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Carnival Through Time

Directions: Read the timeline of Mardi Gras traditions below. Fill in the missing words or phrases using the **Word Bank** provided. Each blank tells part of the story of how Mardi Gras became the celebration it is today.

New Orleans	purple, green, and gold	floats
French explorers	music	Fat Tuesday
Parades	krewes	costumes
Lent		

1. In the early 1700s, _____ brought the idea of Mardi Gras to Louisiana, where it slowly grew into a beloved annual tradition.
2. The phrase "Mardi Gras" translates to _____, marking the final day before _____, a period of reflection and fasting in many Christian traditions.
3. The city of _____ eventually became the heart of Mardi Gras celebrations in the United States.
4. By the mid-1800s, organized groups known as _____ began hosting grand celebrations filled with _____, masks, and performances.
5. Soon after, decorative _____ became a key part of the parades, showcasing incredible artistry and imagination.
6. The official colors of Mardi Gras-_____ -were chosen to represent justice, faith, and power.
7. Over time, lively _____ became the heartbeat of Mardi Gras, echoing through the streets during every parade.

Today, Mardi Gras combines history, art, and community spirit in a way that continues to enchant the world.