

9th Grade Louisiana History Exit Test

Part I: Multiple Choice

1. The first Europeans to explore the Louisiana area were the
 - a) Spanish
 - b) French
 - c) British
 - d) Dutch
2. Which explorer claimed the Louisiana territory for France in 1682?
 - a) Hernando de Soto
 - b) Robert La Salle
 - c) Christopher Columbus
 - d) Jacques Cartier
3. The Louisiana Purchase occurred in which year?
 - a) 1776
 - b) 1803
 - c) 1812
 - d) 1861
4. The Louisiana Purchase was made by the United States from
 - a) Spain
 - b) Britain
 - c) France
 - d) Mexico
5. Louisiana became a U.S. state in
 - a) 1798
 - b) 1803
 - c) 1812
 - d) 1825
6. Which river has been most important to Louisiana's trade and transportation?
 - a) Red River
 - b) Mississippi River
 - c) Atchafalaya River
 - d) Sabine River
7. Louisiana was originally part of which European empire?
 - a) French
 - b) Portuguese
 - c) German
 - d) Russian
8. Which crop was the most important to Louisiana's plantation economy before the Civil War?
 - a) Corn
 - b) Sugarcane
 - c) Cotton
 - d) Rice
9. The Battle of New Orleans occurred during
 - a) The American Revolution
 - b) The War of 1812
 - c) The Civil War
 - d) World War I

10. The famous Louisiana battle was led by
- a) George Washington
 - b) Andrew Jackson
 - c) Thomas Jefferson
 - d) Ulysses S. Grant
11. Louisiana joined the Confederacy in
- a) 1812
 - b) 1845
 - c) 1861
 - d) 1877
12. After the Civil War, the period of rebuilding the South was called
- a) Reconstruction
 - b) Reform
 - c) Restoration
 - d) Expansion
13. Which natural disaster greatly affected New Orleans in 2005?
- a) Hurricane Andrew
 - b) Hurricane Katrina
 - c) Hurricane Rita
 - d) Hurricane Ida
14. Louisiana's government is divided into three branches because of the principle of
- a) Popular sovereignty
 - b) Separation of powers
 - c) Federalism
 - d) Democracy
15. Louisiana is unique among states because it divides local government into
- a) Counties
 - b) Districts
 - c) Parishes
 - d) Territories

Part II: True (T) or False (F)

16. ____ Louisiana was once controlled by both France and Spain.
17. ____ The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States.
18. ____ New Orleans is the capital of Louisiana.
19. ____ Oil and natural gas are important parts of Louisiana's economy.
20. ____ Mardi Gras is a major cultural celebration in Louisiana.