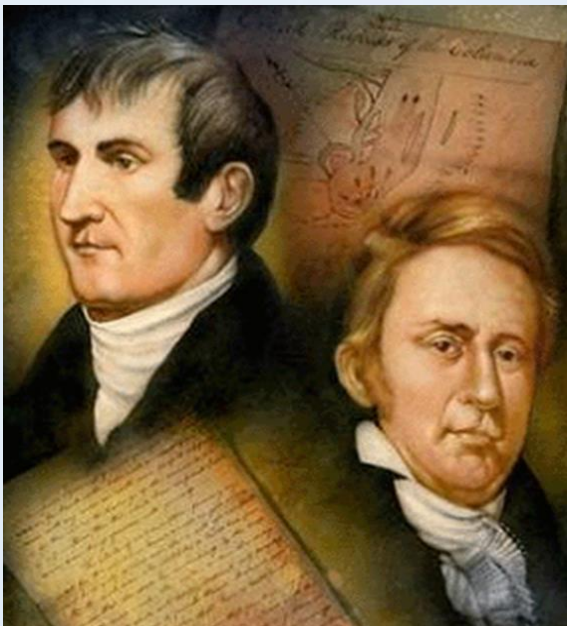




# Unit 6-Westward Expansion

Fourth Grade



# Vocabulary

- Pioneer- one of the first of a group of people to enter or settle a region.
- Frontier- The edge of a country or settled region.
- Prosperity- economic success and security.
- Nationalism- devotion to one's country.
- Suffrage- the right to vote.
- Reform- an action that makes something better.

# Vocabulary Continued

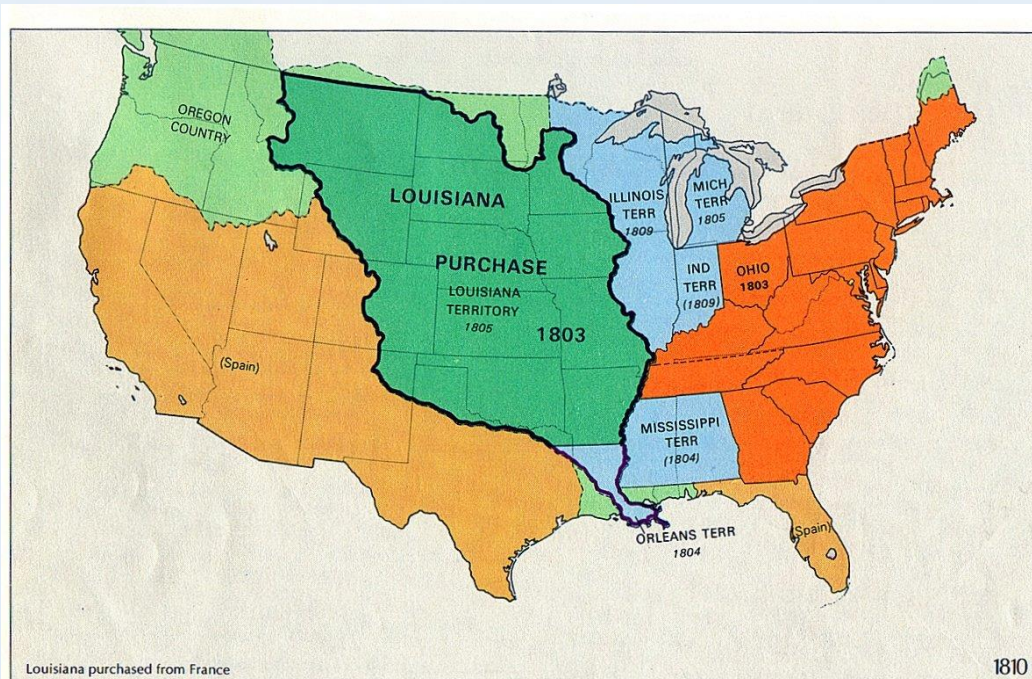
- Injustice- unfair treatment that abuses a persons rights.
- Annexation- the act of joining two countries or pieces of land together.
- Forty-Niner- a miner who went to California in 1849.
- Gold Rush- a movement of many people hurrying to the same area to look for gold.
- Boomtown-a town who's population booms, or grows very quickly

# Louisiana Purchase

- The year Jefferson was elected, a large area of land west of the Mississippi river came under French control. This land, known as Louisiana, had been claimed by French. Thomas Jefferson wanted to secure the United States trading on the Mississippi River.
- He sent representatives to France to negotiate to purchase the city of New Orleans.
- Napoleon (King of France) was not interested because he wanted to restart the French colonial empire by going to war with Britain and he needed money for the war.
- What do you think Napoleon did?

# Louisiana Purchase Continued

- Instead of just offering just the small area, he offered to sell the entire Louisiana Region for \$15 million dollars (3 cents per acre) Jefferson bought roughly 530 million acres.
- Jefferson believed that the people should have access to land and the potential new resources – he accepted the offer.



