

Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 05: Louisiana's Native People and Early European Explorers

Internet Activity



In this lesson, you will learn about some of the Native American tribes that lived in Louisiana before Europeans arrived.

Part I: Tribes in the Louisiana Region

Click the links to see some special purpose maps. Examine the maps carefully, and then answer the questions that follow.

[Tribes of the Indian Nation Map](#)
[Early Indian Tribes - East](#) [Early Indian Tribes -West](#)

1. What is the purpose of the maps?

2. What tribe(s) lived nearest you? [Click here](#) if you need a modern map for reference.

3. What was the parent language of the tribe? _____
4. Were they considered a “minor” or “major” tribe? _____
5. What was their “culture area?” _____

Part II: Making a Wordle

Now let's learn some additional facts about this Native American group. Use the links below, along with the map, to find eight to ten facts about the tribe. Record these in sentence form on the back of this page. Your school may have additional sources of information, as well.

[Louisiana Indian Tribes](#)

You will use these sentences later to create a Wordle. These are “word art” creations based on text. Each sentence should start with or include the tribe from your research (see samples). Your teacher may assign a different tribe to you for your Wordle creation.

Write your sentences here:

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To create your Wordle, go to <http://www.wordle.net>. Click the **Create** link. Type your sentences into the box "Paste in a bunch of text." You can, in fact, type your sentences in a word processor first, and then copy and paste them into the box. Either way, when you are done, click "Go."

You'll notice that some words are larger than others. That's because the website checks your text and makes words larger if they are used more often. Try the **Font**, **Color**, and **Layout** menu items to change the look of your Wordle. Print your Wordle when you are satisfied with it.

Share your Wordle with a classmate or your teacher. Discuss the ways in which the large words represent key ideas about the tribe. This example was made from a list of Louisiana tribes.

