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Title:	Louisiana Regions (2 Day lesson)
Grade Levels:	☞ 3 rd Grade
Curriculum Areas:	☞ Social Studies
Measurable Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ TLW be able to identify the five regions in Louisiana (Central, Northern, South Central, Southeast, and Southwest regions) and their nicknames. ☞ TLW identify major waterways located in the regions of Louisiana. ☞ TLW identify major cities in different regions of Louisiana. ☞ TLW locate the weather for major cities in the regions.
LA Comprehensive Curriculum:	☞ Social Studies, Unit 1 - Louisiana Geography - Activity 6 - Physical Characteristics of Regions (GLEs: 6, 9, 14)
Grade Level Expectations: (GLEs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Construct a chart, line graph, or diagram to display geographical information (G-1A-E3) ☞ Describe and compare the physical characteristics of various regions of Louisiana (G-1B-E1) ☞ Locate, describe, and compare urban, suburban, and rural communities in Louisiana (G-1C-E2)
K-12 Educational Technology Standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Technology Communication Tools (<i>Communication Foundation Skill</i>) Students use a variety of media and formats to communicate and present information and ideas effectively to multiple audiences. ☞ Technology Productivity Tools (<i>Resource Access and Utilization Foundation Skill</i>) Students use technology tools to enhance learning, increase productivity, and promote creativity. ☞ Technology Research Tools (<i>Linking and Generating Knowledge Foundation Skill</i>) Students use appropriate technology to locate, evaluate, and collect information from a variety of sources.
Technology Connection:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Louisiana Region PowerPoint ☞ Louisiana Region Nicknames http://www.louisianatravel.com/explorela/regions/crossroads/

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Wunderground.com - Weather in major cities of LA http://www.wunderground.com/US/LA
Assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Observation and Participation  Completed LA map of regions  Completed research on assigned region.  Venn diagram of partners comparing and contrasting two regions of LA.
Procedures:	<p>This lesson will be completed using the attached PowerPoint slideshow on the regions of Louisiana. It is recommended that this lesson be completed in the computer lab, so that each student can have access to the slideshow. You will need to cover some basic PowerPoint tips with the students (starting the slideshow, clicking the mouse to move to the next slide, and stopping the slideshow).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  <u>Slide # 1</u> - Discuss with the students how the regions were named by looking at the compass on the slide (cardinal and intermediate directions.) Allow the students to write the names of the region on their paper.  <u>Slide #2</u> - Discuss the nicknames of the five regions and give some background information on their nicknames. As you discuss each nickname, have the students write the nickname of the each region next to the name of each region. <p><u>Sportsman Paradise (Northern Region)</u> Thick, piney woods that flourish with wildlife. Lush rolling hills. Clear, sparkling lakes abundant with bass and trout. Mysterious bayous fingering from the rivers. This is Northern Louisiana. Sportsman's Paradise...and heaven for birdwatchers, nature photographers, campers and anyone who has ever pulled a 16 pound bass out of Caney Lake. For those who love history, this is where Native Americans trapped deer and traded pottery at Poverty Point, long before Ancient Greece and Rome were on the map</p> <p><u>Crossroads (Central Region)</u> Crossroads aptly gets its name by being right in the center of our state, thus giving visitors a taste of all things Louisiana -- not the least of which is our infamous Southern Hospitality. For a sample, you'll want to visit Natchitoches, the inspiration for the movie and play Steel Magnolias, where the women had big hair and even bigger hearts. Home to the author, Robert Harling, it is also home to some of the South's most charming bed and breakfast inns and antique shops.</p> <p><u>Cajun Country (Southwest Region)</u> All great pleasures are great because of their originality and uniqueness, their lasting ability to please and engage. Such is the mystic charm of Cajun Country, a land of towering sugar cane, winding bayous, Acadian cottages and crawfish ponds. If you have any preconceptions, you had best set them aside before you explore these historic towns and cities with vibrant folklife, colorful carefree traditions and their own way of speaking that will make you</p>

	<p>wonder if you really are in the U.S. This region freely even joyfully! breaks many of the rules by which other destinations define themselves.</p> <p><u>Plantation Country (South Central Region)</u></p> <p>Bounded on one side by the Atchafalaya Basin and on the other by the countryside stretching north from Lake Maurepas, Plantation Country is a pocket of mystery, elegance and majesty, of historic towns and rural customs, of the rich delta lands and the culture of the people who drew their life and wealth from the alluvial soil. And inevitably, it is about the river that made it possible, the river from which it all grew: the Mississippi. For a little of your time and a portion of your imagination, this region will yield its ageless treasures.</p> <p><u>Greater New Orleans (Southeast Region)</u></p> <p>Louisiana's scenic byways will take you off the beaten path to see much of what makes this state so special. The byways, which cross almost every area of the state, bring you into the heart of the distinctive scenic beauty and cultural uniqueness that is Louisiana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  <u>Slide # 3 - Major Cities</u> - Allow the students to write the major cities on their map. Discuss which region each city is located in. <i>(The dots are located in the general area of each major city.)</i>  <u>Slide # 4 - Major Waterways</u> - Discuss the many major waterways located in Louisiana by having the students focus on the blue text on the map naming the waterways.  Assign each student one region to explore. They will complete p. 2 of their worksheet individually using the information discussed from the PowerPoint slideshow and the links located on the slides.  <u>Day 2</u> - Pair students up from two different regions and let them use their information from Day 1 to complete a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting their regions.  Finally, allow the students to present their diagrams to the class explaining how their regions are alike and different.  Let each student tell about an interesting fact that they found out about their assigned region.
Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  LA Region worksheet  Venn diagram worksheet  Pencil  Computer w/Internet Access
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