



Unit 5 Louisiana's Future

Grade 3 Social Studies

Unit Description:

Students learn how the unique characteristics of Louisiana's geography, history, culture, and economy are interconnected. Students explore the positive and negative impacts of Louisiana's development, and how our development has contributed to the uniqueness of our state.

Social Studies Standards:

- 3.1.6** Compare and contrast the influence of cultural groups in 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
- 3.4.3** 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
- 3.4.5** Describe how humans affect the environment in Louisiana
- 3.4.7** Describe the importance of natural resources in Louisiana using maps
- 3.6.3** Describe how a citizen can help solve a local issue
- 3.7.1** Identify various ways that people earn income and how earning income contributes to the economic well-being of their community and state
- 3.7.2** List different ways people save their income and explain the advantages and disadvantages of each
- 3.7.3** Explain the benefits of comparative shopping when making economic decisions
- 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
- 3.8.4** Explain how producers and consumers affect prices
- 3.9.1** Explain the concepts of specialization and interdependence in the production of goods and services
- 3.9.2** Investigate the responsibilities and characteristics of various jobs
- 3.10.1** Differentiate between imports and exports of goods in Louisiana

**Enduring Understandings-
Compelling Question:**

- **How has Louisiana changed while preserving unique elements of its rich heritage?**

**Essential Questions-
Supporting Questions:**

- How do different factors affect production and price?
- How do people impact the economy?
- How is Louisiana’s economy unique?
- How have people adapted to life in Louisiana?
- How do people change the land to meet their needs?
- How does changing the land impact Louisiana?
- How do the geography, history, culture, and economy of Louisiana establish our state’s unique identity?
- How can citizens help Louisiana as we move into the future?
- How has Louisiana changed over time yet preserved unique aspects of its rich heritage?