

Spanish Colonial Louisiana

Isleños and Malagueños



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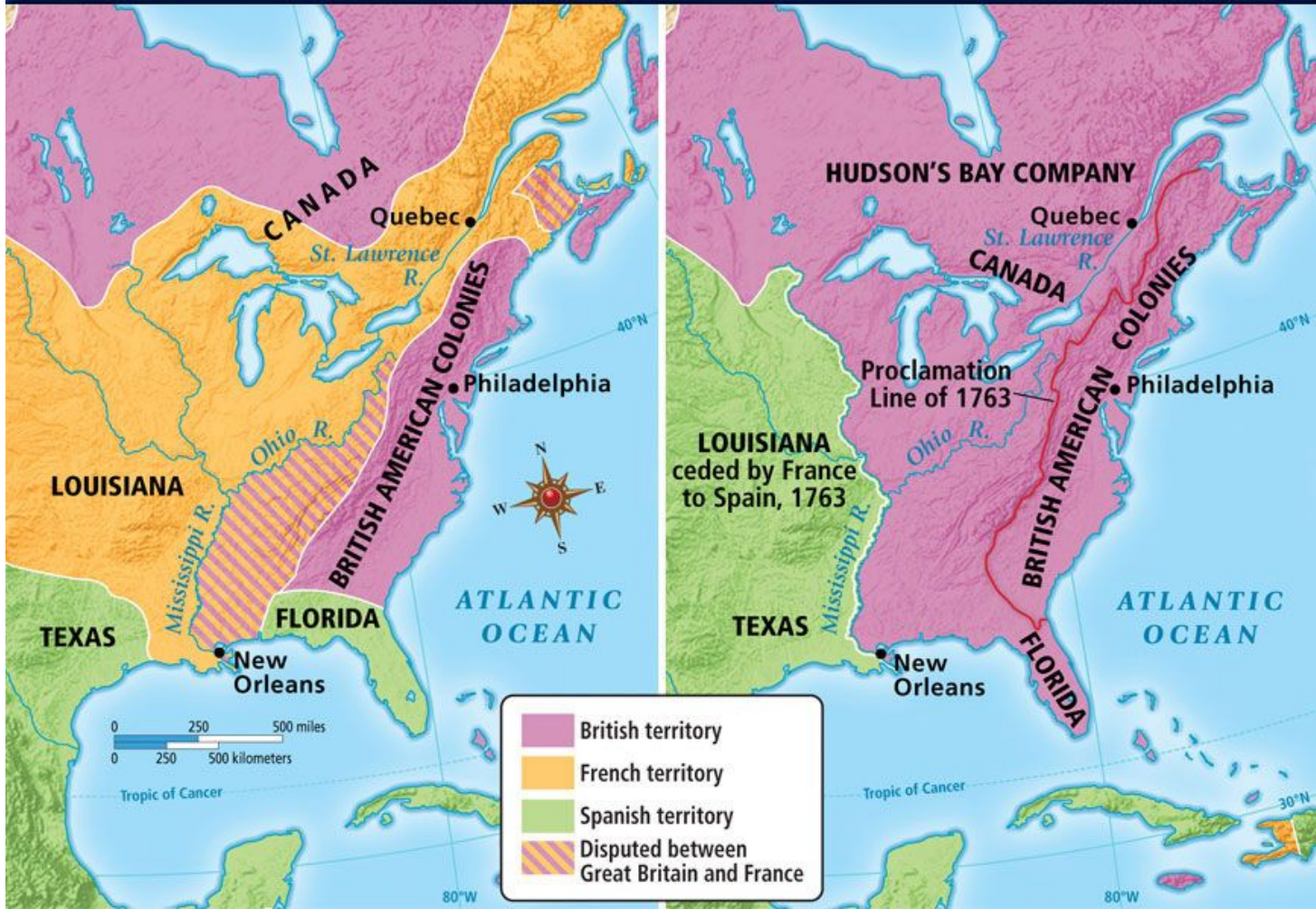
Map of Spanish Colonial Mexico and Florida

French and Indian War

- War between the British and the French over the Ohio River Valley.
 - ◆ Called the Seven Years War in Europe.
- Most the Native American Indian Tribes fought on the side of the French.
- The French lose to the British.
 - ◆ France loses most of its colonies in the New World, including Louisiana to Spain.

Prewar Boundaries 1754

Postwar Boundaries 1763



Need for a Buffer Zone

- Spain wanted Louisiana as a barrier to the westward expansion of the British Colonies.
- West Florida had become a British Colony, which was too close to New Orleans.
- Control of New Orleans = Control of the Mississippi River
 - ◆ Very important to trade, which means money \$\$!!

Governor Bernardo de Galvez

- Governor of Spanish Colonial Louisiana 1777-1783
- Recruited three large group of Spanish Colonists to help establish buffer zone.



Bernardo de Galvez

Isleños

- From the Canary Islands
- 2,000 colonists settled guarding area around Mississippi River and New Orleans.
 - ◆ St. Bernard, Villa de Galvez (Galveztown), Barataria and Valenzuela (Donaldsonville)
- Founded St. Bernard Parish 1780



Modern Isleño Festival



Malagueños

- From the province of Malaga, Andalusia, southern Spain
- Founded New Iberia (Nueva Iberia) in 1779.
 - ◆ Iberia= Iberian Peninsula in Europe which is made up of Spain and Portugal.
- Some families relocated in the 1780s to the outskirts of New Iberia and settled on Lac des Espagnols, or Spanish Lake.

Passenger Boat information sign in St. Bernard Parish



| HISTORIC ST. BERNARD PARISH VESSELS | |
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| CANARY ISLAND MIGRATION TO LOUISIANA - (1778 - 1783) | |
| SS SACRAMENTO - PASSENGERS | 264 |
| LA VICTORIA - PASSENGERS | 292 |
| SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA WITH | 423 |
| SAN JUAN NEPOMUCENO WITH | 202 |
| SAGRADO CORAZON DE JESUS | 423 |
| SS SANTA FAZ WITH | 406 |
| FRAGATA LLAMADA MADONNA | 34 |
| SS TRINIDAD WITH | 133 |