



Destrehan Plantation Educational Visit

1. How old is Destrehan Plantation? **236 years old (2023), built in 1787**
2. The plantation stretched from the Mississippi River to **Lake Ponchartrain.**
3. What were the two main cash crops? **Indigo and Sugar**
4. Who provided the labor on the plantation? **The Enslaved**
5. When built, was Destrehan Plantation in the USA? **No, it was a Spanish Colony**
6. What was the language originally spoken on this plantation? **French**
7. Look at the inventory on the slave cabin, pick a person and write all their information. Remember this was a real person who was enslaved to Destrehan Plantation. _____ varies _____
8. Under the Code Noir, what was the work schedule for the enslaved? **Dawn to 3 pm Monday through Friday, 1/2 day Saturday, and off on Sunday**
9. Who is the man (statue) in the Cooling room (first room)? And what was his connection to Destrehan Plantation? **Charles Paquet, he was hired to build the manor house**
10. Name two of the enslaved that assisted in building this house.
Francoise, Louis, Jean Louis, 2 un-named wood workers and un-named mason
11. What tasks did Marguerite handle at the plantation? **Cook, Laundress, and helped with the plantation owners children**
12. How many of her children stayed at Destrehan Plantation? **Only 1, rest were sold off**
13. Who are the three men above the fireplace in the Jefferson Room?
Thomas Jefferson, Jean Noel Destrehan, and Napoleon Bonaparte

14. Who signed the document that appointed Jean Noel Destrehan to the legislative council? **Thomas Jefferson & James Madison**
15. What is the mud brick used to build the second floor of the house? **bousillage**
16. How was the frame of the house built? **With mortise and tenon joints**
17. Name two of the owners of Destrehan Plantation. **Robin deLogny, Jean Noel Destrehan, Zelia Henderson, Louise Rost, Emile Rost**
18. How old was Zelia when she was married? **At 16 to a 46-year-old man**
19. What disease caused a large epidemic in 1853? **Yellow Fever / Cholera**
20. Who was affected by the diseases in the area? **Everyone, rich and poor, free and enslaved**

Rost Freedmen's Colony

1. What was the Rost Home Colony? **Run by the Freedmen's Bureau, a place for the newly freed could go for help with the transition from enslaved to a life of freedom. Also, a place to receive medical care**
2. How many colonies were in Louisiana? **4**
3. Look at the 2000 names of people who utilized the services of the colony, Write down the name and age of one person. **Varies**