



Unit 3 Colonial Louisiana

Grade 3 Social Studies

Unit Description:

Students learn about why explorers came to Louisiana and how European colonization contributed to the uniqueness 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
- 3.2.1** Explain how major explorers and leaders contributed to the early development of Louisiana
- 3.2.3** Identify the causes and effects of migration on Louisiana
- 3.2.4** Identify cultural elements that have contributed to the state's heritage
- 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
- 3.4.7** Describe the importance of natural resources in Louisiana using maps
- 3.8.1** Investigate the economic concepts of opportunity cost, scarcity, and surplus/shortage and give examples of each based on needs and wants
- 3.8.2** Investigate ways in which people are producers and consumers and explain why they depend on one another

3.8.3 Describe the basic concepts of supply and demand and explain how competition affects the prices of goods and services

3.10.2 Distinguish between the use of money and barter

**Enduring Understandings-
Compelling Question:**

- **How did exploration and colonization influence Louisiana's unique cultural heritage?**

**Essential Questions-
Supporting Questions:**

- Why did explorers come to Louisiana?
- What features of Louisiana impressed explorers and led to the colonization of Louisiana?
- Why was control of Louisiana important to France during the colonial era?
- How and why did the possession of Louisiana change over time?
- How did European colonization contribute to the development of Louisiana?
- How did the Acadians come to live in Louisiana?
- How did the Acadians contribute to Louisiana's heritage?