Spain, Russia, & Great Britain



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



POST-LOUISIANA PURCHASE (1803)

- Great Britain
- Spain
- United States
- Disputed between Spain, Russia, & Great Britain

Contrary to popular belief, the Purchase did not include most of modern “Louisiana.” Notice how the West Florida Parishes, most of Acadiana, and the Sabine River Territory was still Spanish!

Key Terms:

Territory of East/West Florida

The West Florida Territory was the territory of Florida located in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and a sliver of the Florida-Alabama line area. (The West Florida Parishes are those 8 modern-day parishes found within the old boundaries of the West Florida Territory in Louisiana.) East Florida was more like the modern state boundaries of Florida. The territories underwent many sovereignty changes until it was finally all absorbed by the U.S. in 1821.

The Neutral Ground (1806-1821)

Located between the Sabine and Calcasieu Rivers, this territory was heavily disputed between Spain and America following the Louisiana Purchase. To avoid conflict, it was agreed that the land would be declared a neutral zone and neither Spain nor America would send armed forces into it.

Adams-Onís Treaty (1819, ratified 1821)

This was a treaty signed between the U.S. and Spain in which:

1. Spain ceded both the East and West Florida territories to the U.S.,
2. Spain renounced their claims to the Pacific Northwest,
3. the western limits of the Louisiana Purchase were defined, and
4. the U.S. recognized Spain’s claim over Texas.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



PBS Learning Media:
Louisiana's Hidden
History: Spanish
Louisiana in the
American Revolution



The Louisiana Purchase
Explained in 5 Minutes
YouTube Video



The Neutral Strip: A
Lawless Border
Between Louisiana and
Texas - Sabine Parish |
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Link to Louisiana State
Museums Online
Exhibition: A Medley of
Cultures: Louisiana
History, 1699-1877

