What do you think are the most precious natural resources of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin?

- Clean Water?
- Plants & Wildlife?
- Wetlands?
- Rich Agricultural Lands and Cattle Pastures?
- Oil & Gas?
- Seafood?

(Refer to “Natural Resources of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin”, next page)

Of course, all of these natural resources are important and essential aspects of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, the many different facets of our ‘natural treasure’.

Even so, most of us have our own ideas as to which of these are the most important, and, therefore, the most precious.

While the preceding exercise provided some insight into the motivations and goals of people who use a particular resource, we all must strive to maintain and improve the ecosystems surrounding Lake Pontchartrain.
The following experiments illustrate the adverse effects of only two of the many changes that have been made in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. As your students perform these exercises, they will develop an appreciation of just how dramatically certain environmental changes can affect our precious natural resources.