



The last key! Look for a place that doesn't fit quite with the rest. It's the most modern building in sight. Although it wasn't here when the battle was fought, Here is where this great story is preserved and taught.

This building is emblazoned with an arrowhead, A symbol that says this place has importance that's spread. You'll find this symbol nationwide near many special places: A huge statue, a grand canyon, and a mountain with faces.

It's important to remember our great stories Because they are who we are, our inventories. This symbol points out where history is centered! Who protects these places so these tales are remembered?

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You've done it! You're all finished! A fine job, dear friend! Your Quest is completed; you have come to the end.

On this trek you have learned the battle's ins and outs, And explored the camps by many different routes.

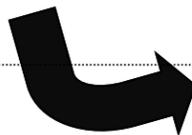
Now you understand better what happened that day When two warring armies met in the cold and gray To settle scores. Yes, this was the final insult Before old foes become friends; peace is the result.

In 1815, the way the world saw us changed. After fighting stopped, and peace treaties were exchanged, Though many thought the U.S. would lie down and die, We emerged yet stronger, with our chins held up high.

It changed the way we saw us. Across the nation It helped us understand that despite our location, Despite our differences, our beliefs, or whether Old or young. Love for this country binds us together.

The fighters that day came in all shapes and sizes, All colors, all cultures, and of different guises, They had different reasons for coming to the brawl, But had one important thing in common. They were all:

Bring this password back to the St. Bernard Parish Visitor Information Center (where you parked your car), and you will receive a special prize!



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Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve presents: The Battle of New Orleans



Quest

This Quest is a fun activity for families to help learn more about the Battle of New Orleans. It will take you to eight different stops, all of which have a keyword to find. Once you find all eight keywords, a hidden password will be revealed. Bring this password back to the St. Bernard Parish Visitor Information Center (where your car is parked) and receive a special prize!

It was 2012 when you woke up today
 And came to Chalmette. We really hope you will stay
 To explore this hallowed field, so big and so green,
 And go back 200 years in our time machine.

It is now 1815, and everything's new.
 (Well, by new, we mean old) For it's completely true
 That although the field where you are is still the same,
 A great battle is brewing, and it's not a game.

All from New Orleans here to defend the city,
 Outnumbered, untrained, it won't be very pretty.
 Around you are people with great hopes and great fears,
 Explore with your feet and your eyes and your ears.

How would they have felt, these children, women and men?
 Brave? Excited? Afraid? For they didn't know then
 That they would triumph. Into this story we delve,
 The last great battle of the War of 1812.

To start your journey, find a marker, big and grand,
 Reminding Americans all over this land
 What it means to be us was defined at this spot,
 For right here the Battle of New Orleans was fought.

The monument looks like an Egyptian tower,
 Telling the world of American power.
 Citizens of all backgrounds sprang into action,
 Led by the Major General Andrew Jackson.

This great marker was built to preserve this story
 To celebrate who fought together in glory.
 First they laid the cornerstone. What year was that done?
 Divide that by 80, and your first key is won:

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At the monument's top step, find an old green door
 And with your back to it (if you're ready for more),
 Look for a group of white tents and make sure you note:
 You're looking for some people wearing blood-red coats.

To get to them, follow a brown path through the grass,
 Civilian women from New Orleans you will pass.
 Explore their camp, set up so very far from home,
 And look for clues on where they came from while you roam.

This army once protected us, but in this war
 They are our enemy. And although there were more
 Of them at the battle than there was us, in sum:
 It was not enough. From which country did they come?

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You're halfway done with the Quest! Are you having fun?
 Walk back toward the monument, and you're closer to done.
 Since now you have seen the invading British group,
 It's time to meet the American defense troops.

You're looking for men with blue coats, and tall black hats
 Topped with a white puff ("pom-pom" is what to call that).
 These trained soldiers came from all over the U.S.
 To save the city of New Orleans from distress.

They're among the few trained soldiers fighting that day
 And with their expertise, kept the British at bay.
 Together they all fought brilliantly:
 The United States 7th

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The house's front door might be a surprise.
 On the side near the levee it greets your eyes.
 But if you think hard, you can figure out why
 The door is on the side where the river flows by.

Out that door, find a sign about the family Chalmet,
 Who owned this plantation on the battle day.
 Slaves forced to work these fields would haul and plant and chop
 The goods that grew all over here. What was this crop?

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Keep walking away from the monument so tall
 Your next key is found at the edge of the sprawl.
 These men were among those who volunteered to fight:
 Tennesseans and free men of color come in sight.

Unlike the army, this group was mostly untrained.
 They practiced in spare time to prepare for the strain.

Local women aided these citizen-soldiers
 As medics, cooks, servers and fireplace stokers.

Although of different backgrounds, and although not pros,
 With families and stores and farms with plants to go grow,
 They still fought through weather, cold and stormy.
 What's the term that defines a volunteer army?

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Nearby, find a house with white columns and pink walls.
 Do you find burn marks or bullet holes in its halls?
 But no, it looks just like new! Well, what could that mean?
 This house wasn't here in the year 1815.

This summer cottage was built upon hallowed ground
 Since this famous site drew people from all around.
 Take the number of all columns, add to that three,
 And write that number below; you've found the next key.

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You're on the home stretch! We're almost ready to part.
 Make a U-turn and head where this Quest you did start.
 Look for cannon, and surrounding it a few
 Wearing boots and bandanas: a pirate crew!

Jean Lafitte's pirates don't have the greatest record.
 They stole and they smuggled (their past is quite checkered),
 They drank and they cursed and they sold slaves as chattel,
 And yet they were key to winning this battle.

They were experienced and trained, and brought the flint
 That made the cannons BOOM! (Without this, they didn't.)
 Many would consider these rogues barbarians,
 But they would like you to call them :

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