MOMENTS IN TIME:
Exploring the History of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin

OBJECTIVES:

• Research, dramatize, and mime selected events in the history of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

• Collect primary and secondary information and artifacts describing life throughout the history of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. Create a “History Box.”

• Make concept maps depicting the many cultural groups which currently live in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

• Conduct research on commerce and transport throughout the history of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

• Illustrate events in the history of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin using pictures to create a timeline.

• Survey the public to discover what residents of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin know about the region’s history.

• Write about daily life in the 19th Century in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. Look to the future of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin and reflect on your own role in its welfare.

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Verbal/Linguistic: Gather oral history experiences from family members and friends about Lake Pontchartrain and its rivers.

Prepare a documentary-style oral history presentation based on a scavenger hunt and group research.

Write “A Day in the Life” of a famous character from the history of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

Write a diary entry about an imagined trip to the Lake in 1850.

Interpersonal: Work in cooperative groups to investigate the history of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin using primary and secondary sources of information.

Interview family and friends about their lifetime experiences living in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

Develop a questionnaire and use it to interview the public about their knowledge of Lake Pontchartrain Basin history.

Logical/Mathematical: Conduct research about the commerce of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin through history: its imports, exports, and importance in world trade.
Logical/Mathematical: Research the history of transportation in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin.

- Research facts about major storms that have hit the Lake Ponchartrain Basin throughout history.

Bodily/Kinesthetic: Perform a play about the explorers who discovered the Lake Ponchartrain Basin.

- Dramatize events from the timeline of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin.
- Mime events from the history of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin.

Visual/Spatial: Design a display of artifacts in the form of a History Box showing illustrations of events associated with the Lake Ponchartrain Basin.

- Design a backdrop for an oral presentation.
- Illustrate historical events on a map of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin.
- Make a pictorial time line of events in the Lake Ponchartrain Basin using old photographs and your own illustrations.

Intrapersonal: Using pictures/drawings/photographs, show how Lake Ponchartrain or its rivers influence your own life.

- Write your imagined feelings as a member of an exploration party in the Lake Ponchartrain Basin in 1699.
- Reflect on the influence of people and their actions on the Lake Ponchartrain Basin and write your vision for the Basin.

Musical: Compose songs about the romance of Lake Ponchartrain or its rivers.

- Compose a ballad about an important character in the history of the Lake Ponchartrain Basin.

Naturalist: Document changes in nature; conduct self-assessment of knowledge about coastal erosion.