

2 LOUISIANA DELTA MAP

Common Core State Standards

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.2

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.4-8.7

Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

The Mississippi River is the largest river in the United States and the reason there is a delta. It marks the eastern border of the state of Louisiana and thus the border for the Louisiana Delta. Traditionally, deltas are areas at the mouth of rivers, but the Northeast Louisiana Delta is actually 150 miles north of the mouth of the Mississippi. The river has deposited a very rich and fertile soil here, and the culture of the region has long revolved around the river. On the west, the borders are the Ouachita and Black Rivers, Catahoula Lake and the hills of the region. On the south, the Red-Old River and the Arkansas state line and hills to the north boundary. The parishes included in the Louisiana Delta are Morehouse, Ouachita, West Carroll, East Carroll, Caldwell, Tensas, Catahoula, Richland, Madison, Franklin, LaSalle, and Concordia.

Looking at the map provided by Hiram F. “Pete” Gregory, we can see how much of the Mississippi and other rivers determine much of the region’s character. The plantation region has occupied the area closest to the river for over 200 years. The Upland South hills region found between the rivers utilizes the rich soil for farming and fishing communities are found on the banks of the Mississippi and Ouachita Rivers and on Catahoula Lake.

Many of the folk traditions of the region such as fishing and hunting traditions are not unique to the boundaries of the area, but some, like Easter Rock are specific to the area. *Delta Pieces* seeks to present many of the traditions and help them continue.

A map activity is included to further student’s knowledge of the specific boundaries of the region and their place within it. Directions are on the page.



DELTA PIECES ESSAY

- Pete Gregory’s map of the Cultural Micro-Regions of the Delta, Northeast Louisiana
http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/Deltamap.html

LOUISIANA VOICES LINK

- Louisiana Voices Educator’s Guide Unit IV Lesson 1: Louisiana’s Major Folk Regions
http://www.louisianavoices.org/Unit4/edu_unit4_lesson1.html

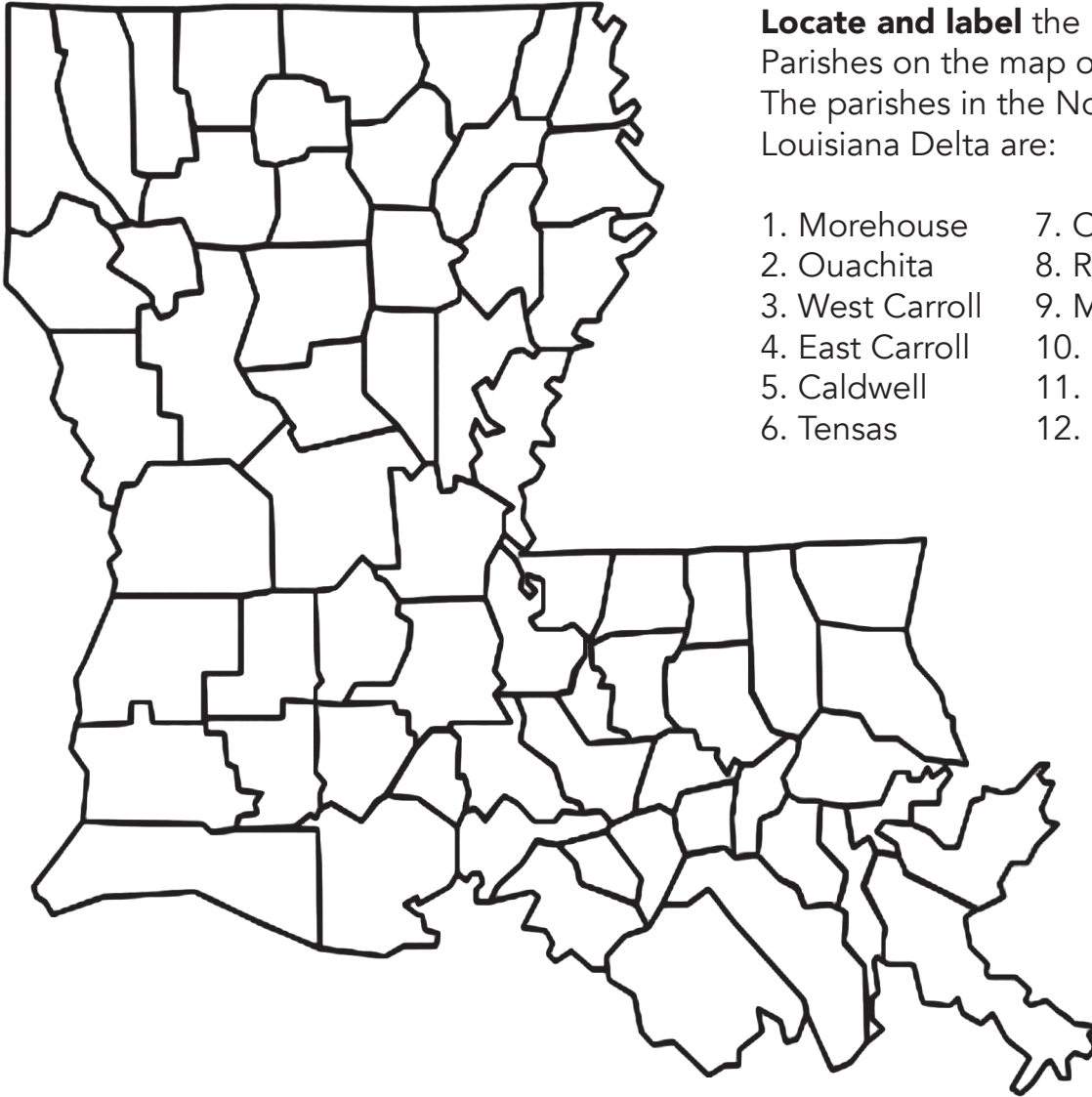
OTHER RESOURCES

- Several Delta Maps
<http://www.ladelta65.org/Maps/default.htm>
- Maps of the Mississippi River
<http://www.mississippiriverinfo.com/map-of-the-mississippi-river/>

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MAP OF LOUISIANA PARISHES



Locate and label the 12 Delta Parishes on the map of Louisiana. The parishes in the Northeast Louisiana Delta are:

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| 1. Morehouse | 7. Catahoula |
| 2. Ouachita | 8. Richland |
| 3. West Carroll | 9. Madison |
| 4. East Carroll | 10. Franklin |
| 5. Caldwell | 11. LaSalle |
| 6. Tensas | 12. Concordia |

Find the parish you live in. Color that parish **red**.

Color the parish **north** of your parish **blue** if it is a part of the Northeast Louisiana Delta.

Color the parish **south** of your parish **green** if it is a part of the Northeast Louisiana Delta.

Color the parish **east** of your parish **purple** if it is a part of the Northeast Louisiana Delta.

Color the parish **west** of your parish **yellow** if it is a part of the Northeast Louisiana Delta.