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MrE's Louisiana classroom

Louisiana history
I Found Bottle
in the water
What would YOU do?



Name _____

Date _____ Class Period _____

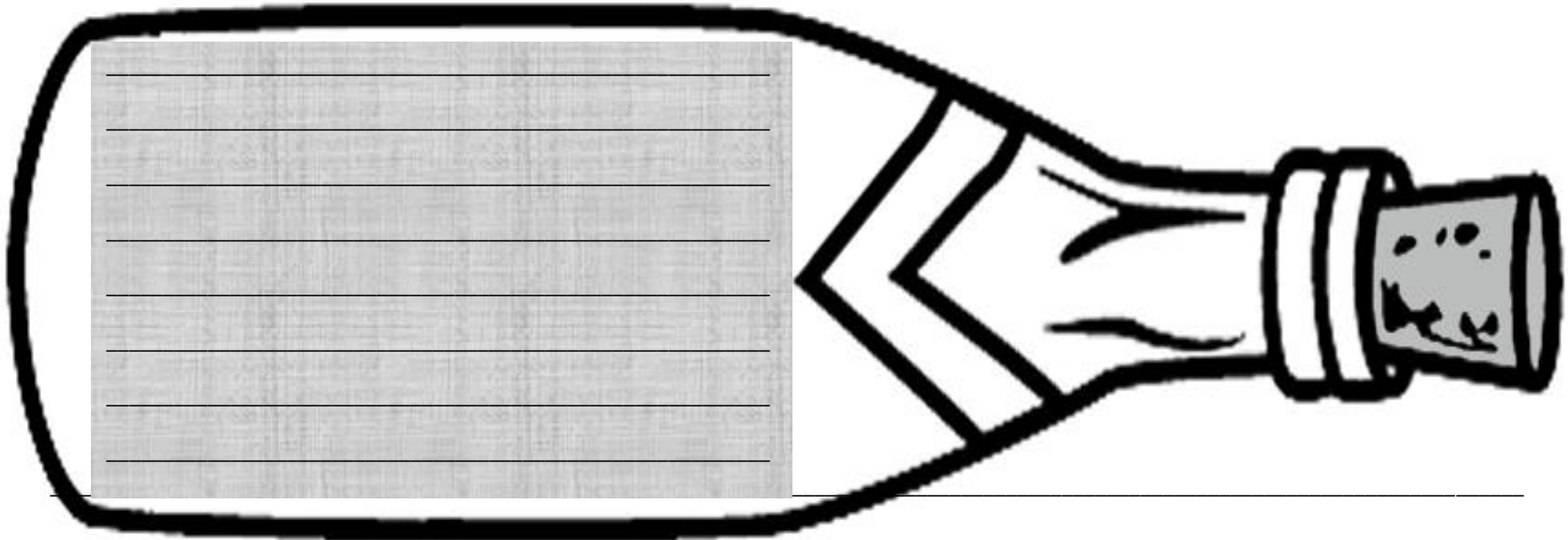
MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE from OL' LOUISIANE

Directions: You visit a Louisiana beach and find a piece of old paper stuffed inside a very old bottle. In several paragraphs (3-8) write a story about where the message came from, what happened and what would/do you do, and so forth.

Remember to answer these basic questions: *Who wrote the note/letter, when was it written, when was it placed in the water, where was it placed in the water, how long did they live, what nationality were they, what were they hoping to get, could you have done anything if you had gotten on time?* So you can see, your paragraph/story/reply will take more than ONE sentence. Good luck.

FIRST – Write the note in the bottle you found.

SECOND – Reply with your paragraphs on the backside of this sheet.





Background Info

I was flipping through TeachersPayTeachers the other day when I came across this elementary lesson by Mary Bauer about A Message in a Bottle and it made me think to look back in my OLD jump-drives. When I did find one, I found what I was looking for. I knew I had done something similar when I first started teaching Louisiana history so many years ago but I did it from our own perspective in [Lake Charles](#) since we also celebrate [Contraband Days](#) each year. When I dug this out it reminded so much of this other lesson but mine was over 20 years old when I first started teaching in Vinton.

My students loved it back then but I got more and better ideas when I changed middle schools in about 1996. Life moves on and you come up with other things. It was nothing fancy but I present it here in case someone wants it. It is more ELA than I do now but it's the idea that counts, right.

Thanks Mary (<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/store/Mary-Bauer>) for reminding me of what I have forgotten over these years.

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