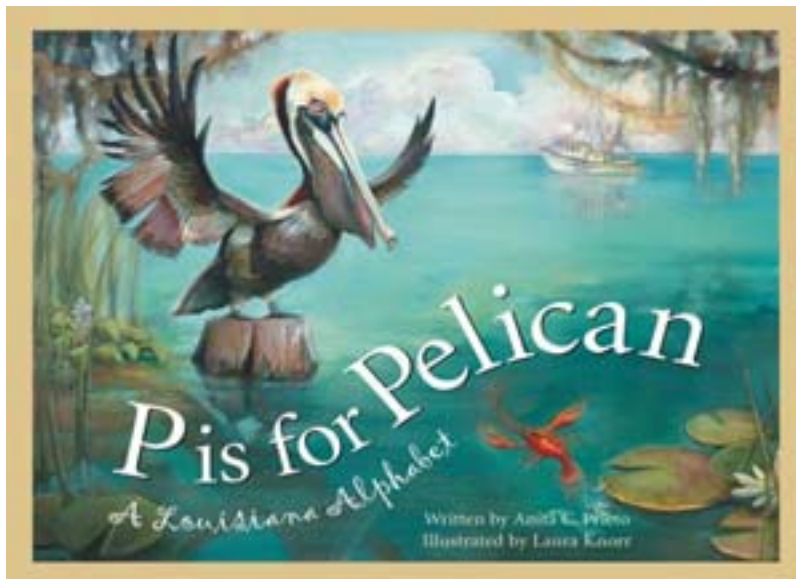


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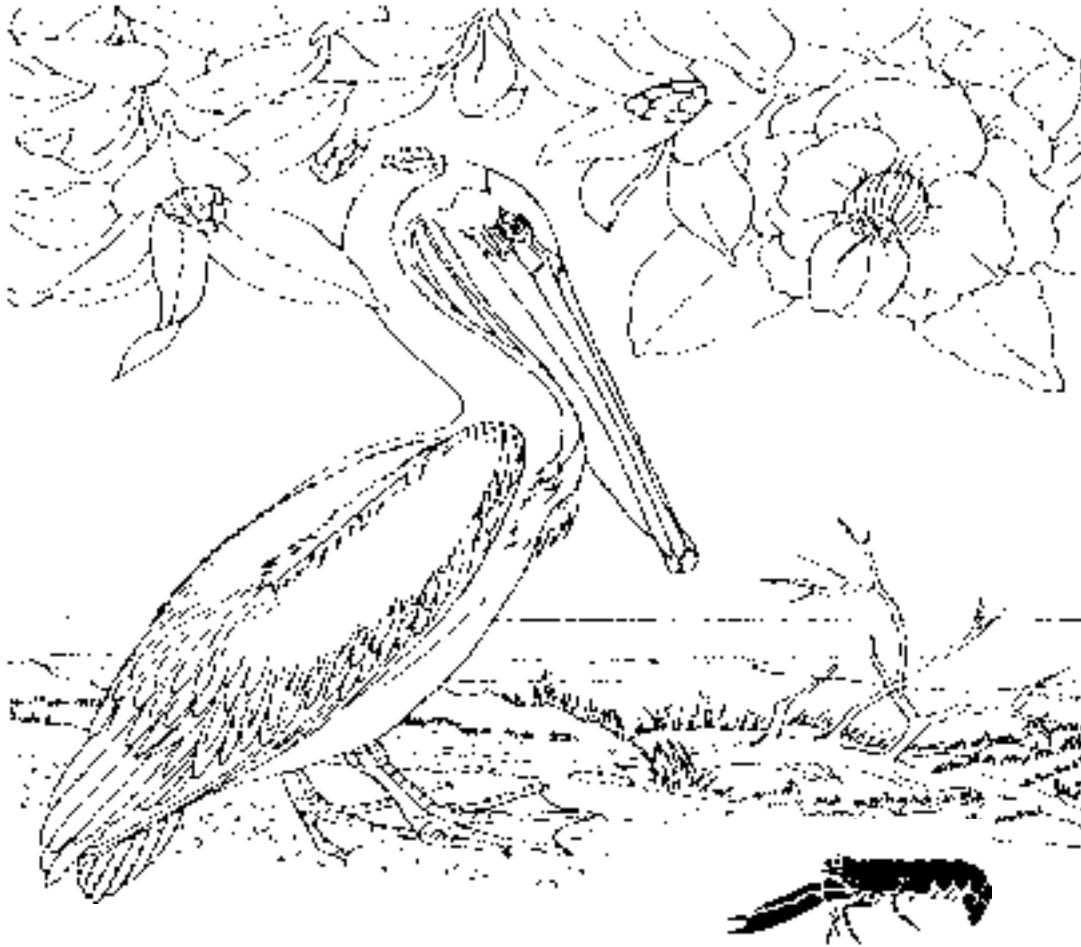
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# Louisiana ~ Pelican State

