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Opera was first performed in the United States in New Orleans in 1796.

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Poker and craps were both invented in New Orleans.

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When states had their own currency, the Louisiana Dix (French for ten) was a favored currency for trade. English speakers called them Dixies and coined the term Dixieland.

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Want to learn about the history of voodoo? Visit the New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum on Dumaine Street in the heart of the French Quarter.

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