



Atchafalaya Website Scavenger Hunt
for use with
Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (ANHA) website
www.atchafalaya.org

Name _____ Date _____

The Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (ANHA) website, www.atchafalaya.org, offers a wealth of resources for use by students and teachers. Come take a tour of the site and learn all the exciting things ANHA has to offer!

The Video

Watch the video on the first page of the website.
What three things did you learn from the video?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

In addition to English, what four other languages are available for the video?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Use the Full Menu to click Media and then Photo Gallery to find a wonderful photo gallery with pictures of the Atchafalaya Basin and some of the wildlife found there. Pick three animals of the Basin and research them. Describe the type of animal, bird, reptile, amphibian, its size, color and what it eats.

Animal	Bird, Reptile, Or Amphibian?	Size?	Color?	Diet?	Why did you pick this animal?
1.					
2.					
3.					

Basic Facts

Use the Full Menu to select About Us and then Mission, Goals, & Themes.

Atchafalaya is a unique name that when you say it makes you think of a sneeze.

What ethnic group contributed the name to the region?

What does Atchafalaya mean?

Can you name four ethnic groups that live there?

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The Atchafalaya National Heritage Area (ANHA) covers ____ (number) of parishes in _____ Louisiana. The best way to define a Heritage Area is that it is a region with significant _____, _____, _____, and _____ resources.

Maps

Look at the map for the Upper Region of the Atchafalaya Basin on the Home Page under Area Maps.

Question	Answer
What is the northernmost big city on the map?	
Where can you get Tourist Information?	
How many birding opportunities are located here?	
What river is the easternmost boundary of this region?	
What does WMA stand for?	

Check out the CUISINE section under Culture & History and fill in the blanks.

Louisiana's food is UNFORGETTABLE! Over 300 years of the blending of foodways from the diverse groups here produced a distinctive regional cuisine like nowhere else. Gumbo is a perfect example of this cultural blending or _____. Gumbo melds _____, _____, and _____ cultures. Gumbo comes from the African Bantu tribe word for okra, _____. Filé is a gift from _____. If your family has a German influence you are likely to put _____ in your gumbo. If you have gumbo with no meat and just herbs, your family is probably _____. (religion)

Which part of Louisiana cooks their gumbo with:	?
Almost black roux	
Lighter roux	
Tomatoes	
File as a thickener	
Okra as a thickener	

Check out the **MUSIC** section under *Culture and History*.

Statement	TRUE	FALSE
Cajun and Creole music have nothing in common.		
Cajun music has its roots in Nova Scotia.		
German and Hungarian influence brought the accordion into Cajun music.		
Zydeco musicians use a washboard (frottoir) as a musical instrument.		
Cajun music has livelier dancing.		

Check out the LANGUAGE section under *Culture & History*.
Match the English words with their Louisiana French translation.

Phrase Bank

<i>Un lapin farouche</i>	<i>une chevrette</i>	<i>une piastre</i>
<i>Un portrait</i>	<i>un maringouin</i>	<i>jongler</i>
<i>Un cocodrie</i>	<i>du tac-tac</i>	<i>un cipre</i>

English Word	Louisiana French Word
Shrimp	
Photograph	
Popcorn	
Mosquito	
Wild Rabbit	
To Think	
Alligator	
Bald Cypress	
Dollar	

Look under the WATER HERITAGE section of the website. Click on *Atchafalaya Basin* and fill in the blanks below.

Cloze Activity

The Atchafalaya _____ is the nation's _____ river _____, containing almost a _____ acres of bottomland _____, _____, bayous, and backwater _____.

The basin begins near _____, Louisiana and stretches 140 _____ southward to the _____. Estimates show that close to _____ million pounds of crawfish is commercially harvested annually from the basin.

Over the past _____ years or more, the _____ has changed its path several times, ranging from the current location of _____ to today's route past _____ and _____.

Look under the OUTDOOR RECREATION section. Click *Parks & Refuges*. Look under *National Wildlife Refuge*. Compare the Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge with the Bayou Teche Wildlife Refuge and the Mandalaya National Wildlife Refuge in the table below:

	Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge	Bayou Teche Wildlife Refuge	Mandalaya National Wildlife Refuge
How many acres?			
Year established?			
Parish			
Hunting Allowed? (Yes or No)			
Fishing Allowed? (Yes or No)			
Which endangered or threatened species are on site?			

Note: Bald eagles are no longer on the endangered or threatened species list.

Do You Know?

A cypress tree in the Atchafalaya Basin is 1,000 years old. Look under *Outdoor Recreation*. In the pull-down menu, there is a section for *Old Growth Cypress*. Look for the 1,000 year old tree. Imagine that Louisiana once had many cypress trees this size. List the name of the tree _____ and the parish where it lives. _____

Under *Outdoor Recreation*, there are 10 categories. Name them.

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| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

In the EDUCATION & TOOLS section, under FIELD TRIPS, there are listed many wonderful places that you can visit. Can you find the field trip site that:

Has 35,000 square feet of gallery space?	
Is where Governor Huey P. Long lived?	
Educates people about Juneteenth?	
Displays a Navy ship that was awarded 12 battle stars in World War II?	
Is a park made up of a dozen buildings and offers hands-on activities?	
Houses the archives for Zydeco?	
Has a reflecting telescope?	
Exhibits an Egyptian mummy?	
Is a three-story Greek Revival mansion?	
Highlights the 3,000 men, women, and children who found refuge in Louisiana in the 18 th century?	
Teaches about the underground Railroad?	
Is an 1836 building that reflects Baton Rouge's military history?	
Shows many fields of hot pepper plants, a salt mine, and the plant where they make Tabasco sauce?	

Design Time

Design your own poster representing what you have learned about the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area. You can check the photo gallery located under Media for ideas. After you have drawn the picture you want, think of a few words or phrases that describe the area and put them on the poster.