Circle three Louisiana symbols shown in the picture below.



Read *P is for Pelican: A Louisiana Alphabet* and write three facts about the pelican.

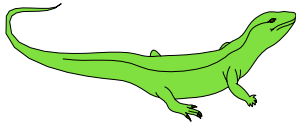
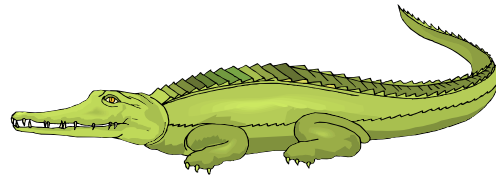
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# Alligator - El Lagarto

Read page A of *P is for Pelican* and then do some research to discover the meaning of el lagarto.



Compare an alligator to a lizard.  
How are they alike? How are they different?

Use the chart below to record your ideas, then write a compare and contrast paragraph.

Alligator - Different	Same	Lizard - Different



Read the group of words below and decide if each example is a complete or incomplete sentence. Circle all complete sentences.

1. Andrew has powdered sugar on his chin and nose.
2. Sweet doughnuts, fresh orange juice and coffee.
3. Grandma dunks her beignet in her hot cup of coffee.
4. Jared sprinkled powdered sugar on three beignets.
5. A tall glass of cold milk.
6. Beignets are puffy square donuts without a hole in the middle.
7. Anita ordered fruit filled beignets.
8. Sitting in an outdoor café.
9. John likes to eat beignets for breakfast.
10. Mixed half and half with hot milk.



# Louisiana Crawfish Humor

Don't back out of this challenge!

Read the joke below and add the missing ending punctuation marks.

One day a man walked into a restaurant and sat down to order \_\_\_\_

He looked at the waiter and asked, "Do you serve crawfish\_\_\_\_ "

"Yes," said the waiter \_\_\_\_

The man looked at the menu one more time \_\_\_\_

The waiter politely asked, "Sir, are you ready to order \_\_\_\_ "

"I'd like a hamburger," replied the man \_\_\_\_ He then pointed to the floor

and added, "For my crawfish friend, bring a small dish of corn \_\_\_\_ "

# DELTA CROPS



Read page D of *P is for Pelican* to learn about Louisiana's fertile delta soil. Write the following list of delta crops in alphabetical order.

- yams
- rice
- tomatoes
- strawberries
- soybeans
- corn
- sugarcane



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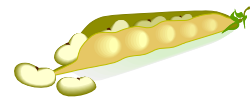
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## *Saving Wildlife Habitats*

### *It's for the Birds*

Saving wildlife habitats is for the birds...and for us! Turn to page E of *P is for Pelican* to read about Mr. McIlhenny's "Bird City" project and its positive impact for the snowy white egrets and other birds.

