

Louisiana Purchase (1803) Name _____

A. Find Those Features. Use the clues to label the following features on the map:

Gulf of Mexico

Large body of water that lies south of the United States. Has a curved coastline.

Mississippi River

River that was the western border of the U.S. in 1803. Empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

Missouri River

River that starts in the Rocky Mountains and flows into the Mississippi River.

New Orleans

City located on the Mississippi River near the Gulf of Mexico.

Lake of the Woods

Lake that sits at the northwest tip of the Indiana Territory.

B. What Did We Just Buy? Believe it or not, the U.S. bought Louisiana without knowing how big it was! France and Spain had never explored the entire colony, so nobody knew its boundaries. Here's what President Jefferson thought the purchase included:

"The unquestioned bounds of Louisiana are the ... Mississippi on the east, the [Sabine], or the Highlands east of it, on the west; then from the head of the [Sabine] gaining the highlands which include the waters of the [Missouri], and following those highlands round the head springs of the western waters of the Mississippi to its source or perhaps to the Lake of the Woods."

Got it? Now draw the boundaries on the map as Jefferson described. Use a dashed line like this:

C. Dividing the Unknown. They may not have known the exact boundaries, but that didn't stop Congress from dividing the new territory. In 1804, Congress divided it into two parts.

Follow these directions to draw the dividing line and label the two new parts:

- Find the lines of latitude that are marked on the map. Find the lines marked 32° and 36° .
- Decide where the 33° line would be.
- Starting at the Mississippi River, draw a line west following the imaginary 33° line.
- Stop when you reach the boundary of Louisiana that you drew.
- Label the area south of the line "Territory of Orleans." Label the northern area "District of Louisiana."

D. Decisions At Last! It wasn't long before the U.S. explored Louisiana. (Ever heard of Lewis and Clark?) Two later agreements formalized the boundaries of the Louisiana Purchase. Follow the directions to draw the formal boundaries on the map. Use a solid line like this: _____

Convention of 1818

(Treaty with Great Britain)

The northern boundary:

- Draw a tiny line straight down from the northwest corner of the Lake of the Woods to the 49° line of latitude.
- Draw a line that follows the 49° line west.
- Stop when you reach the middle of the Rocky Mountains.

The western boundary:

- Draw a line down the middle of the Rocky Mountains.
- (Stop when you reach the 42° line of latitude.)

Adams-Onís Treaty (1821)

(Treaty with Spain)

- Begin on the Gulf of Mexico, at the mouth of the River Sabine.
- Follow the Sabine River to the 32° line of latitude.
- From there, due north to the Red River, then follow the Red River westward to the 100° line of longitude.
- Go due north up the 100° line of longitude to the Arkansas River, then follow the river to its source.
- From there, go due north to the 42° line of latitude.
- Follow the 42° line of latitude westward to the Pacific Ocean.