**Unit 3: NOLA**

Themes: Territory and memory

**Key Questions : How does New Orléans reflect the history of the USA ?**

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1. **Where was New Orleans founded?**

New Orleans was founded on the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico

1. **New Orleans was under Spanish rule for how long? Was it a peaceful time?**

New Orlans spent forty turmoil-filled years under Spanish rule, which means that it was a very problematic and agitated time for the city

1. **What’s special about the French quarter?**

It’s the oldest part of the city. Although it’s called the French quarter and all of the street names make reference to France, this part of the city was mostly built while the Spanish were ruling it. Moreover, its unique architecture is the result of not only French and Spanish influence but it also has Creole and American traits. Finally, the Parisian-style balconies that appeared in the 19th century also add a special flair to the French quarter.

1. **Jackson Square has always been famous for its musicians and artists True or False? Explain.**

False. Jackson Square is famous for that now, however, it used to be a trading post and parade ground for the French military. It’s original name was Place d’Armes and even public executions were held here.

Exercice du 10/03/2025 :

1. **Mardi Gras is celebrated in New Orleans every year.**
2. **Live jazz performances are often enjoyed in various venues.**
3. **Significant damage was caused to the city by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.**
4. **Improvements to public transportation are being planned by the city government.**
5. **Various cultural events are hosted throughout the year by the riverfront.**