

## The Louisiana Purchase 8-2 Notes

**The Big Idea:** Under President Jefferson's leadership, the United States added the Louisiana Territory.

### Main Ideas

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- The \_\_\_\_\_ almost doubled the size of the United States.
- Expeditions led by Lewis, Clark, and Pike increased Americans' understanding of the West.

### Main Idea 1: As American settlers moved West, control of the Mississippi River became more important to the United States.

- Thousands of Americans had settled between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Mississippi River by 1800s.
- Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio were admitted as states.
- Settlers depended on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to move products east.
- Jefferson worried about foreign control of New Orleans and Louisiana.
  - Americans depended on the river, which could be disrupted if a foreign power shut down access to New Orleans.

### Louisiana

#### Spanish Control

- Spain controlled both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_—land stretching from Mississippi River to Rocky Mountains.
- Spain gave land to France in treaty.

#### French Control

- French leader \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to rebuild France's empire in North America.
- Rebellion in French colony of \_\_\_\_\_, in the Caribbean, ended Napoleon's dream in 1802.

### Main Idea 2: The Louisiana Purchase almost doubled the size of the United States.

- Jefferson sent ambassador to France to try to buy New Orleans.
- The French offered to sell all of Louisiana.
  - Napoleon needed money to finance his war in Europe.
- Price was \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- **Louisiana Purchase** approved by Senate on October 20, 1803.
- Nearly \_\_\_\_\_ size of United States

### Main Idea 3: Expeditions led by Lewis, Clark, and Pike increased Americans' understanding of the West.

#### Lewis and Clark Expedition

- Expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase
- Led by **Meriwether** \_\_\_\_\_ and **William** \_\_\_\_\_
- Included 50 skilled frontiersmen
- Began near St. Louis on \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

- Reached the Pacific Ocean in November, 1805

### **Contact with Native Americans**

- Lewis used interpreters to talk to leaders of each of the peoples they met.
- He told the Native Americans that the United States now owned land on which they lived.
- Relied on goodwill of the peoples they met
  - Given food by \_\_\_\_\_, Nez Perce, and others
  - \_\_\_\_\_, a Shoshone woman, served as a guide and interpreter.

### **Pike's Exploration**

- \_\_\_\_\_, an army officer, led another expedition to the West in 1806.
- Explored area near Louisiana Territory's western border with New Spain
- Headed into Rocky Mountains in present-day \_\_\_\_\_
  - Traveled into \_\_\_\_\_ lands and was \_\_\_\_\_
  - When finally released, still praised the opportunities for doing business with the Spanish
- Pike's report offered Americans their first description of the Southwest.