

# Chapter 2

# **Cultural Diversity of Louisiana**

**Standard 4 - Culture:** Students analyze the relationships between cultural groups and physical features of Louisiana.

**GLE 8.4.1** Analyze how the physical features and natural resources of Louisiana affected the migration patterns of cultural groups

Use the three sources and your knowledge of social studies to answer the questions.

Source 1: Map of Louisiana's Cultural Regions





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## Source 2: Agricultural Products of Louisiana

Region's Largest Urban (City) Area	Region's Location	Description of the Region		
Shreveport-Bossier City and Monroe-West Monroe	Northern Louisiana	Its rolling hills, forests, and numerous lakes provid opportunities for outdoor recreation, especially hunting and fishing.		
Alexandria, Pineville, and Natchitoches	Center of the state	The region stretches across the center of the state and serves as a crossroads between the northern and southern portions of Louisiana.		
Lafayette and Lake Charles	Southwest Louisiana	The Acadians (or Cajuns) were the first Europeans to settle in the region, which can be further divided between the prairie and wetlands areas.		
Baton Rouge	Along the Mississippi River	Many sugar and cotton plantations once dominated the region's geography and culture, which is home to the state capital (Baton Rouge) and Louisiana State University.		
New Orleans, Metairie, Kenner, Covington, and Slidell	Near the mouth of the Mississippi River	New Orleans forms the heart of this region, which has a busy port and a thriving tourism trade.		



#### Source 3: Louisiana's Festivals and Celebrations



Tamale Fiesta in Zwolle Bastille Day in Kaplan Festivals Acadiens in Lafayette Isleño Fiesta in St. Bernard Mardi Gras in New Orleans Laotian New Year in New Iberia Germanfest in Roberts Cove
Creole Heritage Day in Natchitoches
Jambalaya Festival in Gonzales
St. Patrick's Day in Baton Rouge/New Orleans
Tunica-Biloxi Pow Wow in Marksville
Br'er Rabbit Folk Festival in Vacherie
Italian Festival in Independence

### Louisiana: See It, Feel It, Taste It

Crawfish Festival in Breaux Bridge
Sawmill Days in Fisher
Sugar Cane Festival in New Iberia
Corn Festival in Bunkie
Cotton Festival in Ville Platte
Lumberjack Festival in Springhill
Tomato Festival in Chalmette

Rice Festival in Crowley
Strawberry Festival in Ponchatoula
Peach Festival in Ruston
Blueberry Festival in Mansfield
Soybean Festival in Jonesville
Pecan Festival in Colfax
Oyster Festival in Amite



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### Item 1: Multiple Choice

Based on Source 1, in which cultural region is the capital of Louisiana located?

- ☐ A. Crossroads
- ☐ B. Cajun Country
- ☐ C. Plantation Country
- ☐ D. Sportsman's Paradise

### Item 2: Multiple Select

Based on Sources 1 and 2, which three places are found in Plantation Country?

- O the tallest capitol building in the United States
- O Louisiana State University
- O sugar and cotton plantations
- O Creole Heritage Celebration in Natchitoches
- O world class hunting and fishing opportunities
- O the mouth of the Mississippi River

### Item 3: Technology Enhanced Item

Based on Source 3 and your knowledge of social studies, identify the ethnic culture being celebrated at each festival. Copy the cultural group from the list and write it under the Ethnic Culture column in the table. Fill every space in the chart. All options in the list will be used.

Acadian and Spanish	French	
African	French	
African and French	Spanish and Native American	

Cultural Festival	Ethnic Culture		
Tamale Fiesta in Zwolle			
Bastille Day in Kaplan			
Mardi Gras in New Orleans			
Creole Heritage Day in Natchitoches			
Jambalaya Festival in Gonzales			
Br'er Rabbit Folk Festival in Vacherie			

### **Item 4: Constructed Response**

Based of	on Source 3 and your k	nowledge of social stu	dies, explain the sig	gnificance of the majo	r testival
theme "	See It, Feel It, Taste It	as it relates to Louisia	ana's economy.		
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