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 St. Louis landmarks and features listed below: Words may be forward, backward, diagonal, or even upside down!

F O D C Z O O A O F
C R L W L N L Z L N K M G
A P E S U V C T E G D N
N B X N V E H D R M C R A
A N E O C U I V A A B E Y
L D R A G H N G A R G W A
S L C A T R Q Z A D A O L
T F H J L P T U O I T T A
R L R Z S B A N A G A T B
E B I O V P W E P R B I M
E O U A D A N A T A T O A
T T R G E G W G Q S N E J
J A Z Z M U S I C A O O R

French Quarter
Jambalaya
Jazz Music
Canal Street
Mardi Gras

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

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!