

Louisiana Purchase Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

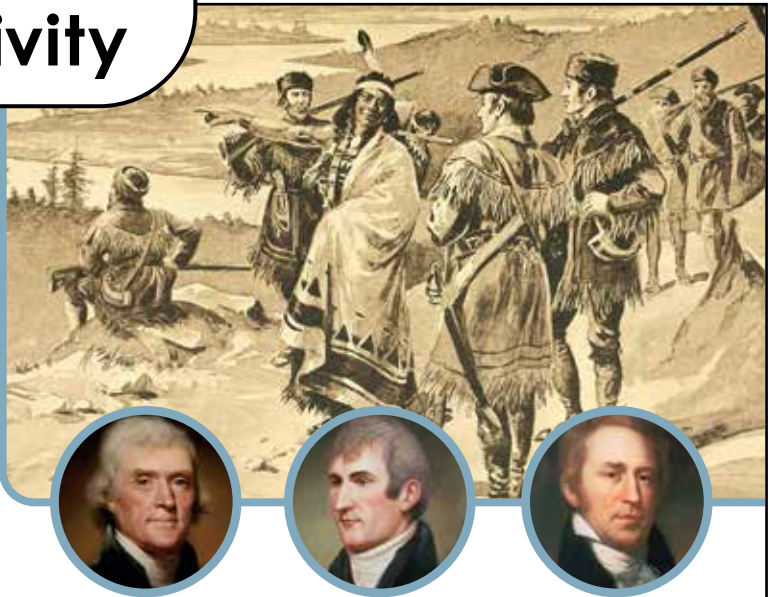
- 18 Louisiana Purchase fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Louisiana Purchase questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Louisiana Purchase questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 18 Louisiana Purchase fact cards around your classroom where students will be



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Fact Card

1



French explorer René-Robert Cavelier, a.k.a. Robert La Salle, pictured, claimed the

Louisiana Territory in 1682.

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2



All of Louisiana was given to Spain with the Treaty of Fontainebleau (1762). It returned to France after



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After a 1795 deal, Spain didn't tax the U.S. for moving goods on the Mississippi or storing them in New Orleans. The deal was threatened when France began taking control in 1800.

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President Jefferson knew the importance of New Orleans. He said that anyone who owned it was America's "natural and habitual enemy."



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Napoleon dreamed of using Louisiana to grow France's empire.

The Haitian Revolution ended that dream.

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In 1803, the U.S. took a loan to buy Louisiana for \$15 million. By the time the U.S. paid off the loan in



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The Louisiana Purchase wasn't popular. The House of Representatives approved its purchase with a vote of 59–57. The Senate later approved it 24–7.

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Louisiana Territory was about 828,000 square miles (2,144,500 km²), but its borders were unclear.

The northern border was defined in 1818. The western border was defined in 1819.



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President Jefferson asked his secretary, Meriwether Lewis, pictured left, to explore the new

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Clark gathered men to join the Corps of Discovery. On May 14, 1804, they left St. Louis to join

Lewis. On May 21, they set west



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York, an enslaved man owned by Clark, was a skilled member of the Corps of Discovery. He became the first Black person to cross North America to the Pacific.



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Sacagawea was a teenager when she joined Lewis and Clark. She had a son on

February 11, 1805. He came with them the remaining year and seven months.



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In addition to Sacagawea, other Native Americans also helped make the trip possible. They gave

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Lewis and Clark journaled every day of the trip. Combined with the rest of the group, the expedition wrote about



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Jefferson in April 1805!

The Corps of Discovery found hundreds of plants and animals new to Europeans. Lewis and Clark even sent a live prairie dog to President

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animal! Lewis's Newfoundland dog was a hunter and protector.

There were about 40 main people in the Corps of Discovery. There was also one



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Other early Louisiana Territory expeditions were led by Zebulon Pike, pictured,

(1805-1806). William Duval was

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The Louisiana Purchase was made

April 30, 1803. It was the largest



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Side A

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Fact Card 1: Which King was Louisiana named after? What was his nickname?

Fact Card 2: Which treaty began Spain's return of Louisiana to France?

Fact Card 3: What was the tax on storing American goods in New Orleans in 1798?



Fact Card 6: About how much did the U.S. pay *in interest only* on the Louisiana Purchase?

Fact Card 7: The House approved the purchase by a difference of how many votes?

Fact Card 8: What happened to the Louisiana Territory in 1818–1819?

Fact Card 9: Who was William Clark to Meriwether Lewis?

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Fact Card 10: When did the Corps of Discovery leave St. Louis? When did they return there?

Fact Card 11: York was the first Black person to...

Fact Card 12: How much of the Corps of Discovery trip was made with a baby present?



Fact Card 15: What did Lewis and Clark send President Jefferson in April 1805?

Fact Card 16: What was the one kind of animal in the Corps of Discovery? Be specific.

Fact Card 17: Name two early Louisiana Territory expedition leaders *besides* Lewis and Clark.

Fact Card 18: What was the first state made from the Louisiana Territory? On what date?

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Fact Card 1: Which King was Louisiana named after? What was his nickname?

King Louis XIV; the Sun King

Fact Card 2: Which treaty began Spain's return of Louisiana to France?



Fact Card 9: Who was William Clark to Meriwether Lewis?

his friend and former Army commander

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Fact Card 10: When did the Corps of Discovery leave St. Louis? When did they return there?

May 14, 1804; September 23, 1806

Fact Card 11: York was the first Black person to...

cross North America to the Pacific

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Fact Card 18: What was the first state made from the Louisiana Territory? On what date?

Louisiana; April 30, 1812