

# Lewis and Clark's Expedition

- How do you pack for a vacation?
- What are your essential items, that you can't leave home without?



# What's the country like?

- More than 1 million settlers between the Appalachians and the Mississippi River.
- There's not a lot of roads, so they use the river for shipping.
- Spain controls the river and New Orleans, where the port is.
  - They keep threatening to close the port to American ships. What would the farmers do??
  - Pinckney Treaty 1795, Spain guarantees Americans' rights to the port.

# 1801

- Things are fine, until TJ learns that Spain secretly gave N.O and the Louisiana Territory to France!
- Napoleon is in charge, and he wants to take over Europe. Will he try and take over the US too??



# Things get sketchy-

- 1802- Spanish gov. Withdrew the right of US to ship goods through N.O.
- Farmers want TJ to declare war.
- TJ sends over ambassadors instead.
- James Monroe and Robert Livingston (serving as the American minister in Paris, also helped draft the DoI) were instructed to try and buy N.O and the territory of West Florida.

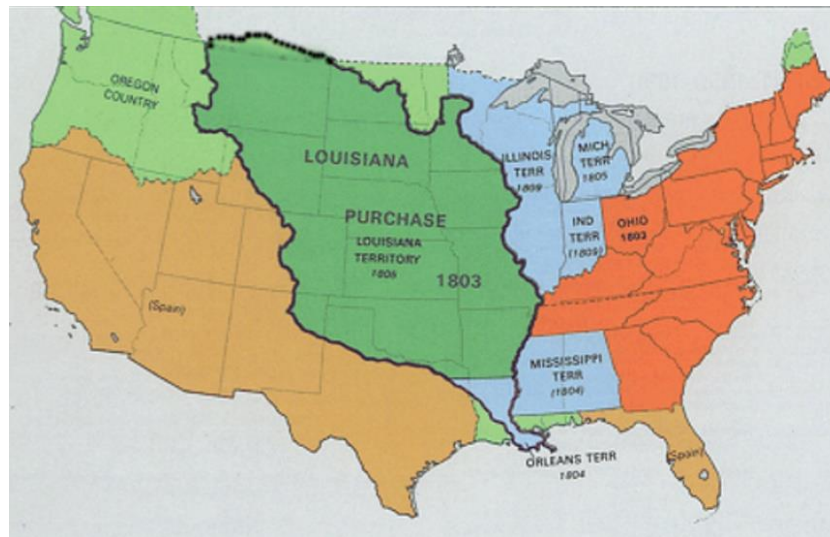


# Has he got a deal for you!

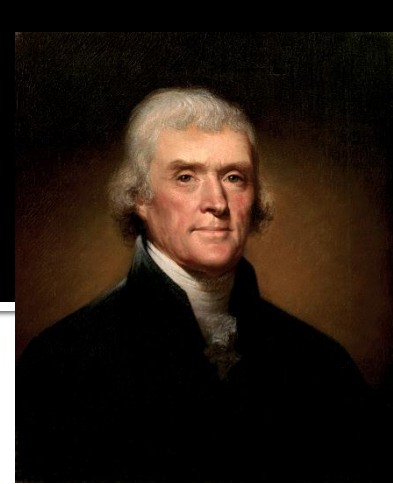
- The situation in France:
- A revolution in Haiti led by Toussaint L'Ouverture drove the French out. Without Haiti, they'd have a hard time defending LA in case of a war.
- Troubles between Britain and France...again.
  - Napoleon needs \$ to finance these wars.
  - He'll sell them ALL of the Louisiana Territory!!

# Act fast!

- Monroe and Livingston don't have time to wait for an answer from TJ, so they agree. They purchase Louisiana for \$15 million, about 4 cents an acre.
- They doubled the size of the country.
- One problem...



# Elastic or Strict?

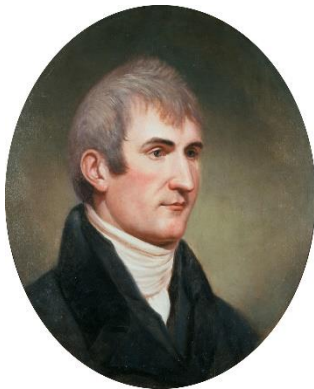


- Where in the Constitution does it give permission to buy land from a foreign country.
- NO WHERE!! Doesn't TJ favor a strict interpretation??
- How does he reconcile this purchase?
  - Well, its *kind of* like a treaty, so we're good!



