



Unit 2 Louisiana's First Inhabitants

Grade 3 Social Studies

Unit Description:

Students explore how the geography of Louisiana influenced settlement of Louisiana's Native Americans. Students also explore how aspects of Native American culture are still present today and how this influence contributes to the unique state of Louisiana.

Social Studies Standards:

- 3.1.1** Create timelines that identify important events in the history of Louisiana
- 3.1.2** Explain how technology has changed family and community life in Louisiana over time
- 3.1.3** Use distinctive vocabulary to sequence events related to Louisiana history
- 3.1.6** Compare and contrast the influence of cultural groups in Louisiana
- 3.1.7** Identify community and regional historical artifacts, including primary sources, to answer historical questions
- 3.2.2** Differentiate between early Native American cultures that lived in the regions of Louisiana
- 3.2.4** Identify cultural elements that have contributed to the state's heritage
- 3.3.3** Locate various communities and cities in Louisiana using cardinal and intermediate directions
- 3.4.1** Compare and contrast the physical features of various regions of Louisiana
- 3.4.2** Explain historical patterns of settlement in Louisiana using maps
- 3.4.3** Describe how people have changed the land to meet their basic needs over time in Louisiana
- 3.4.4** Explain how humans have adapted to the physical environment in different regions of Louisiana
- 3.4.7** Describe the importance of natural resources in Louisiana using maps

3.10.2 Distinguish between the use of money and barter

**Enduring Understandings-
Compelling Question:**

- **How did Native Americans contribute to Louisiana's uniqueness?**

**Essential Questions-
Supporting Questions:**

- How did early Native Americans begin to define the unique culture of Louisiana based on the artifacts remaining from their historical period?
- How did the geography of each region of Louisiana impact the development of Native American culture in Louisiana?
- How did Native Americans adapt to living in Louisiana?