



ANSWERS

PROs

It doubled the size of the United States

The land was very inexpensive

It made the country much stronger materially and strategically

It provided a powerful impetus for the country to expand westward

It confirmed the doctrine of implied powers of the federal Constitution.

CONs

It caused an eruption of small-scale land disputes

Some feared that the country would get too big and impossible to govern.

Some thought the purchase was unconstitutional.

Some feared the impact of the purchase on the political balance of power between slave and free states