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- Hello everyone! How are you doing? My name is Luke Thomas and I am from Lafayette, Louisiana in the United States of America.



- Louisiana is a small state in the southern United States. The population is about 150,000. It is a smaller city than A Coru~a.
- Louisiana is special because it is a little different than other states in the U.S. It has influences from the French, Spanish, and African cultures that can be seen throughout the state. Spain owned Louisiana before the French, but the French have the biggest influence. Also, because of the many years of slavery, African culture is closely related to our identity, as well.
- In my city, we are called the Cajuns. We have our own type of food, dance, and even language. Many people speak Cajun French.
- The food is usually spicy...



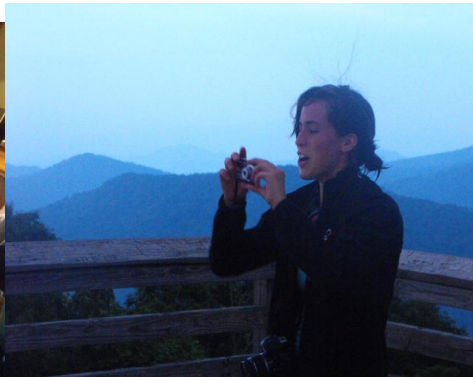
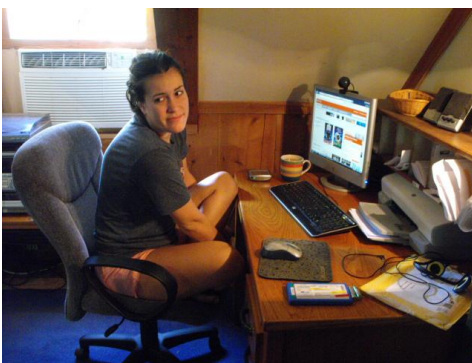
- Some typical dishes are: Crawfish Etouffee, Boiled Crawfish, Gumbo, and Boudin.



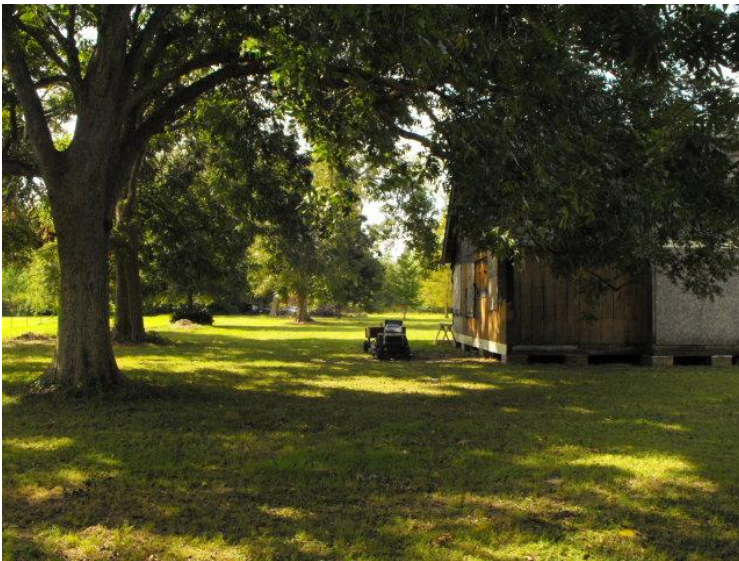
- Eating is a very social event in Louisiana, and we often gather with our family and friends just to cook and eat together.

My Family

- I'm 24 years old and I have two sisters. I have an older sister, Megan, who is 26, and a younger sister, Mallory, who is 22.



- My parents are Dave and Suzanne. My Father is a carpenter and mechanic, and my mother is a teacher. We live in a wooden house in the countryside.



- When I was younger, my parents made me do chores (or work) in the yard. I had to pick up sticks and cut the grass and wash the dishes. They think that it is important that we learn to be responsible when we are young.
- I got my first job when I was 16 and also worked while I studied in university. I think it is important to have a small job when you are young, because you learn to be independent and how it feels to earn your own money. Also, I wanted to be able to drive my car...



- My family is very important to me and we try to spend a lot of time together and to help each other whenever we can. And just like a family, the people of Louisiana stick together when there is a disaster.
- In the summer of 2005, Hurricane Katrina blew through Louisiana and almost destroyed the most important city of New Orleans...



- And then in the summer of 2010, an oil drilling platform exploded in the Gulf of Mexico...



- During these disaster, the people of Louisiana worked together and helped each other, and because of this, they were able to survive and to make Louisiana their home again. I think that people like Louisiana so much because it has special characteristics, like the swamps, the Mississippi river, and the coastline.
- The swamps are where the alligators live. They are important to Louisiana because they are a unique environment where many animals live and where many people hunt and fish...



- Historically, the Mississippi river is what makes Louisiana, and especially New Orleans, important. The river flows all the way from the north through the middle of the U.S. and exits the country into the Gulf of Mexico.



The Mississippi is very mythical, and is famous for many people because of the book by

Mark Twain The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

- The Mississippi makes the coast of Louisiana important as well. It is so big, and brings so much water to Louisiana, that it creates a unique coastline with many special plants and animals. The water from the river and the ocean mix at the coast, and many scientists visit Louisiana to study this area.

My Interests

I like to play sports more than anything. I think that sports are important because they can give you confidence and teach you that working together as a team is important. And, of course, it feels great to win. I really like to play soccer, basketball, baseball, skateboard, snowboard, rock climb, hiking and surf.

Last summer, 10 friends and I climbed a really big mountain, and it was a great achievement for me.



Finally, being here in Spain is a big achievement for me, and I hope that I can help you all achieve a higher level of English. Any questions?