



# ***The United States and Louisiana: The Early Republic through Reconstruction (7)***

*Chapter 7: A Growing Young Nation  
Section 3: Louisiana's Territorial Period*

## **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. President Thomas Jefferson asked three people to take the job of governing Louisiana before \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ agreed. He was not an ideal choice because he spoke no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and could not communicate with most of the people who lived there. He was a convenient choice, however, because he was in charge of the \_\_\_\_\_ Territory at the time.
2. Claiborne's co-commissioner and \_\_\_\_\_ commander was General James \_\_\_\_\_, who was also a less-than-ideal choice because he had been a secret agent for the \_\_\_\_\_ since 1787.
3. Jefferson ordered Claiborne to make changes \_\_\_\_\_, but because the territory was basically a colony, he had essentially \_\_\_\_\_ powers. The goal was to incorporate \_\_\_\_\_ into the United States as soon as possible.
4. In 1804, \_\_\_\_\_ divided the lands into two administrative units: the Territory of \_\_\_\_\_, governed by \_\_\_\_\_ (last name), and the Territory of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Claiborne divided the Territory of \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ administrative units he called \_\_\_\_\_, but the representatives to the territory's legislature who had lived in Louisiana long before the changes took place changed the name back to \_\_\_\_\_ and as a result, Louisiana is the only state with these types of divisions.
6. Those who wanted to run from the law or take part in a form of adventure called \_\_\_\_\_ looked to \_\_\_\_\_ for

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opportunities. One such person was former vice-president Aaron \_\_\_\_\_ . Both Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ and Alexander \_\_\_\_\_ worked against him to make sure he had no place in politics. He blamed \_\_\_\_\_ when he lost the election for \_\_\_\_\_ of New York and challenged him to a \_\_\_\_\_ , which his opponent accepted.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ is between \_\_\_\_\_ people usually fought in front of witnesses. It was a way for \_\_\_\_\_ to settle disputes involving their \_\_\_\_\_ , though it was already becoming less acceptable at the time. It was already outlawed in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ , but the latter did not enforce the law as much as the other.

8. The two crossed the river into \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ shot \_\_\_\_\_ , who died the next day. Murder charges were filed in both states, but neither came to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ finished his term as vice-president.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ had plans to take over \_\_\_\_\_ and strip the city of its \_\_\_\_\_ and then invade \_\_\_\_\_ where he would establish himself the ruler. Originally, \_\_\_\_\_ planned with him, but turned in his partner to the president. He was tried and \_\_\_\_\_ of conspiracy charges but his political reputation was ruined. He went to exile in \_\_\_\_\_ and returned to the United States in \_\_\_\_\_ .

10. There was unrest in the area known as \_\_\_\_\_ because although the territory was owned by \_\_\_\_\_ , the region was dominated by \_\_\_\_\_ -speaking migrants who wanted to join the \_\_\_\_\_ .

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\_\_\_\_\_, so they staged a \_\_\_\_\_ against their leaders. They declared themselves an independent \_\_\_\_\_ and called themselves the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and adopted a \_\_\_\_\_. Their independence lasted for \_\_\_\_\_ months, when Governor \_\_\_\_\_ declared it part of the Territory of \_\_\_\_\_ and they were incorporated into the United States in \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Free people of \_\_\_\_\_, which made up a significant portion of \_\_\_\_\_'s population, presented Claiborne with an unfamiliar situation, particularly when he realized they had made up two local \_\_\_\_\_ units. They asked to be retained, but Claiborne decided to put \_\_\_\_\_ officers in charge of these units.

12. Claiborne oversaw a new \_\_\_\_\_ in 1806, which allowed for \_\_\_\_\_, but did not allow people to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, which had been available to them during \_\_\_\_\_ rule. This made it almost \_\_\_\_\_ to be freed without the approval of the \_\_\_\_\_. Enslaved people were forbidden to register a \_\_\_\_\_ against their enslaver and if they were charged with a public crime, they were tried in a separate system with \_\_\_\_\_ punishments.

13. By 1808, it was illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ enslaved people from outside the United States, which led to a rise in the \_\_\_\_\_ slave trade, meaning people were brought from \_\_\_\_\_ states to be sold in the \_\_\_\_\_ locations such as New Orleans.

14. Refugees from \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ who had settled in \_\_\_\_\_ were exiled and decided to settle in \_\_\_\_\_. Governor Claiborne allowed the nearly \_\_\_\_\_ refugees to come

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to the territory. One third were \_\_\_\_\_ people, one third were people of \_\_\_\_\_, and another third were \_\_\_\_\_ people. This wave of immigration nearly doubled the size of \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The uprising of \_\_\_\_\_ people in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ killed \_\_\_\_\_ of people. Although they had just witnessed the horrors of the revolt, some people feared the \_\_\_\_\_ would encourage similar violence in Louisiana.

16. Though there is no clear connection between the two events, the \_\_\_\_\_ slave revolt in United States history took place in 1811 just upriver from \_\_\_\_\_.

17. This revolt was led by a man named \_\_\_\_\_, who led others to take control of the plantation of \_\_\_\_\_, who was believed to have many \_\_\_\_\_. When they realized he did not, they began their approach toward \_\_\_\_\_ with only \_\_\_\_\_ as weapons. As they approached, they convinced other people to join them. There were between \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ enslaved people.

18. They were no match for the local \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ forces that surrounded them after \_\_\_\_\_ days. Many rebels were killed and others were taken to \_\_\_\_\_ for trial. \_\_\_\_\_ of those who went to trial were hanged. Although they were defeated, the \_\_\_\_\_ of people involved made it a very important historical event.