

## GUIDED READING

### A Place Called Mississippi

#### Chapter 3: The European Period, 1540 - 1798

##### Section 2 French Exploration and the Louisiana Province, 1673 - 1763

**Directions:** Use the information from pages 75 - 81 to complete the following.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ were more interested in finding a shortcut across the New World to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Orient than they were in establishing \_\_\_\_\_.
2. After hearing Indian tales about a great river that "lost itself in the great sea," the French governor of Canada sent Father Jacques \_\_\_\_\_ and Louis \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the river.
3. They soon found the river that the Indians called the "\_\_\_\_\_."
4. Although the river flowed south to \_\_\_\_\_, not west to China, Marquette and Joliet returned to Canada with a glowing description of both the \_\_\_\_\_ potential and the \_\_\_\_\_ importance of the river.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ nations were just beginning to understand how large North America was, and the \_\_\_\_\_ realized quickly that \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ River would open up a vast \_\_\_\_\_ area.
6. Just as important was their \_\_\_\_\_ that the great \_\_\_\_\_ could serve as a \_\_\_\_\_ to block the western \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ colonies from the Atlantic Coast.

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7. A French explorer, Sieur \_\_\_\_\_, reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mississippi River on April 9, 1682, and established a \_\_\_\_\_ in this area.
8. This would give the French control over much of the \_\_\_\_\_ of this great continent.
9. It soon became apparent to the governments of France, Spain, and England that the \_\_\_\_\_ River would be an important \_\_\_\_\_ in the success of their colonial \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Consequently, all \_\_\_\_\_ nations attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that lengthy \_\_\_\_\_.
11. One of the important sites \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ in the New World was \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ they established in 1718 near the mouth of the Mississippi River.
12. Up the river from New Orleans was another French river town — called \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Fort Maurepas, on the east side of Biloxi Bay, served as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ for a short time.
14. Fort Maurepas did not prove to be a \_\_\_\_\_ capital for the Louisiana Province because it was not located on a \_\_\_\_\_ and did not provide access to the interiors where the French hoped to develop \_\_\_\_\_ with the Indians.
15. In 1701, the capital was moved to \_\_\_\_\_ on Mobile Bay.

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16. When the capital was moved \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed \_\_\_\_\_ of the Louisiana Province.
17. In order to make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the lower Mississippi River \_\_\_\_\_ from Indian attacks, Bienville led a detachment of soldiers against the \_\_\_\_\_ Indians for killing some Canadian traders.
18. Bienville eventually \_\_\_\_\_ a settlement with the Natchez chiefs.
19. They agreed not only to surrender the \_\_\_\_\_ tribesmen but also to provide building \_\_\_\_\_ for a fort on the high bluffs at the Natchez landing.
20. In 1716, Fort \_\_\_\_\_ was completed and became one of the \_\_\_\_\_ centers of French activity in the Louisiana Province.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ was selected as the capital in 1722.
22. When the capital was moved from the Gulf Coast to New Orleans, the Louisiana Province was separated into \_\_\_\_\_ districts.
23. Three of those subdivisions — Biloxi, Yazoo, and Natchez Districts — were in the territory that later became the \_\_\_\_\_ of Mississippi.
24. When the French landowners moved to Louisiana from the Caribbean Islands, they brought their \_\_\_\_\_ with them.
25. As the slave population \_\_\_\_\_, Bienville found it necessary to introduce special \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the institution of \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Those laws, known as the \_\_\_\_\_ (which is French for "Black Code"), were issued in 1724.

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27. These laws prohibited the \_\_\_\_\_ of husbands and wives; \_\_\_\_\_ under fourteen years old could not be separated from their mothers; and, slaves who were \_\_\_\_\_ by their owners became naturalized French \_\_\_\_\_ with all the rights and privileges of Frenchmen.
28. When the French claimed the right of private \_\_\_\_\_ and established large plantations, the \_\_\_\_\_ [Indians] were determined to \_\_\_\_\_ them from their tribal lands.
29. In the 1740s, the French were also facing a new \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, who were moving \_\_\_\_\_ and pressing their claim to land between the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean and the \_\_\_\_\_ River.
30. The overlapping \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ territory would inevitably lead to \_\_\_\_\_ among the three great \_\_\_\_\_ of Europe.
31. The three-way struggle for a colonial \_\_\_\_\_ in North America culminated in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ War of 1754 - 1763.
32. France and \_\_\_\_\_, with their \_\_\_\_\_ allies, declared war against \_\_\_\_\_, which also had some allies among American Indians.
33. The war was settled by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ of 1763.
34. Under the terms of this treaty, France \_\_\_\_\_ all of its land in North America east of the Mississippi River to \_\_\_\_\_.
35. To \_\_\_\_\_, its ally during the war, France gave all of its land \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mississippi.

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36. The only French territory \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mississippi River that was not ceded to England was the city of \_\_\_\_\_, which France \_\_\_\_\_ to Spain.

37. Because Spain \_\_\_\_\_ the war, Spanish Florida was transferred to England, and \_\_\_\_\_ [present state] passed from French to \_\_\_\_\_ control.