

# The history of... *New Orleans*

## Time Line

**late 1600s**

French explorers and traders arrive.



**1763**

New Orleans comes under Spanish rule as a result of the Seven Years' War.

**1718**

New Orleans is founded by the French.

**1800**

Spain gives Louisiana back to France.

**1803**

The U.S. acquires the Louisiana Territory from France.

**1897**

Free man Homer Plessy is arrested for refusing to ride in the segregated car on a train passing through New Orleans.

**2005**

Hurricane Katrina, the largest and most destructive storm to hit the city, hits land.

## Word Search!

Find the New Orleans landmarks and features listed below. Words may be forward, backward, diagonal, or even upside down!

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- French Quarter
- Jambalaya
- Jazz Music
- Canal Street
- Mardi Gras

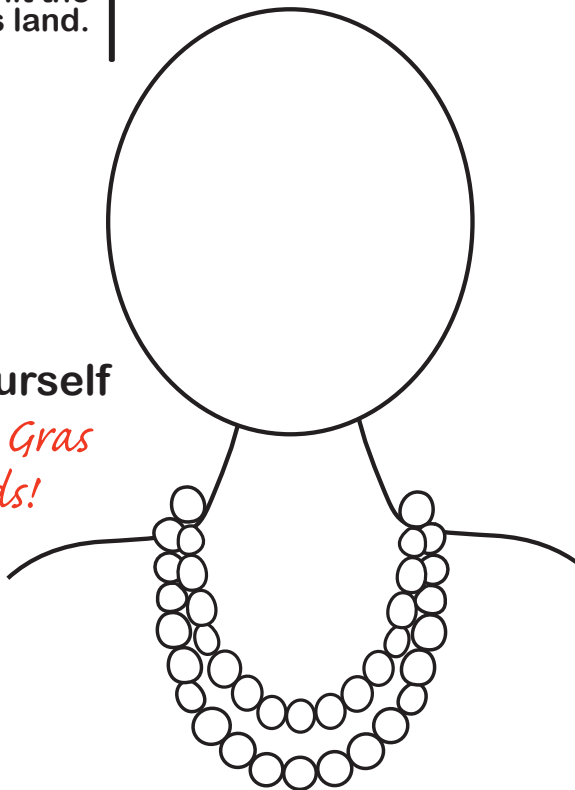
## Quiz

What did the French originally name New Orleans, and what did the name mean?

Answer: La Nouvelle-Orléans, meaning "The New Orleans." It was called "new" because France already had a city by that name.

Give yourself

*Mardi Gras beads!*



Mardi Gras is an annual celebration that falls on "Fat Tuesday," a part of the holiday of Lent. Colorful beads of all shapes and sizes are a fun part of the Mardi Gras celebration. Draw your portrait in the space provided, then color the beads and draw some of your own--as many as you like!