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### Pirates in Louisiana

Of all the pirates to hoard treasures in Louisiana, there were two brothers that had the most success: Jean and Pierre Laffite. The Laffite brothers ruled over 1,000 pirates, 50 ships, and after ten years of smuggling, had \$10,000,000. In today's terms, that would be about \$100 million. That's a huge fortune! Like pirates in stories, Jean and Pierre buried their treasure. They made treasure maps with secret symbols. The Laffite brothers and their fellow pirates are said to have buried treasure all over, including places near Baton Rouge, on the banks of the Cataouatche Bayou, and beneath the floor in Laffite's blacksmith shop in New Orleans.

Although many people disliked the Laffite brothers (they were pirates, after all), they were never arrested. In 1813 the governor of Louisiana offered \$500 for Laffite's capture, but Laffite turned around and offered \$1,500 as a bounty for the governor's head, which ended Laffite's problem with the governor.

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