

# **Colonial Louisiana**

**Timeline Cards** 



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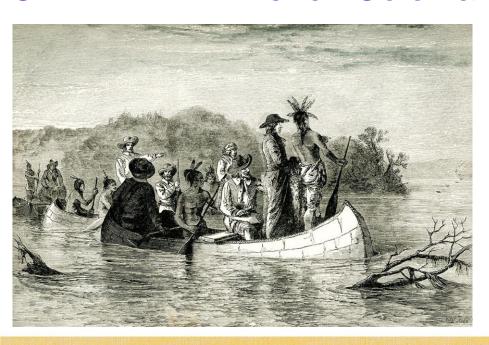
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In 1673 CE, Louis Jolliet and Jacques Marquette traveled south from modern-day Canada and explored the Mississippi River.





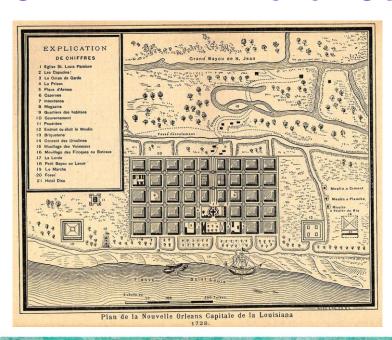
In 1682 CE, French explorer and fur trader René-Robert Cavelier, sieur de La Salle, claimed the Mississippi River basin for France. He called the territory *La Louisiane*.





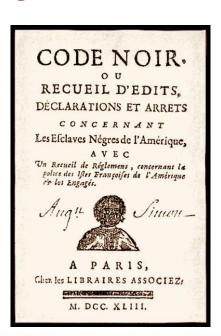
Founded in 1716, Fort St. Jean Baptiste in Natchitoches became the first permanent settlement in what would become the state of Louisiana.





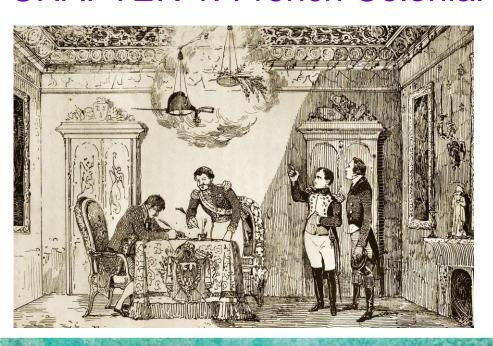
In 1718, Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville founded La Nouvelle-Orléans (New Orleans) as a French colony.





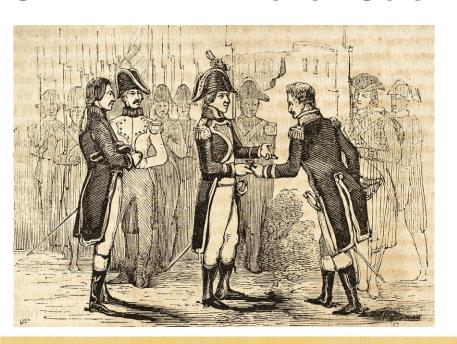
In 1719, the first enslaved Africans were brought to Louisiana. Five years later, the Code Noir established rules for the colony's enslaved people as well as its population of *gens de couleur libres*, or free people of color.





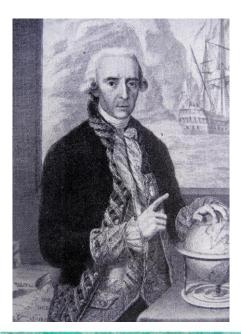
In 1762, the Treaty of Fontainebleau transferred much of colonial Louisiana from France to Spain.





In 1800, Spain returned Louisiana to France in the Third Treaty of San Ildefonso.





In 1768, French Creoles revolted against Spanish rule and Antonio de Ulloa, the first Spanish governor of Louisiana.





Alejandro O'Reilly, the second Spanish governor of Louisiana, took control of the colony in 1769.





Between 1765 and 1770, thousands of Acadians who had been expelled from Canada settled in areas outside of New Orleans.





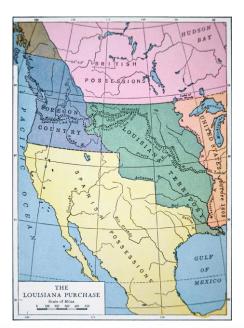
The arrival of immigrants from places such as the Canary Islands (1770s) and Haiti (1790s) contributed to Louisiana's already diverse culture.





The Treaty of San Lorenzo in 1795 gave Americans the opportunity to bring goods to New Orleans to sell and trade.





In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.



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