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Louisiana Purchase



In 1803, the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France. This doubled the size of the United States. This sale is known as the Louisiana Purchase.

At first, President Thomas Jefferson wanted to buy just New Orleans, but the French leader Napoleon didn't want to sell it. However, Napoleon was fighting many wars and soon needed money. He offered to sell not only New Orleans, but the entire Louisiana Territory for \$15 million. This worked out to be about three cents per acre of



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- b. Spain
- c. Canada
- d. Mexico

2. Which of the following states is *not* part of the land gained in the Louisiana Purchase?
 - a. Missouri
 - b. Arkansas
 - c. New York
 - d. South Dakota
3. True or false: The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States in 1803. _____
4. How many states are entirely within the land the United States gained from the Louisiana Purchase? _____

