

CREOLE SOCIETY AND CULTURE

STANDARDS: The material in this unit may be used to address the following Social Studies Standards:

H-1C-E4 H-1B-H1 H-1B-E2
H-1A-E3 H-1A-M4 H-1B-E1 H-1B-E3

SOCIETY: In New Orleans, Creoles formed the majority of white residents in 1803, but their numbers were diminishing
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Looked down on Americans
Retail business beneath Creoles
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Creoles devoted much time to pleasure
 Cards
 Hunting
 Frequenting cafes and other drinking houses
 Frequent precision for a mistress
Marriages for convenience
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FAMILY LIFE: Family dominated by father
Close knit family
Creoles very hospitable and entertained lavishly
Good manners very important
Double moral standard for men and women

AMERICAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE

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H-1C-E4 H-1D-M1 H-1B-H1
H-1A-E3 H-1A-M4

SOCIETY: Mass migration of Americans into Louisiana after 1800 challenged Creole control.

Americans:
 Enjoyed business and obtaining wealth
 Hard working and ambitious
 Believed in progress
 Retained English language and Protestant religion

FRICION BETWEEN GROUPS:

Creoles and Americans did not mix easily in urban areas
 Children sent to different schools

Lived in different neighborhoods of urban areas
 Different cultural practices and beliefs
 Rural plantation life did not provide the opportunities for friction found in urban areas

COMPARISON CHART:
CREOLE AND AMERICAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE

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