



Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 4: Louisiana’s Government - Section 3: Local Governments

Guided Reading

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

1. Citizens are most likely to interact with government at the _____.
2. In Louisiana, the units of local government are _____, _____, and special _____.
3. The _____ is the primary local government division. Louisiana has had its present number of _____ parishes since 1912.
4. Louisiana is the only state in the nation with _____ as a result of the _____ colonial period when government divisions were based on the administrative _____ created by the Catholic Church.
5. The _____, the governing body for most parishes, passes local laws for the parish. It is also in charge of building and maintaining parish _____ and public _____ like the jail and the courthouse.
6. The Louisiana Constitution of 1974 gave more authority to _____.
7. The power given to political subdivisions to govern their own affairs is known as _____.
8. Each parish has _____ (cities, towns, and villages) of different sizes.
9. School board members are elected from a district based on _____ in the parish.
10. _____ are more closely regulated by the state than other forms of local government because they receive _____ from the state to provide education to the young people in their district.