# Lewis & Clark (Clark and Lewis!)

- TJ sends out Lewis and Clark to explore the new territory.
- TJ chooses Meriwether Lewis, an army captain, to lead the expedition. Lewis chooses William Clark, also an army captain, as his co-leader.



- Purpose: Report back on the geography, plants, animals, and people they find.
- MAIN POINT: Find out if a waterway existed between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Ocean. Spoiler alert: It doesn't.



- The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri river, & such principal stream of it, as, by it's course & communication with the water of the Pacific ocean may offer the most direct & practicable water communication across this continent, for the purposes of commerce.

- Your observations are to be taken with great pains & accuracy to be entered distinctly, & intelligibly for others as well as yourself, to comprehend all the elements necessary,

- The commerce which may be carried on with the people inhabiting the line you will pursue, renders a knowledge of these people important. You will therefore endeavor to make yourself acquainted, as far as a diligent pursuit of your journey shall admit, with the names of the nations & their numbers; the extent & limits of their possessions; their relations with other tribes or nations; their language, traditions, monuments; their ordinary occupations in agriculture, fishing, hunting, war, arts, & the implements for these; their food, clothing, & domestic accommodations; the diseases prevalent among them, & the remedies they use; moral and physical circumstance which distinguish them from the tribes they know; peculiarities in their laws, customs & dispositions; and articles of commerce they may need or furnish, & to what extent.

- Other objects worthy of notice will be the soil & face of the country, its growth & vegetable productions, *especially those not of the U.S.* the animals of the country generally, & *especially those not known* in the U.S. the remains & accounts of any which may be deemed rare or extinct; the mineral productions of every kind; but more particularly metals, limestone, pit coal & saltpetre; salines & mineral waters, noting the temperature of the last & such circumstances as may indicate their character; volcanic appearances; climate as characterized by the thermometer, by the proportion of rainy, cloudy & clear days, by lightening, hail, snow, ice, by the access & recess of frost, by the winds, prevailing at different seasons, the dates at which particular plants put forth or lose their flowers, or leaf, times of appearance of particular birds, reptiles or insects.

- In all your intercourse with the natives treat them in the most friendly & conciliatory manner which their own conduct will admit; allay all jealousies as to the object of your journey, satisfy them of it's innocence, make them acquainted with the position, extent, character, peaceable & commercial dispositions of the U.S., of our wish to be neighborly, friendly & useful to them, & of our dispositions to a commercial intercourse with them; confer with them on the points most convenient as mutual emporiums, & the articles of most desirable interchange for them & us. If a few of their influential chiefs, within practicable distance, wish to visit us, arrange such a visit with them, and furnish them with authority to call on our officers, on their entering the U.S. to have them conveyed to this place at the public expense. If any of them should wish to have some of their young people brought up with us, & taught such arts as may be useful to them, we will receive, instruct & take care of them.

- As it is impossible for us to foresee in what manner you will be received by those people, whether with hospitality or hostility, **so is it impossible to prescribe the exact degree of perseverance with which you are to pursue your journey. We value too much the lives of citizens to offer them to probably destruction.** Your numbers will be sufficient to secure you against the unauthorised opposition of individuals, or of small parties: but if a superior force, authorised or not authorised, by a nation, should be arrayed against your further passage, & inflexibly determined to arrest it, you must decline it's further pursuit, and return. **In the loss of yourselves, we should lose also the information you will have acquired.** By returning safely with that, you may enable us to renew the essay with better calculated means. To your own discretion therefore must be left the degree of danger you may risk, & the point at which you should decline, **only saying we wish you to err on the side of your safety, & to bring back your party safe, even if it be with less information.**



# What is it??



Hadley's Quadrant



Mariner's Compass



Theodolite



Bullet mould



Gun worms

# Who else was there?



- During their expedition, L & C met Sacagawea, and her husband Charbonneau.
- Sacagawea served as their guide and translator.
  - At one point on the trip, they ran into some Shoshone warriors. The chief was her brother, and she was able to negotiate the Shoshone selling them horses they needed to cross the Rockies!

# Lewis' Packing List

- <http://www.monticello.org/site/jefferson/lewis-packing-list>

# What did they find?

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_species\\_described\\_by\\_the\\_Lewis\\_and\\_Clark\\_Expedition](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_species_described_by_the_Lewis_and_Clark_Expedition)