

Chapter 2 | Cultural Diversity of Louisiana

Item 1: Multiple Choice

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

- C. Plantation Country

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

Item 3: Technology Enhanced Item

Based on Source 3 and your knowledge of social studies, identify the ethnic culture being celebrated at each festival.

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

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.

Answers:

The festivals reflect Louisiana’s diverse agricultural and seafood resources. These resources tend to dominate the local economies, which are celebrating their abundance or value. Additionally, the geographic characteristics (timber) or a market demand (crawfish) of a specific region of the state reflects the possible livelihood of its population. The predominance of these goods in a local community may encourage service industries (restaurants) and trade opportunities (trucking) for further employment and tax revenues.

Scoring Notes:

Scoring Information	
Score Points	Description
2	Student’s response correctly provides an explanation that reflects the relationship between resources and the economy
1	Student’s response correctly provides only a description reflecting the importance of resources
0	No student response or inaccurate response