#### **How Can I Take Action?**

You may not be able to turn an island into a bird sanctuary, but there are still ways in which you can help save and protect wildlife habitats. Read the following tips and projects and decide how you can do your part to improve the habitat where you live.

- **Take note** – Increase your awareness of the wildlife that shares your habitat by noting in a journal your observations of wildlife in and around where you live. Record the date, the type and the number of each species you observe. As you make changes to create a more animal friendly and safe habitat, compare your records to see if the number of species visiting your area is increasing.
- **Read** – Increase your knowledge of what particular bird and animal species lives in your area and the time of the year you're most likely to see them. Visit your local library for resources and check out a bird field identification book.
- **Install a bird feeder and a water source** – A healthy habitat needs a food and water source. For detailed information on bird feeders and water sources, write to the following address for your free copy of a "For the Birds" pamphlet.  
Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Attn: Mail Stop MBSP – 4107, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203
- **Practice conservation** – Don't waste water by letting the water run while you brush your teeth. Remember to turn off lights that are not in use. Reuse and recycle items. Try to buy food items in bulk and avoid single-serving and disposable packaging.
- **Request or give Duck Stamps as gifts** – The Duck Stamp Program was established in 1934 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and since its beginning, Duck Stamp sales have raised more than half-a-billion dollars to conserve over 5 million acres of habitat. For each stamp purchased, 98 cents of every dollar goes directly to purchase vital habitat for protection in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Duck Stamps can be purchased at the United States Postal Service or at most major sporting goods stores that sell hunting and fishing licenses. For more information, view [www.duckstamp.com](http://www.duckstamp.com)

