

# Online Scavenger Hunt for Youth and Families



LOUISIANA  
STATE  
MUSEUM

You can find many amazing objects in the Louisiana State Museum's collection by visiting the Louisiana Digital Library! This scavenger hunt will help you use this unique online resource and learn more about Louisiana's history, art, and culture.

Visit <https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/lsm>. You will find collection titles that match the **bold words** on this worksheet. Find the objects under each collection title. There are different ways to play:

- Find as many objects as you can in one hour. Award yourself one point for every object you find.
- Time how long it takes you to find *all* the objects.
- Stretch it out! Find one or two objects each day.

The hunt has 20 objects total. Good luck!\*

Recommended for families with  
children 12 years old or younger.

## ART

### Louisiana State Museum Newcomb College Arts and Crafts

1. Printmaking was one of the arts taught at Newcomb College. This collection contains prints of several bookplates, which are labels pasted into books showing the owner's name. Find the bookplates and choose your favorite! Write its title and describe it.

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### Paintings from the Louisiana State Museum

2. Folk painter Clementine Hunter was famous for her paintings of plantation life near Natchitoches, Louisiana. Find one of her colorful paintings. Write the title and describe it.

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## ARTIFACTS

### Louisiana State Museum

3. Look for two artifacts that were used for cotton processing. Write their titles here.

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### Louisiana State Museum Carnival Collection

4. Look at the carnival costume designs. Pick your favorite! Write the title and year and describe it.

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\* Please note that some historical materials may contain offensive images or language. We digitize them and offer them to document, study, and learn from the past, not to condone the messages they conveyed when they were originally produced.

5. Look at the historical carnival float designs. Pick your favorite! Write the title and describe it.

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**Louisiana State Museum Costumes and Textiles Collection**

6. Find fashion plates from the 1800s and choose your favorite style! Write the title of the fashion plate and what you like about it.

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**Louisiana State Museum Currency Collection**

7. Find an example of money used in Louisiana during the American Civil War, 1861–1865. Describe it.

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**Louisiana State Museum Trade Labels**

8. Find a historical label for a food that you like to eat! Write the label title, food, and year here.

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**AUDIO RECORDINGS**

**Natchitoches Cane River Civil Rights Oral Histories**

This collection features interviews with civil rights activists from Natchitoches and the Cane River region.

9. Choose and listen to one oral history segment. Write down something you learned.

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**New Orleans Jazz Museum Collection**

10. Listen to a jazz recording from the 1940s or 1950s. Write the title of the recording and describe what the music made you think and feel.

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**MAPS AND RECORDS**

**Louisiana State Museum Historical Map Collection**

11. Find a New Orleans street map from 1925 or earlier. Choose your favorite street name and write it here. You can look at current maps of New Orleans to see if this street still has the same name!

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### Records of the French Superior Council (1714–1769)

These civil and criminal records provide a glimpse into the social, political, and economic lives of colonial Louisiana residents. The documents are written in French, but many include a summary page in English.

12. European colonists enslaved African people and brought them to Louisiana. They also enslaved Native Americans who already lived in the area. Many enslaved people tried to attain freedom by running away. Find a court case that mentions an enslaved person who ran for their freedom and write their name here. Then try to find their name in the handwritten French document.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

### Frances B. Johnston Photograph Collection

Johnston was famous for her photographs of people, events, and architecture. This was the first photographic collection for the study of American architecture assembled at the Library of Congress.

13. Find a grand mansion with columns. Write the title of the photograph.

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14. Find a building with clotheslines and hanging laundry. Write the title of the photograph.

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### George François Mugnier Collection

Mugnier created photographs of people and sites of New Orleans and south Louisiana from the 1880s to the 1920s.

15. Find photographs of three industries in Louisiana during this time period. Write the name of each industry and the title of each photograph.

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### John Norris Teunisson Photographs

Teunisson photographed the New Orleans area from 1900 to 1920.

16. Find a photograph of children attending school. Write the title and describe how it is different from classrooms today.

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## Louisiana State Museum W.P.A. French Quarter Architectural Record

17. Find a photograph of a building on Bourbon Street. Write the address and describe it.

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18. Find a building that has the French Quarter's distinctive iron lace balconies. Write the address here and try to draw the iron design.

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### New Orleans Chamber of Commerce Photographs

Commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce, the photographer Covert documented the diverse business and labor conditions in New Orleans in 1917.

19. Find photographs of a candy company. Write the name of the company and the title of the photograph.

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### Olidé Schexnayder Collection

This collection includes portraits and documentary photographs of everyday life on Louisiana's German Coast from 1890 to 1910. The German Coast is a name that dates back to the colonial era (Côte des Allemands in French) and was used to refer to what is now St. John the Baptist, St. Charles, and St. James parishes. German families settled there in the 1720s. Schexnayder, a German name, is common throughout south Louisiana; sometimes it is spelled Schexnider.

20. Louisiana's climate is warm and humid. The winters are usually mild, but in 1899 an extreme cold wave caused the Mississippi River to freeze in Louisiana! Find a photograph of ice in the Mississippi River and write its title.

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How many objects did you find? \_\_\_\_\_

Go back to the collections you enjoyed and discover more objects at the Louisiana State Museum!

