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The Louisiana Purchase Webquest

Introduction: Today you will be working to answer the following questions using researching skills. Your topic is the Louisiana Purchase. This is a major event in US History as it allowed the US to nearly double in size. At the time of the purchase, Thomas Jefferson was the President of the United States. This event is named for the piece of land that France sold to the US.

Directions: You will work independently to complete this assignment. While answering the questions about the Louisiana Purchase, be sure to record your answers on the answer sheet. You will find the answers to these questions by investigating the different websites provided. You may need to use more than one website to find a certain answer.

Websites

<http://www.sonofthesouth.net/texas/louisiana-purchase.htm>

<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:LouisianaPurchase.png>

http://americanhistory.about.com/od/thomasjefferson/a/tj_lapurchase.htm

<http://lewis-clark.org/content/content-channel.asp?ChannelID=54>

<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1801-1829/louisiana-purchase>

Basic Questions on the Purchase

1. Who was the Leader of the US at the time of the Purchase?
2. How much land did the US buy?
3. Who did the US buy the land from?
4. Who was the Leader of the country the US bought the land from?
5. When did they buy the land?
6. How much did the land cost?
7. Grab a map and color in the area that was purchased in the Louisiana Purchase. Don't forget to answer the question on the map as well!

Exploration

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisclark/exped.html>

Once at the site above, you will see a map with little campfires. Scroll down to read the text at the bottom of the page.

1. What did the President expect to find west of the Mississippi River?
2. What was the fabled "Northwest Passage"?

Once you have read the text, "Click" on the campfire farthest to the right. Read the text and answer the following questions.

1. How many men set out as the Corps of Discovery?

"Click" Next

1. How many buffalo are estimated to have lived on the Plains pre-Lewis and Clark?

"Click" Next

1. What were Jefferson's instructions towards natives that Lewis and Clark met?

"Click" Next

1. Where did the Corps of Discovery settle the first winter?

"Click" Next

1. What landmark were the Corps of Discovery the first to see?

"Click" Next

1. What happened to the rivers when the Corps of Discovery reached the Continental Divide?

"Click" Next

1. What do the Corps recognize from the accounts of Capt. George Vancouver?

"Click" Next – Answer the following on a separate sheet (Back of the map you attached at the beginning)

1. What were the emotions felt by Clark when they reached the Pacific?
2. How did they decide to build their winter camp?
3. Who voted?
4. Where did they build their winter camp?
5. How long did it take the Corps to return from Oregon to St. Louis?

2. What did Clark write about the current of the Missouri River?

2. What did Lewis write about the buffalo?

2. What did Lewis and Clark tell the tribe?

2. Upon leaving, where did Lewis write they were going?

2. How did Lewis feel about this?

