

Green: Louisiana Purchase Questions

TIMELINE QUESTIONS: answer the following questions using the timeline

1. According to the timeline, how did members of the Federalist party want to get control of the Louisiana Territory?
2. According to the timeline, what political party did Jefferson belong to?
3. According to the timeline, who did Jefferson send to France to purchase New Orleans?
4. Rather than simply selling New Orleans to the U.S., the French offered to sell all of the Louisiana Territory. How much money did the Louisiana Territory cost the U.S.?
5. How many square miles of land was the Louisiana Territory?

Questions from Document A: Alexander Hamilton

1. In the first paragraph, Hamilton gives two good reasons for purchasing the port of New Orleans- Give one of those reasons.
2. Does Hamilton believe that Jefferson was able to get the Louisiana Territory because he was smart, or because he was lucky? In which paragraph did you find your answer? (1,2,3,or 4)
3. Why does Hamilton believe that settling the Louisiana Territory will be difficult? Do you agree with him? Explain your answer.
4. This article written by Hamilton was called "Purchase of Louisiana". In what magazine or newspaper was the article printed?

Questions from Document B: Letters by Federalists

1. Why did Rufus King believe forming new states in the Louisiana Territory would be a problem?
2. Rufus King was a Senator from which state?
3. Timothy Pickering was a Senator from which state?

4. Do you get the feeling that Timothy Pickering respected Thomas Jefferson? Write a quote from his letter that supports your answer.

5. Would you consider Timothy Pickering's statements about Thomas Jefferson to be mostly fact, or mostly opinion? Explain.