# Louisiana Purchase Continued

- One of the largest land purchases in history
- Roughly doubled the size of the United States – 828,000 square miles
- It marked a turning point for the new nation economically as it began to pursue prosperity within its own borders rather than from foreign trade.



- So.....
  - Jefferson has just purchased this land.....
  - What do you think his next move is?

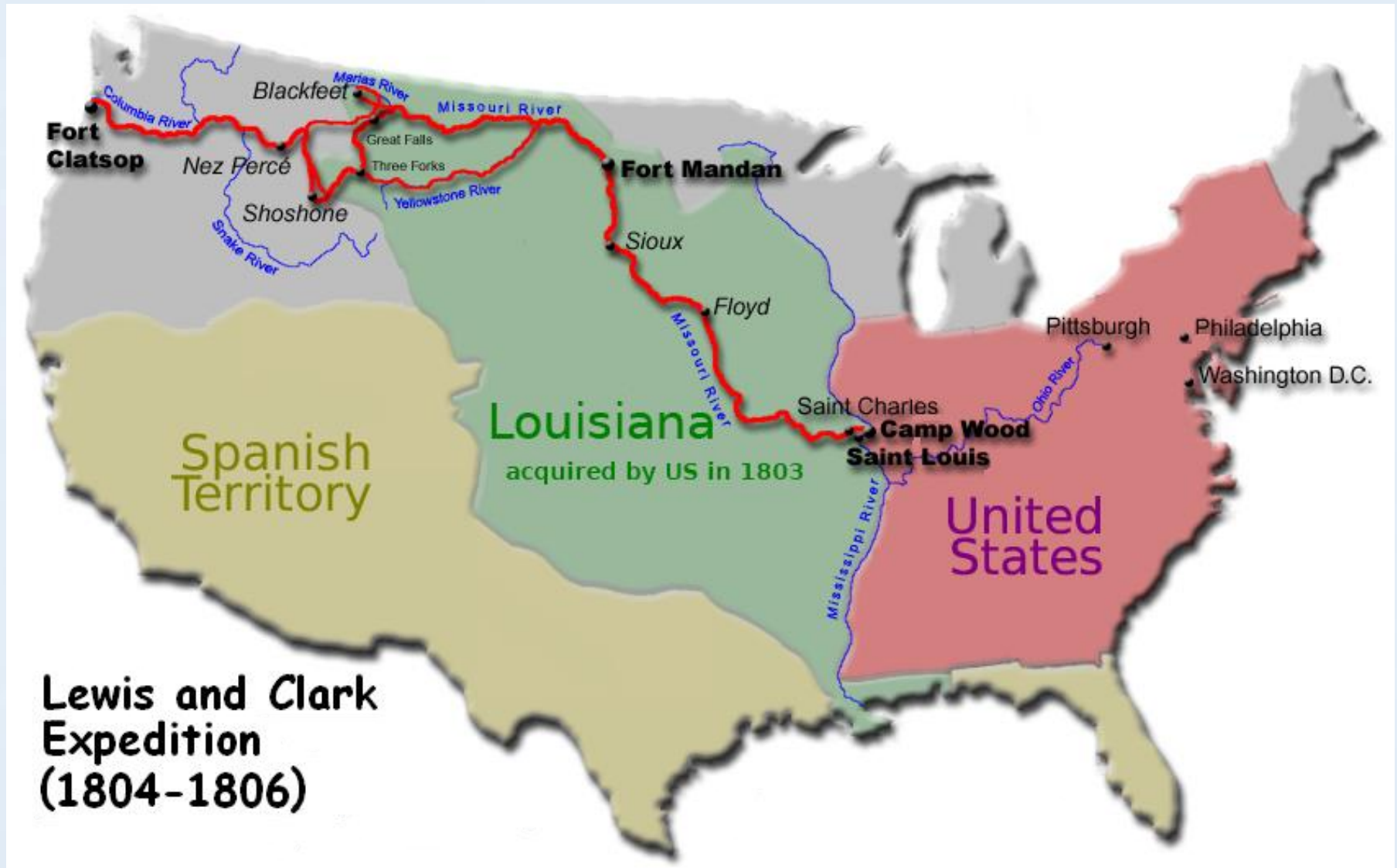
# Explore It!!!

## Lewis and Clark Expedition

- Jefferson had always been interested in science and nature. He was curious about the people, land, plants, and animals in this new territory and beyond. He sent an expedition to explore it. Jefferson chose Meriwether Lewis to lead the expedition.
- Lewis invited his friend William Clark to help.
  - First, Jefferson told Lewis and Clark to gather information about land forms, plants, animals, and climate of the west.
  - Second he asked them to study the cultures of the western Indians.
  - Finally he wanted them to explore the Missouri and Columbia Rivers.



# Lewis and Clark Expedition Continued





# Lewis and Clark Expedition Continued

- They reached the Pacific Northwest coast by November 1805.
- They returned to St. Louis in September of 1806 with valuable information about the territory.
  - **EVERYONE** became **INTERESTED**
- This led to rapid migration to the Pacific Northwest along the Oregon Trail from Missouri.