



Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 6: French Louisiana - Section 3: The Founding Generation

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Convincing people to _____ in Louisiana turned out to be extremely _____.
2. _____ (death) rates for colonists were very high and, after the scandal of the Mississippi Bubble, many people blamed Louisiana for their _____ losses.
3. Ultimately, a mixture of people from places in _____, _____, and the _____ joined with French colonists to create a diverse population.
4. Louisiana's first French settlers were the members of _____ expedition, a group made up entirely of _____.
5. Many of those were in the settlements against their _____, including about eighty Native Americans whom the French had bought or captured to use as an _____ work force.
6. The French refused to _____ another group of men as regular settlers. They were the _____ and _____ who came and went at will.
7. Proprietor _____ had agreed to send thousands of settlers, but when the Company of the West took control in 1717, the population had only reached about _____.
8. In the years between 1717 and 1721, more than _____ colonists were sent to Louisiana.
9. These colonists were often skilled _____ who could make maps or draw plans for the _____ John Law planned to build.
10. Some the colonists were offered _____ (grants of land). The *concessionaires*—people who agreed to take these lands and clear them for food and cash crops—needed _____ to accomplish these goals.

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11. Concessionaires offered contracts to _____ called *engagés* (_____ servants).
12. John Law also sent people to help settle Louisiana who were _____ in France, called *forçats*.
13. John Law oversaw the arrival of several hundred productive colonists who came to Louisiana to _____ in their homelands.
14. By 1726, there were about two thousand people in the colony listed as citizens, but getting _____ to come to the rough outposts in Louisiana still proved difficult.
15. _____ were young, marriageable girls sent from France to Louisiana in 1728.
16. The colony needed another supply of _____, and this led to the arrival of the first groups of _____ in 1716.
17. In 1724, Beinville established a _____, or Black Code, which was a set of laws that regulated the behavior of _____ and laid out rules for their _____.
18. Whenever a child was born in the colony, that person was called a _____.
19. France did not _____ in the way a few individuals did, but the first generation of free people born in the Louisiana colony saw themselves as culturally _____.
20. When the colony was given to _____, the people's loyalty to _____ led to _____ among many members of Louisiana's founding generation.