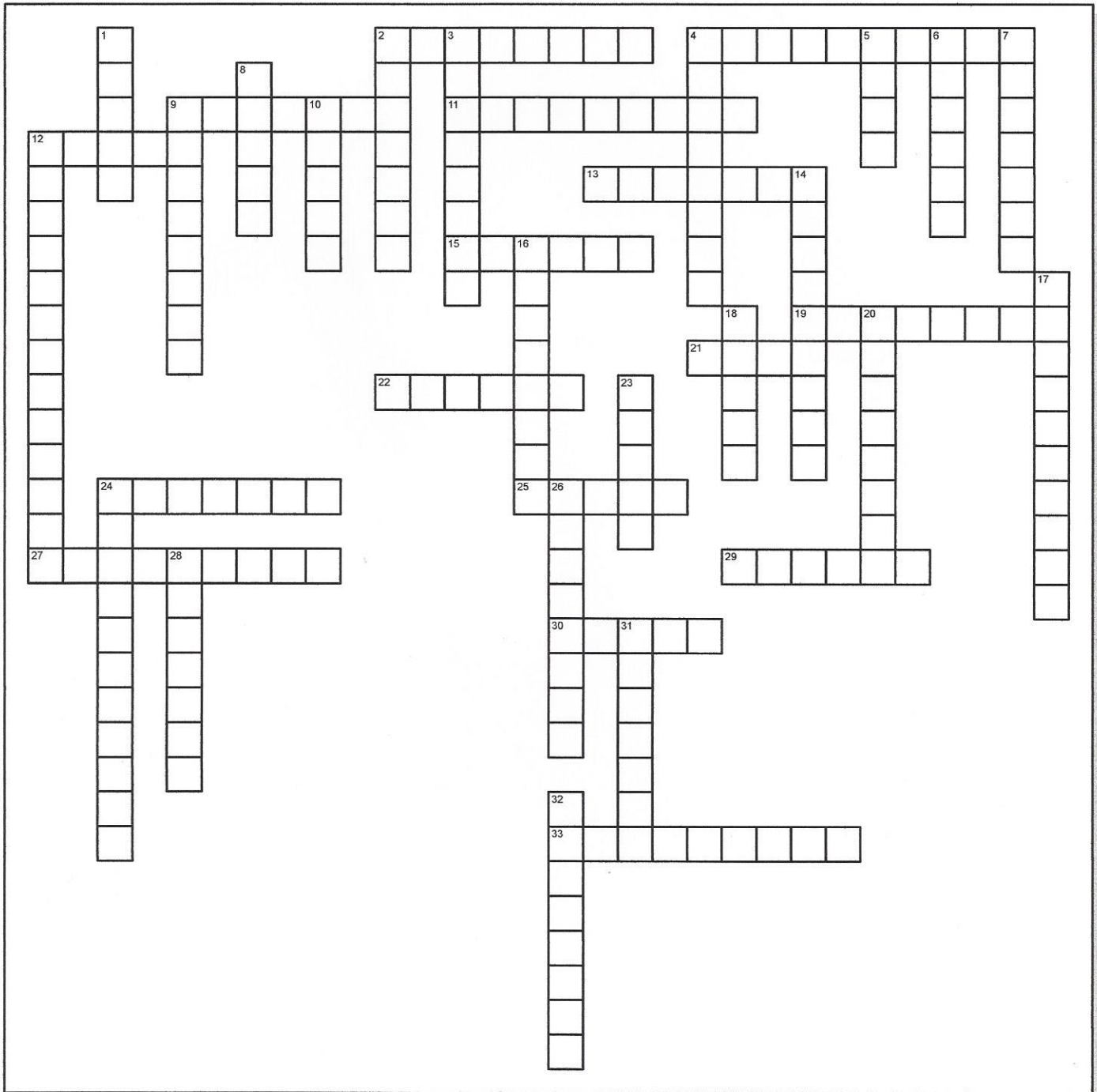


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Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

## Chapter 1 Louisiana's Geography

**Instructions:** Complete the crossword puzzle. Use the clues to help identify the words.



### Across

- \_\_\_\_\_ region: one of the five natural regions of Louisiana, which is made up of the blufflands, prairies, and flatwoods
- the slow process of land sinking into the sea

9. the current condition of the atmosphere on any given day
11. an imaginary line that measures how far east and west a location is from the prime meridian
12. \_\_\_\_\_ meridian: the 0° line of longitude that divides Earth into Eastern and Western Hemispheres
13. the average weather of an area over a long period of time
15. Red River \_\_\_\_\_ region: one of the five natural regions of Louisiana, which runs along the Red River with natural levees and lower-lying areas behind them
19. \_\_\_\_\_ soil: soil that is made up of sediment carried by a river and deposited along its banks
21. \_\_\_\_\_ lake: a lake created when a huge logjam blocks the flow of a river
22. \_\_\_\_\_ cutoff: a lake formed when a river seeks a shorter, straighter course through flat terrain
24. wearing away by the action of water or wind
25. \_\_\_\_\_ lake: a lake created behind low groups of ridges in the marshlands
27. water that is deep enough to travel by boat
29. the difference between the highest and lowest levels in a given area
30. \_\_\_\_\_ soil: windblown dust that builds up and forms a ridge of bluffs as it approaches higher elevations
33. a violent storm that forms in the Atlantic Ocean during the summer and fall

## Down

1. drainage \_\_\_\_\_: an area of land that drains into tributaries and eventually into larger rivers
2. a dark funnel-shaped cloud with swirling winds that can measure over two hundred miles an hour
3. \_\_\_\_\_ location: where a place is located in relation to another place or places
4. material that settles to the bottom of a liquid
5. salt \_\_\_\_\_: a geological formation found in Louisiana's salt marsh, which is covered by layers of rock that, under great pressure, have folded upward in dome-like formations
6. a rodent that was once highly valued for its fur but now causes harm to our marshes
7. a place where a river meets the sea
8. a waterway closely associated with Louisiana, which ranges in size from short and shallow to long and navigable
9. swamps, marshes, and other areas that have a natural supply of water and are covered or soaked with water at least part of the year
10. \_\_\_\_\_ region: one of the five natural regions of Louisiana, which covers most of northern Louisiana and a small area in southeastern Louisiana
12. any form of water, liquid or solid, that falls from the atmosphere and reaches the ground
14. the height of a place above sea level
16. any natural feature of Earth's surface
17. Mississippi \_\_\_\_\_ region: one of the five natural regions of Louisiana, which runs along both sides of the Mississippi River in the eastern part of the state
18. \_\_\_\_\_ region: one of the five natural regions of Louisiana which lies along Louisiana's border with the Gulf of Mexico
20. an imaginary line that measures a location's distance north or south of the equator
23. an area found along a coast that is a transition area between land and water
24. surroundings
26. \_\_\_\_\_ location: a specific spot on planet Earth, sometimes expressed using latitude and longitude
28. \_\_\_\_\_ season: the number of days between the last killing frost (below 32°F) in the spring and the first killing frost in the fall
31. an imaginary line on Earth's surface that divides Earth evenly between the North and South Poles
32. \_\_\_\_\_ geography: the study of differences in the terrain and character of the land in a given place or region