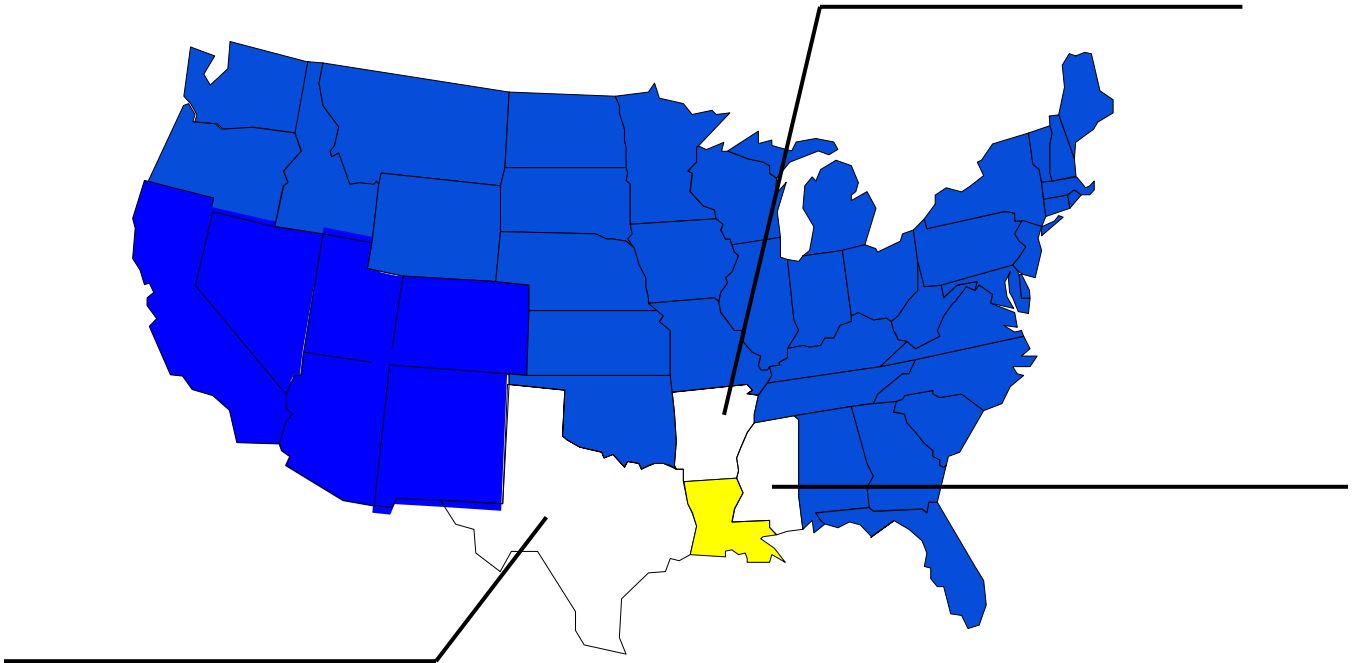
# Louisiana and Its Neighboring States

Label the states bordering Louisiana.

Arkansas

Mississippi

Texas



Label the Gulf of Mexico.

Refer to page G of ***P is for Pelican*** and explain below the important role the Gulf of Mexico plays in Louisiana life.

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# BOTTLE A HURRICANE

Whirl your way to page H of *P is for Pelican*  
and sink yourself in hurricane facts.



## Materials

1 or 2 liter clear plastic bottle  
Water  
Aluminum foil  
Food coloring (optional)  
Mailing label

## Directions

1. Remove the cap and label from the bottle.
2. Fill the clear plastic bottle with water.
3. Add food coloring if desired. (Optional)
4. Name your hurricane after yourself or choose another appropriate name.
5. Write Hurricane (your name) on the label and affix label to the bottle.
6. Tear small pieces of aluminum foil and drop several pieces into the bottle.
7. Tightly twist the cap back on the bottle.
8. Give the bottle several good swirls and turn the bottle upside down.
9. Observe your bottled hurricane!



# I IS FOR ISLEÑOS



Read page I of *P is for Pelican*, then answer the following questions by circling the correct response.

1. Louisiana was once ruled by [Spain] [Australia] [Japan].
2. In 1778, many Spanish settlers from the [Hawaiian Islands] [Canary Islands] [Ellis Island] braved the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.
3. In Spanish, the word *isleños* means [colonists] [islanders] [descendants].
4. *Isleños* fought against [Korea] [Spain] [Great Britain] in the War of 1812.
5. Today in St. Bernard Parish, the *Isleños* cultural identity is [elapsed] [forgotten] [preserved].

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To learn more about Spanish Colonial Louisiana, request a brochure from the following address.

Los Isleños Heritage and Cultural Society  
1357 Bayou Road  
St. Bernard, LA 70085

# King Cake Party Invitation

Read page K of *P is for Pelican* and imagine you are hosting a King Cake Party. Practice capitalization skills and comma usage by completing the following invitation and envelope. You decide the date, time, and place of your pretend party. Write your phone number on the r.s.v.p line.

You are invited to a  
King Cake Party

When \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Where \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

R.S.V.P. \_\_\_\_\_



# King Cake Memory Match

Learn symbols of Louisiana by playing King Cake Memory Match. Glue the backside of the following cards on sheets of yellow, green and purple construction paper, and then cut out the cards. Shuffle the cards before placing them facedown in an oval formation. Take turns with a partner, trying to match the card pairs. When two cards are turned over and it is not a match, the cards are to be returned to its original spot. The player that finds the matching baby cards receives an extra turn. The player with the most matches is the winner!

