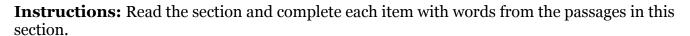
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1.	Louisiana has nearly miles of rivers, bayous, creeks, and canals.	
	Navigable means that water is enough for safe travel by	
3.	The state's most important river was given many before it becare known as the Mississippi.	me
4.	The Mississippi River's drainage basin covers more than square miles and includes all or part of states and two	
	provinces.	
5.	A drainage is an area of land that drains into (smaller rivers and streams) and eventually into rivers.	
6.	The (Mississippi) river's basin resembles a across the of of	the
7.	The river carries 375 gallons of water through each day.	
8.	That drainage process also brings 256 of a liquid) down the reach year.	of iver
9.	Because of an extensive system that protects cities along the river's course, most of that sediment now the Gulf of Mexico.	into
10.	. The River dominates thelargest river drainage system in the state.	
11.	The Little River and the Tensas River merge with the form the River.	to

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12.	The Black River flows into the F	ed River before it joins the waters of the
13.	Today the Atchafalaya still recei	
14.		pegins in east-central Mississippi and flows into Lake uisiana. The river splits into the and River branches.
15.	The area between the two brancand is an important natural	hes is the Swamp for fish and wildlife.
16.	Thesouthward into Lake Charles.	River begins in Vernon Parish and flows
17.	In 1926, a connect Lake Charles to the Gul	f of Mexico. was dug to
18.	Later, a system of man-madeOcean in	linked waterways from the Florida all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.
19.	The entire system ofsmall boats, ships and barges en	waterways, known as the Gulf Waterway, provides a safe and continuous channel for gaged in and
	.The R: wit	ver serves as part of Louisiana's western n Texas.
20.		
		bine River is designed to generate ower (electricity produced by

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24.	Each day commuters cross the lake (Pontchartrain) via an almostmile-long span called the Bridge which is one of the two bridges in the world.
	bridges in the world.
25.	The lake (Pontchartrain) is also called a tidal because it connects to the Gulf of Mexico through a system of narrow called the Rigolets.
26.	Because it contains a mixture of from nearby rivers and from the Gulf, its water is classified as
27.	. Lake is another lake and lagoon with brackish water.
28.	.Cutoff lakes are formed when rivers seek,, courses through flat terrain.
29.	Lakes created when huge logjams the flow of a river are called lakes because a raft created by of logs, tree trunks, and other could block the flow of a river.
	.The water would overflow into nearby, forming so-called raft lakes.
31.	the lakes are created behind low groups of located in the that border Louisiana's Gulf Coast.
32.	. A bayou is a that ranges in size from short and to long and
22	of havous spread across the state

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