

# Louisiana: Our History, Our Home

## *Presentations, Quick Notes & Internet Activities*

### Chapter 6: French Louisiana

#### Summary:

In this lesson, students will learn about the ships that sailed the seas when the American colonies were small and struggling.

#### Technical Note:

In order to do the virtual tour of the *Mary Rose*, you will need to use Internet Explorer and install Viscage SVR on a Windows-based PC. Download the viewer at <http://www.maryrose.org/explore/modelguide.htm>. You may want to familiarize yourself with the controls on the virtual tour of the *Mary Rose* so that you can demonstrate for students.

Students will need speakers or headphones to hear the audio portions of the *Mary Rose* website.

#### Building on Prior Knowledge:

Review the information at the top of the activity sheet. Discuss how life would be different if we had to wait 5-6 months for a response to a letter! What challenges would this bring for citizens and the government? Contrast this time with the speed of a cell phone or Internet communication (nearly instant), supersonic trans-Atlantic flight (3.5 hours), shipping “overnight” with companies such as FedEx or UPS.

#### During the Lesson:

There is a lot of information on the *Mary Rose* site, in particular. Encourage students to spend time visiting the links associated with “Explore the Ship and meet the Crew.”

#### Wrapping Up:

As students finish, direct them to explore the links in the “Finished Early” section. A space is provided for students’ notes. Discuss the findings of the students. Reinforce that ships were an integral part of the economy of the colonies.

**Duration:** 45-60 minutes

#### Answer Key:

1. Answers may include: In 18<sup>th</sup> century, ships were larger; they had more sails, and had jib sails and staysails. 18<sup>th</sup> century ships had a lower, sleeker hull design, etc.
2. Answers will vary. May include: cramped, bored, people would get on each other’s nerves, seasick, scared, etc.
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4. Answer may include cannon, people, barrels, etc.
5. Humours were the “four liquids of the body” (blood, phlegm, black bile, and yellow bile)
6. Bleeding by cutting a vein or using leeches to suck blood
7. To navigate the ship

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8. Used it to tell time, usually a 30-second one and one that measured half an hour
9. a log reel
10. beer
11. one kilo (about 2.2 pounds) per day
12. did not have any