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Louisiana Purchase/Lewis and Clark Web-Quest

With the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the United States purchased a large area of land from the French. It was the single largest purchase of land ever by the United States and doubled the size of the country.

Using the web address below, let’s read and learn about this important purchase and the impact it had on the early history of the United States.

<http://www.ducksters.com/history/westward_expansion/louisiana_purchase.php>

1. Who wanted to buy the settlement of New Orleans? What country would be selling it?

2. Why would this purchase be important to American businesses?

3. Why, at first, does Napoleon refuse to sell?

4. Why does Napoleon change his mind?

5. How big was the Louisiana Purchase and what did the U.S. pay for it?

6. The Louisiana Purchase would eventually become how many states?

7. List three of the expeditions arranged by Thomas Jefferson to explore the newly acquired land. Which is regarded as the most famous?

8. Using the “Interesting Facts” section and anything else you read, write 4 sentences about the Louisiana Purchase. Two statements of fact and two opinion sentences.

Lewis and Clark Part II

**Lewis and Clark were asked by President Thomas Jefferson to explore and map the wild west of North America. They traveled across the country to the Pacific Ocean and back again.**

**Using the web address below, let’s read and learn about this important partnership and the incredible impact it had on the history of the growing United States.**

<http://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/lewis_and_clark.php>

Fill in the following chart on each explorer.

Meriwether Lewis

Occupation

Born

Died

Best Known For

William Clark

Occupation

Born

Died

Best Known For

1. What did President Thomas Jefferson ask Lewis and Clark to do?

2. Describe the role of Lewis in the expedition.

3. Describe the role of Clark in the expedition.

4. Under, “Setting Off to Explore,” there is a description of the men setting off on their long journey. In your own words, describe the scene. Include the number of men and the supplies they were taking along.

5. Sacagawea joined the expedition. Describe her role.

6. Name two large natural landmarks that slowed the expedition and made it difficult.

7. When the expedition made it across the Rocky Mountains who helped them with food and shelter?

8. List three fun facts about the Lewis and Clark Expedition.