St. Mary's Assumption Church is a National Historic Landmark church at Constance and Josephine Streets in New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S. The church was completed in 1860, built for the swelling German Catholic immigrant population in the Lower Garden District section of the city (the church across the street, Saint Alphonsus Church, was built at the same time for the swelling Irish Catholic immigrant population in the same area). Both churches are extremely beautiful and ornate. The 1984 New Orleans Expo was the first Expo to have its own mascot - Seymore D. Fair - a white pelican wearing a blue tuxedo. City officials and fair organizers decided to build the monorail system for the Expo with the aim transporting a large amount of visitors so as to avoid traffic building up in the Warehouse and Downtown districts. Lush vegetation was planted throughout the Expo site and small gazebos were set up on the walkway in order to ensure the comfort of pedestrians during the heat of the Louisiana summer. The 1984 Louisiana World Exposition was held in New Orleans, a city known for its vibrant nightlife. This Expo is of historical significance as it coincided with the centennial of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition. Some New Orleans institutions, however, have been forgotten. As its rich history will reveal New Orleans harbored its own brand of the occult. Voodoo, the African practice of worshiping the devil in the form of a snake called Zombi, was a volatile force throughout most of the city's history. For almost two centuries in Louisiana the lives of many Negroes and some whites were influenced by the activities of the Voodoo cults.<1>The arrival of slaves from the West Indies in New Orleans in the late-eighteenth century was the beginning of voodoo in Louisiana. Although voodoo had existed in Louisiana since the arrival of the first slaves in the early 1700s, it first appeared in colonial annals in 1773 in a strange litigation known as the "Gris-Gris" Case. <2> Douglas S. Fleming The Regional Laboratory For Educational Improvement of the Northeast and Islands Andover, Massachusetts April 8, 1988. Li. Introduction. State -.,nd national political leaders might seek research that informs long range policy development or supports legislation for higher teacher salaries or makes a case for one type of organization for supporting instruction. These specific examples are not intended to suggest that the role groups mentioned have narrow outlooks or needs, but that there is a prevalent expectation that research holds quick answers to practical problems.