## King Cake Memory Match

Capital – Baton Rouge

Tree – Bald Cypress

Bird – Eastern Brown Pelican

Wildflower – Louisiana Iris

Flower – Magnolia

Insect - Honeybee

Motto – Union, Justice, and Confidence

Crustacean - Crawfish

Nickname – Pelican State

Reptile – Alligator

Fruit – Strawberry

Mammal – Black Bear

Dog – Catahoula Leopard Dog

Flag – Flag picture

**Capital**

**Baton Rouge**

**Bird**

**Eastern Brown  
Pelican**

**Flower**

**Magnolia**

**Motto**

**Flag**



**Union,  
Justice  
and Confidence**

**Nickname**

**Pelican State**

**Fruit**

**Strawberry**

**Dog**

**Catahoula  
Leopard  
Dog**

**Tree**

**Bald  
Cypress**

**Wildflower**

**Louisiana Iris**

**Insect**

**Honeybee**

**Crustacean**

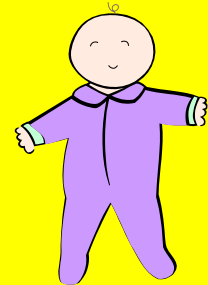
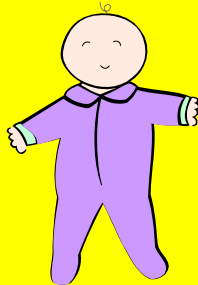
**Crawfish**

**Reptile**

**Alligator**

**Mammal**

**Black Bear**



# LOUISIANA PURCHASE

The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States. Turn to page L of *P is for Pelican* to learn the names of the states created from the Louisiana Purchase. Color these states on the map.



## Do You Know?

1. What was the cost of the Louisiana Purchase? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who was the president at the time of the Louisiana Purchase? \_\_\_\_\_
3. From which country did the United States buy the Louisiana Territory? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When did Louisiana achieve statehood? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is Louisiana's state capital? \_\_\_\_\_



Use the chart below to solve the story problems.

Item	Price
Court Jester Beads (3 strands of beads)	\$9.99
Variety Recycled Pack of Beads (3 strands of beads)	\$3.00
Fancy Face Beads (3 strands of beads)	\$9.95
Mardi Gras Carnival Mask	\$6.99
Purple Butterfly Mask	\$7.85
Stickmask	\$16.95
Mardi Gras Kit (Beads and Doubloons)	\$12.00
Doubloons (Large bag – 200 doubloons)	\$20.00
Doubloons (Small bag – 50 doubloons)	\$6.00

1. Olivia bought the fancy face beads and the purple butterfly mask. How much money did she spend?
2. Tony has \$5.00 and Brenda has \$6.00. Can they buy the Mardi Gras kit?
3. Elizabeth is deciding between the Mardi Gras carnival mask and the purple butterfly mask. How much more is the purple butterfly mask?
4. Greg has \$7.00. How many packs of the variety-recycled beads can he buy?
5. Darlene needs 200 doubloons. Would you recommend that she buy four small bags of doubloons or one large bag of doubloons? Why?



# Search and Find

Use *P is for Pelican* and play a game of search and find. Have a partner choose a word from the list below. Search for the picture in the book. After you find the picture, read aloud the passage of that page to your partner. It's now your turn to choose a word and have your partner search and find.

## Word List

Turtle  
Gulf of Mexico  
Yams  
Parade  
Rainy weather  
Hurricane  
Fiddle  
Rubbord  
Festival  
Egret  
Red geraniums  
General Jackson  
Superdome  
Horse-drawn carriage  
Pearl  
Corn and peas  
Pelican  
Tarpon  
Paddle-wheel boat  
Crawfish  
Xavier University  
King Cake  
Nutria  
Rosedown Plantation



# Where Am I?

Solve the locations of Where Am I? Use *P is for Pelican* and read the following clues to discover interesting places in Louisiana.

1. I am helping Mr. McIlhenny unload a wagon of twigs and branches for the birds to use as nesting material. Where am I?

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2. I am at Louisiana's state capital? Where am I?

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3. I am strolling through a 28-acre formal grade at a Louisiana Historic Site that was built in 1835 by Daniel and Martha Turnbull. Where am I?

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4. I am in the largest city in Louisiana enjoying a beignet for breakfast. Where am I?

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5. I am standing on an off-shore oil production platform, which also serves as an artificial reef system for marine life. Where am I?

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6. I am part of a group reenacting the battle led by Major General Andrew Jackson. Where am I?

