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WORSHIPPING IN THE DELTA CLOZE ACTIVITY

TASK: The essay below has important information, BUT there are words missing! Please help by following the steps below and filling in the blanks.

STEP 1: Read the essay "Like a River Flowing with Living Water: Worshiping in the Mississippi Delta from the Delta Pieces site at http://www.louisianafolklife.org/LT/Articles_Essays/DeltaSlworship.html.

STEP 2: Fill in the blanks with words that make sense to you.

STEP 3: Check your answers with the Answer Key, which your teachers will give you or read to you.

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The worship culture of the Louisiana Delta is very complex. One reason is that cultures from _____ and _____ came to the Delta, interacted, and they now have _____ similar religious traditions in common.

Singing the Word

The central figure in the folk religious community is the _____. Although both African Americans and Anglo-Americans perform the folk chanted sermons—and may go beyond chanting to actually singing the sermon—the tradition has been most fully developed in the _____ community.

Songs of the Spirit

_____ music has contributed tremendously to the Mississippi River Delta region's unique musical _____. Anglo-American settlers moved to the Delta, they brought their _____, _____ and _____ traditions.

Sacred Rituals

Rites of passage such as _____, _____ and _____ mark a change in a person's socio-religious position. Baptism in the Delta region, a ritual of _____ and _____, is a significant _____. Another sacred ritual in rural African-American churches is the _____ ceremony.

Spiritual Spaces

The religious experiences of many people are tied to specific _____ where _____ are performed. Others construct their own sacred places.