

STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE (PRE-READING) – REVISION

NEW ORLEANS (SETTING)

1. The setting for the play 'A Streetcar Named Desire' is the French Quarter of the largest city in the state of Louisiana, New Orleans.
2. In 2010, the population was around 343, 829
3. It is famous for its cuisine, music (mostly jazz), and its annual celebrations and festivals (e.g. Mardi Gras)
4. It was founded May 7th 1718, by the French Mississippi Company
5. The City of New Orleans has been under occupation by many countries since its creation by the French including Spain and the Republic of Louisiana.
6. Since 1862 to the present day, the city has been under the control of the United States of America after it was bought over in 1803.
7. The French Quarter of New Orleans is the oldest quarter of the city, dating back to when the French first founded New Orleans.
8. Built in 1721, many of the buildings, which have a noticeable French design, have been preserved to the present day.
9. Despite the great fires of New Orleans in 1788 and 1794, the city continued to grow, although many of the original buildings were destroyed and had to be replaced, usually with a Spanish or American design.
10. It is the birthplace of jazz, which later spawned into both the blues and rock and roll.

IMMIGRATION IN NEW ORLEANS

1. Between 1880 and 1920, the United States experienced one of its largest periods of immigration to date. Over 25 million immigrants arrived in America over this period, bringing with them new ideas and a change to American culture as a whole.
2. Although immigration into New Orleans had reduced greatly by the 1940s, there were more immigrants than there had ever been in the city before.
3. As industrialization occurred and the city expanded, the locals began to move to the more desirable homes in the outskirts of the city, thus leaving many empty homes near the city centre.
4. Immigrants began to move into these houses in the inner city, and before long this area became known as the 'Immigrant Belt'.
5. The population of the New Orleans at this moment in time was very varied in terms of the people, as most of them were immigrants from Europe and Africa.
6. It began after World War II finished when immigration almost immediately increased.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR IN NEW ORLEANS

1. As the American civil war continued to develop, New Orleans found itself in the front line due to it being the largest city in the southern states of America.