

## Chapter 2 | Cultural Diversity of Louisiana

**Standard 4 - Culture:** Students analyze the relationships between cultural groups and physical features of Louisiana.

**GLE 8.4.1** Analyze how the physical features and natural resources of Louisiana affected the migration patterns of cultural groups

Use the three sources and your knowledge of social studies to answer the questions.

### Source 1: Map of Louisiana's Cultural Regions



**Source 2: Agricultural Products of Louisiana**

<b>Region's Largest Urban (City) Area</b>	<b>Region's Location</b>	<b>Description of the Region</b>
Shreveport-Bossier City and Monroe-West Monroe	Northern Louisiana	Its rolling hills, forests, and numerous lakes provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, especially hunting and fishing.
Alexandria, Pineville, and Natchitoches	Center of the state	The region stretches across the center of the state and serves as a crossroads between the northern and southern portions of Louisiana.
Lafayette and Lake Charles	Southwest Louisiana	The Acadians (or Cajuns) were the first Europeans to settle in the region, which can be further divided between the prairie and wetlands areas.
Baton Rouge	Along the Mississippi River	Many sugar and cotton plantations once dominated the region's geography and culture, which is home to the state capital (Baton Rouge) and Louisiana State University.
New Orleans, Metairie, Kenner, Covington, and Slidell	Near the mouth of the Mississippi River	New Orleans forms the heart of this region, which has a busy port and a thriving tourism trade.

### Source 3: Louisiana's Festivals and Celebrations



**Item 1: Multiple Choice**

Based on Source 1, in which cultural region is the capital of Louisiana located?

- A. Crossroads
- B. Cajun Country
- C. Plantation Country
- D. Sportsman’s Paradise

**Item 2: Multiple Select**

Based on Sources 1 and 2, which three places are found in Plantation Country?

- the tallest capitol building in the United States
- Louisiana State University
- sugar and cotton plantations
- Creole Heritage Celebration in Natchitoches
- world class hunting and fishing opportunities
- the mouth of the Mississippi River

**Item 3: Technology Enhanced Item**

Based on Source 3 and your knowledge of social studies, identify the ethnic culture being celebrated at each festival. Copy the cultural group from the list and write it under the Ethnic Culture column in the table. Fill every space in the chart. All options in the list will be used.

Acadian and Spanish	French
African	French
African and French	Spanish and Native American

Cultural Festival	Ethnic Culture
Tamale Fiesta in Zwolle	
Bastille Day in Kaplan	
Mardi Gras in New Orleans	
Creole Heritage Day in Natchitoches	
Jambalaya Festival in Gonzales	
Br'er Rabbit Folk Festival in Vacherie	

**Item 4: Constructed Response**

Based on Source 3 and your knowledge of social studies, explain the significance of the major festival theme “See It, Feel It, Taste It” as it relates to Louisiana’s economy.

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