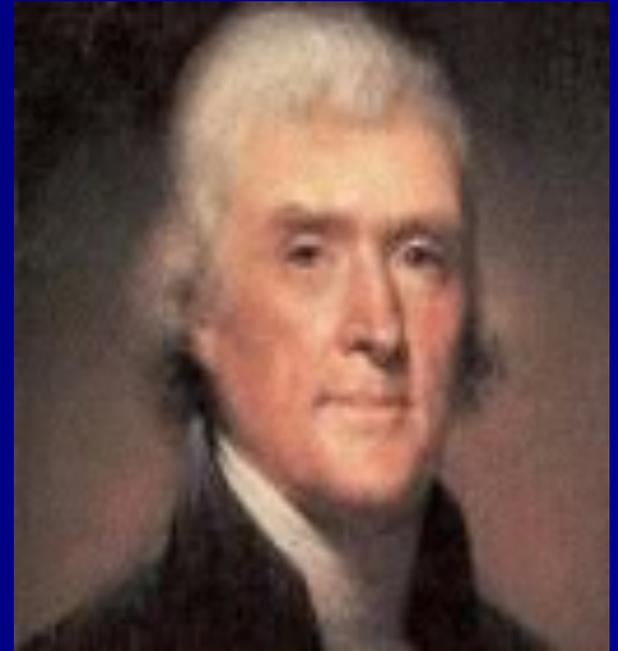


**President Thomas Jefferson**  
**The Louisiana Purchase**  
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# Jefferson Becomes President

- Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, takes the oath of office on March 4, 1801.
- President Jefferson called the United States a rising nation, spread over a wide and fruitful land.



# Jefferson's First Problem

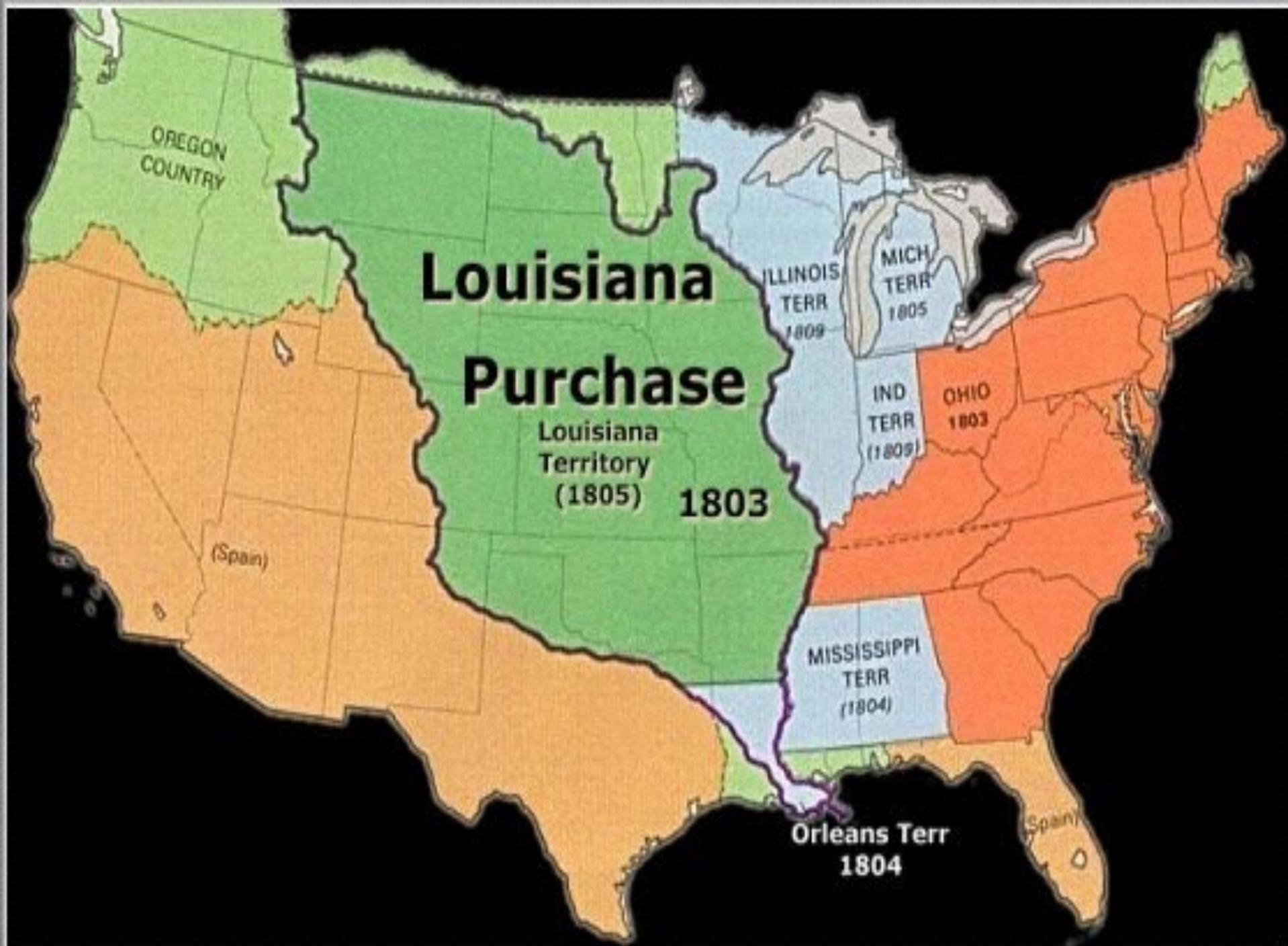
- Spain closed the port of New Orleans to western farmers, hoping to stop the United States from moving farther west past the Mississippi River.
- Spain had taken over all of Louisiana, including New Orleans, after France lost the French and Indian War.

