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THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

Directions: April 30, 2003, is the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase, which was -- and still is -- the most important land deal in the history of the United States. Go to the Web site provided to read the story of how the United States bought the Louisiana Territory from France. Then look at the names of the people below. Write the letter of each name next to the phrase that describes his role in the Louisiana Purchase.

Web Resources: The Louisiana Purchase
<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/louisianapurchase.htm>



- a. Napoleon Bonaparte b. Daniel Boone c. Thomas Jefferson
d. Meriwether Lewis e. Robert Livingston f. James Monroe

- _____ 1. In 1803, he sold the Louisiana Territory to the United States for \$15,000,000.
- _____ 2. He made the first offer to buy the port city of New Orleans. That offer was refused.
- _____ 3. He was the leader of the group who explored the Louisiana Territory.
- _____ 4. This U.S. president sent representatives to France to buy New Orleans.
- _____ 5. The Louisiana Purchase treaty finally was signed after he arrived in France.

Something to Think About: What do you think the United States might have been like today if Napoleon had not needed money in 1803?

Learn More: Go to <http://www.jmu.edu/madison/louispurchase.htm> to see an 1810 map of what is now the United States. Compare that map with a map of the United States today, such as the one at <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/es>. Which states on today's map were part of the Louisiana Purchase?