



AMERICAN HISTORY



LOUISIANA PURCHASE, LEWIS & CLARK

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Multiple Choice

1. What land did Americans consider "the West" in the early 1800s?
 - a) The land west of the Rocky Mountains
 - b) The land between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River
 - c) The entire continent beyond the Mississippi River
 - d) The land that would later become California
2. Why was control of the Mississippi River so important to American settlers?
 - a) It was the only way to reach the Pacific Ocean
 - b) It was needed for transportation and trade
 - c) It provided a natural border against Native American tribes
 - d) It had the best land for farming
3. How did Napoleon Bonaparte initially plan to use Louisiana?
 - a) As a base for his new world empire
 - b) As a gift to Spain
 - c) As a location for military forts
 - d) As a trade route to China
4. What was the main reason Napoleon decided to sell the Louisiana Territory?
 - a) He needed money to fight wars in Europe
 - b) He no longer wanted to explore the New World
 - c) He wanted to establish friendly relations with America
 - d) He was afraid of losing Louisiana in battle
5. What was one of President Jefferson's goals for the Lewis and Clark expedition?
 - a) To claim land for the United States before Britain did
 - b) To find an all-water route to the Pacific Ocean
 - c) To establish trade with the British
 - d) To build settlements in the Rocky Mountains



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6. Who was Sacagawea and how did she help the expedition?
 - a) A Native American guide who provided translation and navigation
 - b) A fur trader who sold them supplies
 - c) A soldier who protected them from attacks
 - d) A scientist who recorded plant and animal life

7. What mountain range did Lewis and Clark have to cross to reach the Pacific?
 - a) The Appalachian Mountains
 - b) The Cascade Range
 - c) The Sierra Nevada
 - d) The Rocky Mountains

8. What was Zebulon Pike's mission in the Louisiana Territory?
 - a) To find new trading routes with the Spanish
 - b) To explore the southern portion and report on Spanish activities
 - c) To build military forts along the Mississippi River
 - d) To establish the first settlements in the region

9. Why was the Embargo Act of 1807 passed?
 - a) To force Britain and France to respect American neutrality
 - b) To help American farmers sell more crops
 - c) To allow trade only with Great Britain
 - d) To stop the British from expanding into the West

10. What was the significance of the Barbary Wars during Jefferson's presidency?
 - a) They ended British control of American shipping
 - b) They marked the first time the U.S. fought overseas
 - c) They resulted in the Louisiana Purchase
 - d) They caused the War of 1812



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Discussion Questions

1. How did the Louisiana Purchase change the future of the United States?
2. Why do you think Sacagawea became such an important symbol in American history?
3. What were some challenges faced by Lewis and Clark during their expedition?
4. How did the closing of the Mississippi River by Napoleon affect American trade and economy?
5. Do you think President Jefferson made the right decision with the Embargo Act of 1807? Why or why not?





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Answer Key

1. b) The land between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River
2. b) It was needed for transportation and trade
3. a) As a base for his new world empire
4. a) He needed money to fight wars in Europe
5. b) To find an all-water route to the Pacific Ocean
6. a) A Native American guide who provided translation and navigation
7. d) The Rocky Mountains
8. b) To explore the southern portion and report on Spanish activities
9. a) To force Britain and France to respect American neutrality
10. b) They marked the first time the U.S. fought overseas