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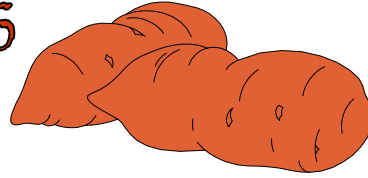
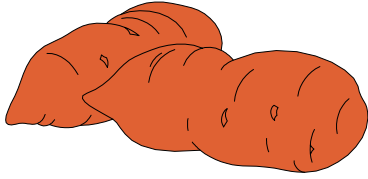
7. I am fishing in a three-day fishing competition, trying to catch the largest tarpon. Where am I?

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8. I am at a university established by Saint Katharine Drexel and known for its excellent College of Pharmacy. Where am I?

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# Louisiana Yams



As a class, survey 100 people to find out their favorite way to eat Louisiana yams. Depending on the size of your class, instruct each student to survey three to five people. Record and determine the percentage of your results. What was the most favorite way to enjoy sweet potatoes?

## Survey Categories

Baked

Steamed

Microwaved

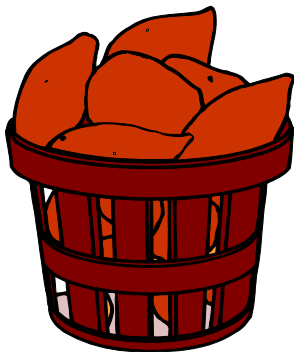
Fried

Fresh – Sweet potato sticks

Sweet potato pie

(Add additional categories of your choice)

*When final results are recorded, divide the number of each result by 100 to determine the percentage for each category.*



### **Did you know?**

President George Washington grew sweet potatoes.

George Washington Carver developed 118 products from sweet potatoes.

Some scientists believe that dinosaurs might have eaten sweet potatoes.

# Louisiana Word Search

Pelican  
Cajun  
New Orleans  
Hurricane

Baton Rouge  
Mardi Gras  
Zydeco  
Fat Tuesday

Alligator  
King Cake  
Delta  
Bayous

Crawfish  
Beignet  
Superdome  
Vieux Carre

Z	P	E	L	I	Z	A	C	N	E	W	H	U	R
M	Y	B	A	Y	T	K	I	A	S	U	F	P	M
B	A	D	B	L	Z	Y	M	A	J	V	A	B	A
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Answer Key

Louisiana – Pelican State The three symbols shown are the pelican, crawfish and magnolia.  
See page P for pelican facts.

Beignet Café Sentences 1,3,4,6,7,and 9 are complete sentences

Louisiana Crawfish Humor He looked at the waiter and asked, “Do you serve crawfish?”  
The waiter politely asked, “Sir, are you ready to order?” All other sentences end with a period.

Delta Crops corn, rice, soybean, strawberries, sugarcane, tomatoes, yams

I is for Islenos 1. Spain 2. Canary 3. islanders 4. Great Britain 5. preserved

Louisiana Purchase 1. Fifteen million dollars 2. President Thomas Jefferson  
3. France 4. April 30, 1812 5. Baton Rouge

Mardi Gras Math 1. \$17.80 2. No. They have \$11.00 and need \$12.00 3. \$.86  
4. He can buy two packs and will have one dollar left. 5. The large bag of 200 doubloons at \$20.00 because he would need to spend \$24.00 to buy 4 small bags to get 200 doubloons.

Louisiana Crossword 1. Pelican 2. Zydeco 3. Cajun 4. Beignet 5. Mardi Gras 6. Alligator  
7. Baton Rouge 8. King Cake 9. Crawfish

Where Am I? 1. “Bird City” Avery Island 2. Baton Rouge 3. Rosedown Plantation, St. Francisville 4. New Orleans – French Market coffee shop 5. Gulf of Mexico 6. Chalmette Battlefield 7. Grand Isle International Tarpon Rodeo 8. Xavier University

Word Search

Z	P	E	L	I	Z	A	C	N	E	W	H	U	R
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