



## ANSWERS

**What was it:** In 1803, the United States bought the Louisiana Territory west of the Mississippi from the French for \$15 million.

**Key People:** Thomas Jefferson, Pierre Samuel du Pont, Napoleon, Lewis and Clark

**Controversies:** Some thought it unconstitutional. favored a stronger relationship with Britain than with France. They were afraid that the new citizens in the West would threaten the political and economic power of the East Coast states. They also worried that adding more slave-holding states would increase tensions between the North and the South. There was concern about granting citizenship to the French, Spanish, and free black people living in New Orleans which would be required in order for the government to collect taxes.

**Interesting Facts (will vary):** The Louisiana Purchase included all of what is now South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Iowa, as well as portions of what is now North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Minnesota, and Louisiana,

When the purchase was complete, Jefferson hired the explorers Lewis and Clark to explore and map the new territory.