

Section 2

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

The Nation Looks West

- After the Revolution, more people began

- By 1800, 1 million ppl lived btw Apps and MS River
 - Ppl relied on MS River to

 - Spain had threatened to close port of New Orleans to Americans
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 - 1795-
Americans could ship goods down MS to New Orleans to be stored until moved onto larger ships to head east
- 1801- Spain had given Louisiana to France- TJeff feared

Buying Louisiana

- A Surprise Offer

- Jefferson thought the best action was to

- Sent _____ to negotiate the purchase from Napoleon

- At the time, France had

- France was also about to go to war with Britain again

- Napoleon needed money- offered to

- Monroe risked not asking TJeff first (would take months) and just went for it- _____

Buying Louisiana

- Jefferson's Dilemma

- A good deal for America- more than doubled its size for 4 cents an acre

- BUT,

- He reasoned, the land was bought

- _____ - a right the president did have

- Congress approved it and authorized payment

Lewis and Clark Explore the West

- 1803 (before LA purchase)- Congress approved \$2500 for westward expedition
(_____)
- Jefferson chose an army cptn _____, who chose _____, an officer to go with him
- They were to report back the physical geography, plants, and animals of the west
 - Other goals: make friends with Natives in LA territory and find a waterway from MS River to Pacific

Lewis and Clark Explore the West

- Spring of 1804- 3 boats, 40 men left
_____ on MO River
 - Plenty of supplies
 - Most American, some French Canadians and one slave named York
- By mid July they hit the Platte River (MO River tributary)
- Early August they met the 1st Natives
- Late August they reached the eastern edge of the Great Plains

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- Oct 1804, made winter camp with Mandan people of North Dakota
 - met a French Canadian and his Shoshone wife,

 - Sacajawea would then travel with L&S as

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- Crossing the Rockies

- April 1805- L&S continued and got to what is now Montana- began crossing the Rockies

- By August they reached the Continental Divide

- (_____

_____)

- L&S ran into a group of Shoshones- turned out the chief was Sacajawea's brother

- He agreed to give _____ to L&S to help them continue to cross mountains

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- At the Pacific
 - After crossing the Rockies, they reached the

 - Stopped to build canoes- had to go through miles of rapids
 - By November 1805 they reached the Pacific
 - Spent the winter there, headed back in March of 1806- took half a year to get back

Lewis and Clark Explore the West

- Pike's Expedition
 - 1806-1807- _____ explored southern LA Territory
 - Made it to the Rockies- tried to climb a mountain that looked east over the Great Plains
 - Had to turn back 2/3 down when up to his waist in snow
 - Now known as _____
 - His return took him through Spanish NM where he was _____

 - Later he was released and escorted back to US
 - His reports generated interest by Americans in the Spanish territories