# A Secret Revealed

- During the French and Indian War, France had given much of its land in North America to Spain to prevent the British from getting control of it.
- In 1802 President Jefferson learned that Spain had secretly given Louisiana back to France.

# The Louisiana Purchase

- Thomas Jefferson sent Robert Livingston and James Monroe to ask the French leader, Napoleon to sell part of Louisiana, including New Orleans to the United States.
- President Jefferson offered \$10 million.



# Dealing with Napoleon

- Napoleon was fighting two wars. One in the Caribbean and one with England.
- He needed money to pay the costs of these two wars.
- He offered to sell the land to the United States for \$15 million.

# Let's Make a Deal

- The U.S. wanted to purchase approximately 800,000 square miles of land.
- The purchase price was \$15 million which was 4¢ per acre.
- Today, the same land purchase would cost approximately \$200 million.

# Deal or No Deal?

- On April 30, 1803, the United States agreed to purchase the huge territory, reaching from the Mississippi River west to the Rocky Mountains and from New Orleans north to Canada.
- The territory became known as the Louisiana Purchase.
- Eventually, this land would become 15 new states.

# Was it a Good Deal?

- The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States.
- The U.S. gained control of the port of New Orleans.
- With this land purchase, the U.S. became one of the largest countries in the world.
- The Louisiana Purchase was one of the largest land sales in the history of the United States.



# THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION



1803 TO 1806



A PORTRAIT OF ARMY LEADERSHIP



# Lewis and Clark Expedition

- Thomas Jefferson asked Meriwether Lewis to lead an expedition to learn all he could about the new land.
- Lewis asked his friend William Clark to assist him with the expedition.
- York, William Clark's slave, also helped with the mission to explore the new land.

# Corps of Discovery

- The leaders of the expedition called their group the **Corps of Discovery**.
- The group left from St. Louis and traveled up the Missouri River in 1804.
- The main goal of the journey was to map the land for President Jefferson.
- They encountered many Native American tribes along the way.

# Sacagawea – Bird Woman

- Sacagawea agreed to travel with Lewis and Clark and serve as a translator.
- She was 15 years old.
- She carried her infant son on her back during the journey.
- She died at the age of 26.



# Results of the Expedition

- Lewis and Clark traveled from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.
- They returned to St. Louis in 1806.
- The expedition lasted almost 3 years.
- They brought back maps showing the major rivers and mountains, seeds, plants, and even living animals.

## THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL

