### Introductions



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### Who founded New Orleans and how old is it?

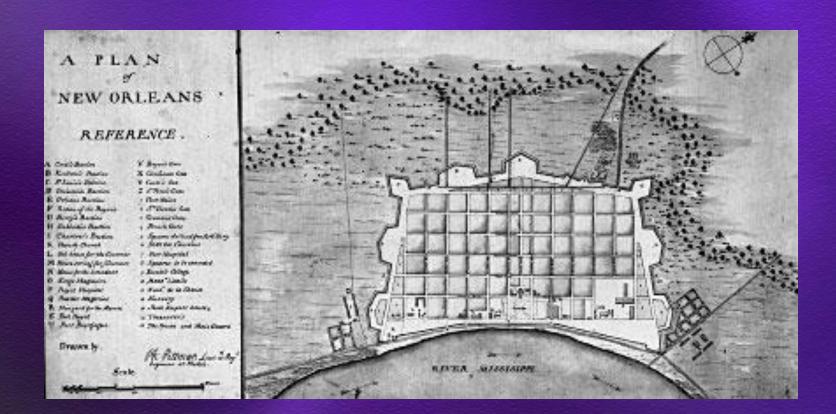
Hint: It might be a trick question

400 A.D. - Archaeological evidence dates Native American settlements at present day New Orleans to at least 400 A.D. - **1613 years old** 

1718 - Frenchman Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville founded La Nouvelle Orleans, 66 squares of a walled village are laid out, the French Quarter - 295 years old

### What is the other name for the French Quarter?

Bientx Lorcéal Bocsallaite) "The Quarter"



### Why is New Orleans so different from the rest of the Country?

**Hint: Who founded New Orleans** 

New Orleans was founded by French Catholics while the rest of the country was founded by people with much more conservative religious backgrounds

French, French Creoles, Creoles of Color & gens de couleur libres (free people of color)

Aspects of African culture persisted in New Orleans and eventually were absorbed in the overall culture

"Unique is a word that cannot be qualified. It does not mean rare or uncommon; it means alone in the universe. By the standards of grammar and by God, New Orleans is the unique American Place."

Charles Kuralt,
Peabody Award Winning Journalist,
legendary host of "On The Road"

### Louisiana French Catholic History

St Louis Cathedral is the oldest continually operating cathedral in the US

In 1727 the Ursuline Sisters were the 1st Catholic nuns to land in the new world

Ursuline tradition holds many 1<sup>st</sup> in United States history in its dedication to the growth of individuals

- Oldest continually operation Catholic School
- Oldest All-Girls school in the country
- 1st Female Pharmacist
- 1st Woman to contribute a book of literary merit
- 1st Classes for Female Slaves (continued until abolition)
- 1st Classes for Free Women of Color
- 1<sup>st</sup> Classes for Native Americans

#### Did You Know?

The game of Craps deri French word for Frog, k the French to be Frog

In 1872 Mardi Gras offi were chosen based on Russian Grand Duke Al Purple – Justice, Green



New Orleans' City Park is the largest municipal park in the Country



During Spanish rule Fire destroyed 1788 and 1794 (212 build

With French & French Creole



#### Did You Know?

Tabasco – 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest food trademark US Patent Office



The Lake
Pontchartrain
Causeway is the
world's longest
continuous bridge



### What art form is New Orleans the birthplace of?

Hint: Utah has a professional basketball team that seems out of place

New Orleans is the birthplace of JAZZ

Jazz is considered the only true American Art form, giving birth later to Blues and Rock & Roll

### Who is the New Orleans airport named after?

Louis Armstrong - American Jazz Great; Alias Satchmo or Pops, a native New Orleanian



In 1964, Armstrong knocked The Beatles off the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart with "Hello, Dolly!"

The song gave the 63-year-old the U.S. record as the oldest artist to have a number one song



#### Did You Know?

The 1<sup>st</sup> Opera in the US was performed in New Orleans in 1796



On the wharfs of New Orleans, before Louisiana was a US territory, when goods arrived that were labeled U.S., dock workers called them "Uncle Sam"

## Who's death mask resides in the Cabildo Museum in Jackson Square?

Hint: It was the Spanish Seat of Government

French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte's

Sorry, I Get Have A Little Fun Too!





#### Did You Know?

Voodoo was 1<sup>st</sup>
introduced in the US in
New Orleans

In the 1800s Voodoo Queens became central figures in the Culture



The tomb of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau has more visitors than Elvis Presley's in Memphis

## Why does New Orleans have "neutral grounds" instead of "medians" on their roadways?

Hint: The Louisiana Purchase of 1803

Europeans & French Creoles were not about to let the American Interlopers live in the Quarter

The American Quarter was founded just upriver across the area were a large canal was planned

The median of Canal Street became the "Neutral Ground" in the clash between the groups

## "New Orleans has a real spirit. It is the most Authentic of all American Cities."

Brad Pitt,
Actor and
New Orleans Resident

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### Who is on the statue of a horse in Jackson Square?

**Hint: The Battle of New Orleans 1815** 

British – 2,042 casualties: 291 Killed, 1,267 wounded, 484 captured/missing

Americans – 71 casualties: 13 Killed, 39 wounded, 19 missing



Andrew Jackson – 17<sup>th</sup> President of the United States Beginning of the Current Democratic Party

### What does horse statue w/ 2 feet off the ground signify?

Hint: You'll Be Surprised

The riders fate is supposed to be identified, so he died in Battle? NOT!

Myth: It Means Absolutely Nothing

Sculptor Clark Mills never got the message, 1<sup>st</sup> with 2 hooves off ground



Most closely followed at Gettysburg, but 1 of the 7 Statues there also violates the mythical rule

### Why is Jackson Tipping His Hat?

Hint: You Can Bet A Woman is Involved

Baroness Pontalba supervised the construction of two apartments on either side of Jackson Square

Jackson refused to tip his hat to her saying she was no lady



She spearheaded the statue & got her revenge

Rumor has it they had a torrid affair while he was President in Washington

### Don't Forget, We Have Beautiful Plantations





## The Official State Bird Is the Brown Pelican The Un-Official State Bird Is?



### Oh Yeah, We Also Have Swamp People & Duck People



# We Just Don't Have Rabbit People But We Might Soon!



### Come A Week Early & Stay A Week After

