

## French Settlement in Texas Questions

Directions: Number your notebook paper from one to ten. Read through the following statements. Decide whether you think each statement is true or false. Write T for true or F for false on your notebook paper.

1. Rene Robert Cavalier was also called Sieur de La Salle.
2. La Salle was a French explorer who claimed the land around the Mississippi River for France.
3. Fort St. Louis was built in Texas to claim the Gulf of Mexico for France.
4. Fort St. Louis thrived and was later bought by the Spanish government.
5. La Salle sailed back to France in a ship called the Belle.
6. The Belle sank in Matagorda Bay as it returned with more settlers for Fort St. Louis.
7. La Salle was assassinated by one of his own men.
8. The Karankawa helped the settlers of Fort St. Louis after La Salle was gone.
9. The Belle was preserved for over 300 years in the mud in Matagorda Bay.
10. When archaeologists excavated the Belle in 1996 and 1997, bells, axes, skulls and a cannon were found.

