Unit 1: Louisiana’s Identity: This is Louisiana

Key Claim: How does physical geography impact a state’s cultural and economic identity?

Topic One: Louisiana’s Natural Resources

Key Questions:
1. How has Louisiana’s political boundaries changed since its founding?
2. How does Mississippi River create land and provide fertile soil?
3. What are some natural resources that are found in Louisiana?
4. How do these resources impact Louisiana’s economy?

Topic Two: Coastal Erosion

Key Questions:
1. What is coastal erosion?
2. How did the Mississippi River create the southern Louisiana coastline?
3. How did humans cause coastal erosion in Louisiana?
4. What is the economic impact of coastal erosion in Louisiana?
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Topic Three: Louisiana’s Cultural Geography

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**KEY UNIT CLAIM:** How does physical geography impact a state’s cultural and economic identity?
Unit 2: Louisiana: Settlement and Colonial Legacy

Key Claim: What is the legacy of settlement and colonization on an area's identity?

**Topic One: Native American Settlement**
1. How did the Mississippi River help Poverty Point flourish economically and culturally?
2. What is the legacy of Native American settlement on Louisiana’s identity?

**Topic Two: European Exploration and Settlement**
1. Explain the sequence of expeditions and how they lead to the founding of Louisiana.
2. Why did La Salle claim the Mississippi River for France and name it Louisiana?
3. Why was the city of New Orleans built along the Mississippi River?
4. Describe the living conditions of French Louisiana.
5. Describe the economics, government, and cultural legacy of French Colonial Louisiana.
6. Explain the experience of enslaved Africans who arrived during French Colonial Louisiana.
7. What were the causes and effects of the French and Indian War on Louisiana?
8. Describe the economics, government, and cultural legacy of Spanish Colonial Louisiana.
9. Explain the story of the Acadian Exile and the effects of expulsion on the southern part of Louisiana.

**Topic Three: Louisiana Purchase**
1. Why did Spain give Louisiana back to France?
2. Why did Napoleon Bonaparte of France want Louisiana?
3. Why did Thomas Jefferson want to acquire New Orleans and Louisiana from France?
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Student Unit 2 Plan

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Unit Three: 19th Century Louisiana: A State in Conflict

Key Claim: What is the legacy of conflict and resolution on a state’s identity?

Topic One: Statehood and Battle of New Orleans
1. Describe the struggle for Louisiana to define its borders and become a state in 1812?
2. How did New Orleans economically and geographically develop during the early 1800’s?
3. How were the people of Louisiana affected by the War of 1812, specifically the Battle of New Orleans?
4. What was the lasting impact the Battle of New Orleans had on Louisiana and its citizens?

Topic Two: Antebellum Period
1. How did the Cotton Gin transform the Southern United States?
2. Describe life on a plantation for a slave.
3. What is the lasting legacy of the plantation system on Louisiana?
4. What is the cultural legacy of the Antebellum Period on Louisiana?
5. What is the economic legacy of the Antebellum Period on Louisiana?

UNIT 3: PART 1 – Unit Assessment

Topic Three: Civil War in Louisiana
1. How did the issue of state rights and slavery divide the country in half?
2. Why did Louisiana secede from the Union?
3. Why was the Union capture of New Orleans a key piece to the Union winning the Civil War?
4. What were the effects of the Civil War on Louisiana?
5. What was the legacy of the Civil War on Louisiana?

Topic Four: Reconstruction
1. Describe Presidential Reconstruction and Congressional Reconstruction.
2. What were the economic, political, and social effects of the two different plans of Reconstruction?
3. How did African-Americans gain political power in Louisiana during Reconstruction?
4. How did white Louisianians respond to African-American citizenship?
5. How did white Louisianians view carpetbaggers and scalawags during Reconstruction?
6. What is the legacy of the Compromise of 1877 on Louisiana’s social identity?

**Topic Five: Jim Crow Louisiana**

1. Explain the legacy of sharecropping on poor people in Louisiana.
2. How did Jim Crow laws separate the races and turn African-Americans into second class citizens?
3. Explain how Louisiana’s literacy tests, poll tax, and grandfather clause disenfranchised African-Americans in Louisiana.
4. How did Plessy v. Ferguson affect life in Jim Crow Louisiana?
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Student Unit 3 Plan

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Unit 4: Louisiana: An Identity in Transition

Key Claim: What is the impact of populism and power on a state’s identity?

**Topic One: Populism and the Flood of 1927**

1. How did the Bourbon Democrats acquire and keep power in Louisiana during the late 19th Century?
2. Why were poor Louisianians drawn to the Populist Party during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries?
3. How did the expansion of the railroad affect Louisiana’s economy?
4. What is the economic legacy of the oil and gas industry in Louisiana?
5. How did the Flood of 1927 economically and politically affect Louisiana?

**Topic Two: Huey Long**

1. Why did Huey Long’s populist message resonate with Louisiana citizens?
2. How was Huey Long able to acquire so much power in Louisiana’s government?
3. Why were the Anti-Longs opposed to Huey Long’s agenda?
4. How did the Great Depression shape Huey Long’s Share Our Wealth Plan and Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal?
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Unit Five: 20th Century Louisiana: A Changing Identity

Key Claim: How do economic, social, and political changes of the 20th century redefine a state’s identity?

Topic One: World War II

1. How did the roles of women in Louisiana change during World War II?
2. How did the roles of African-Americans in Louisiana change during World War II?
3. How did war propaganda shape Louisianans and Americans view of World War II?
4. How did the World War II transform America and Louisiana’s economies?

Topic Two: Civil Rights

1. How did African-Americans returning from World War II view segregation in the South?
2. Explain the cultural legacy of Jim Crow Louisiana.
3. Explain how the Baton Rouge Bus Boycott affected the Civil Rights Movement nationally?
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Unit 6: Louisiana’s Identity: A Modern State

Key Claim: What is the role of government and economics in defining a state’s identity?

Topic One: Louisiana’s Government

1. How does Louisiana’s Constitution Preamble compare and contrast to the United States’ Constitution Preamble?
2. Explain the role of federalism in our federal and state government.
3. Explain the structure of the federal government and state government.
4. Explain different forms of local government in Louisiana.
5. Explain the roles and responsibilities of a citizen of Louisiana.
6. Describe how to influence governmental official.

Topic Two: Louisiana’s Economy

1. Describe Louisiana’s diverse economy and how the global economy effects Louisiana’s economy.
2. Explain how the economic concepts of inflation, unemployment, global interdependence, supply and demand, allocation, and scarcity affect Louisiana’s economic identity.
3. What career options in Louisiana are you most interested in? What training or education are required for those career fields?
4. Explain how trade-offs and opportunity costs relate to making personal economic decisions.
Student Unit 6 Plan

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