

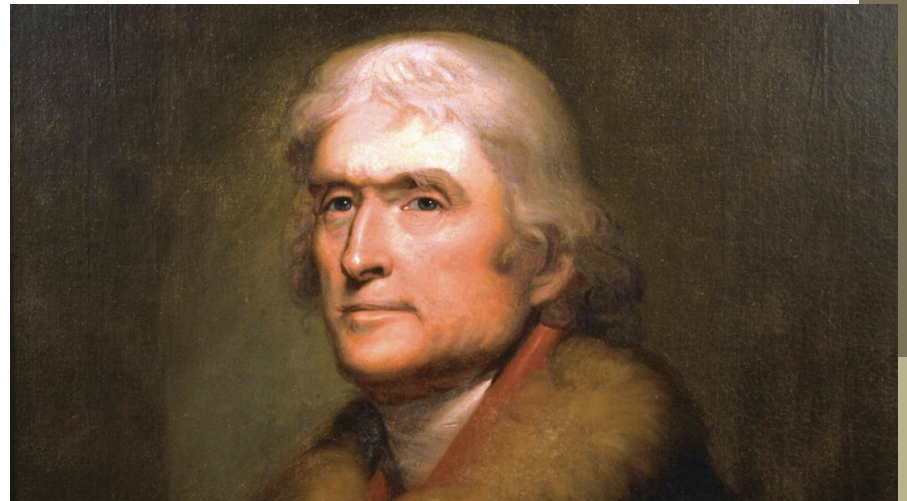
Louisiana Purchase

Where it is

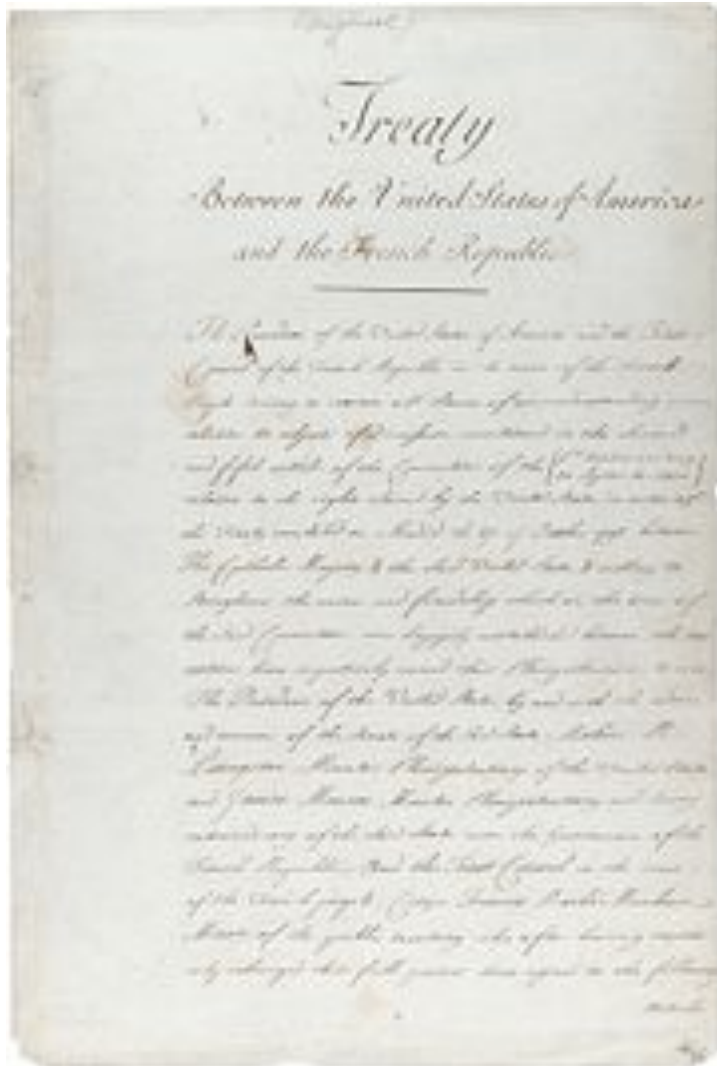


Information

- Year: 1803
- Purchased from: France
- 828,000 square miles of land
- Land from East: Mississippi River and West: Rocky Mountains; South: Gulf of Mexico and North: Canadian border
- 15 states were created from this deal
- One of Thomas Jefferson's most important achievements



Louisiana Purchase: Background



- France explored around the Mississippi River and was one of the most dominant European powers in the U.S.
- During the French and Indian War in 1792, France gave Louisiana to Spain
- Spain did little colonization in that area so they signed a secret treaty with France to give that area back to France
- This stirred up tensions between the French and Americans

U.S.- France Negotiations

- France was slow at making Louisiana a great area for trading goods
- Future President James Monroe and a U.S. minister to France Robert Livingston went to France to make a deal
- France was in debt and Napoleon Bonaparte sold the area to the U.S. for around \$15 million= \$18 a square mile



Aftermath

- What do you think happened because of this purchase?



Exit Question

How would our country be different if Thomas Jefferson **DIDN'T** purchase the Louisiana territory? Explain.