

Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 15: Louisiana from 1972 to the Present -

Section 1: New Voters and Political Change in the Edwards Era

Guided Reading



Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Edwin Edwards was able to attract many of the state's newly registered _____ voters.
2. Nearly everyone agreed that the _____ had many problems, not the least of which were the 536 _____ that had been added in its fifty-year history.
3. One of the key improvements of the 1974 Constitution was an introductory _____ that provided for _____ under the law, no matter a person's "race, or religious ideas, beliefs, or affiliations."
4. Governor Edwards began a process of reorganization that _____ the state government's departments to _____.
5. On the economic front he _____ taxes for individuals and did away with the _____ entirely.
6. He also changed the way the state calculated its _____ on crude oil.
7. Edwards gained approval for a 12.5 percent severance tax that was _____.
8. The popular governor used the abundant funds in the state treasury to expand social programs and improve _____, _____, and _____.
9. In the _____, Democratic and Republican candidates ran against each other in a single primary.
10. _____ thought the open primary would work to their advantage, but they turned out to have it wrong.

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11. Governor _____ brought a more _____ approach to certain areas of state government.
12. Treen wanted to enact a _____ on the transportation of _____ and _____ through the state's pipelines.
13. However, by early 1984, _____ had already seen a drastic decline.
14. Louisiana had higher levels of _____ than any other state during Edward's third term.
15. _____ portrayed himself as a reformer who would "slay the dragon" of corruption that _____ represented.
16. A _____ is authorization or approval given to an elected official by the voters.
17. Ultimately, he was persuaded to support the return of _____ in Louisiana.
18. Born in 1950, Duke had been a vocal _____ since his mid-teens.
19. In the 1970s, he became a national leader in the Knights of the _____.
20. Alarmed that _____ might actually become governor, more than _____ people registered in the days immediately following the primary.
21. _____ is the practice of improving the educational and job opportunities for members of a group that have been discriminated against in the past.
22. However, the state's widespread _____ also meant that the federal health care program for the poor, called _____ gave the state a larger share of benefits because its population of poor people was so high.