



Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 15: Louisiana from 1972 to the Present -

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Guided Reading

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

1. Although many people left the state during the oil crisis of the late 1980s, the state's _____ has continued to _____ since then.
2. There was a large shift in population from _____ that began in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
3. Population experts describe this trend, which followed federally ordered school desegregation, as _____.
4. As of 2010, _____ and _____ remained the state's two largest cities, followed by Shreveport in third place.
5. The largest area of population growth took place among _____.
6. Many of them migrated to the state after the 2005 hurricanes, seeking work in the booming _____.
7. The growth and maintenance of _____ suffered during and after the oil crisis of the 1980s.
8. Despite these disappointing figures, the state's overall test scores, reading scores, and graduation rates have _____ in the last decade.
9. Louisiana's _____ also remain among the highest in the nation.
10. The misuse of federal _____ funds in Louisiana and other states brought their practice of awarding poor states a _____ of Medicaid funds to an end in the late 1990s.
11. Louisiana also has the highest rate of _____ (putting people in prison) in the nation.



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12. Within cities, many people have begun to live in _____
_____ or to pay a special tax for increased police patrols
within their neighborhoods.
13. Additionally, the state's _____
laws were ruled unconstitutional and came to an end in 1980.
14. In contemporary Louisiana, _____ make up the majority of those
who finish high school and enroll in colleges and universities.
15. Currently, the _____ of the Louisiana
Supreme Court is a woman.
16. At the federal level, _____
was the first woman elected to a full term in the U.S. Senate from Louisiana.
17. In 2014, Governor Jindal suggested that possible areas for economic growth in the
future include “ _____,
industrial machinery, _____,
products, _____,” and _____.
18. _____ is still one of the nation's most popular
tourist destinations.
19. The many _____ and _____
made around the state reflect the state's natural beauty and diversity.
20. In his third campaign for governor, Edwin Edwards often used the slogan
_____ to describe the joyous way that many people approach life in
Louisiana in good times and bad.
21. Its people will also have to confront the ongoing crisis of _____
_____ and _____.