

Chapter 1 | Geography of Louisiana

Item 1: Multiple Choice

Based on Source 2, what is the typical weather like in New Orleans during June?

- D. hot and rainy

Item 2: Multiple Select

Based on Source 3, which three rivers flow into Lake Pontchartrain?

- Amite
- Ticktaw
- Tangipahoa

Item 3: Technology Enhanced Item

Based on Source 1 and your knowledge of social studies, identify the borders of Louisiana.

- A - Texas
- B - Arkansas
- C - Mississippi
- D - Gulf of Mexico

Item 4: Constructed Response

Based on Source 3 and your knowledge of social studies, explain how the abundance of navigational waterways influenced Louisiana's history.

Answers:

The waterways of Louisiana have provided a means of transportation for settlers of the past, commercial transportation and recreational uses in contemporary times. Specific responses may include these: They have provided transportation and trade for settlers as well as provided deepwater ports for international trade. Access to rivers has promoted an agricultural economy for the state of Louisiana. In contemporary times, rivers have provided recreation and attractions for tourism (riverboat casinos, cruises, skiing). Also acceptable if students indicate that waterways provided sources for food (e.g., fishing). Further, (historically) navigable rivers have made New Orleans and other key river cities strategic targets for invading armies (e.g., British during the War of 1812, Union forces during the American Civil War).

Scoring Notes:

Scoring Information	
Score Points	Description
2	Student's response correctly provides an explanation illustrating a relationship between waterways of Louisiana's past and present by providing examples of that relationship
1	Student's response provides only a general description regarding the influence of waterways on Louisiana's past or present
0	No student response or inaccurate response