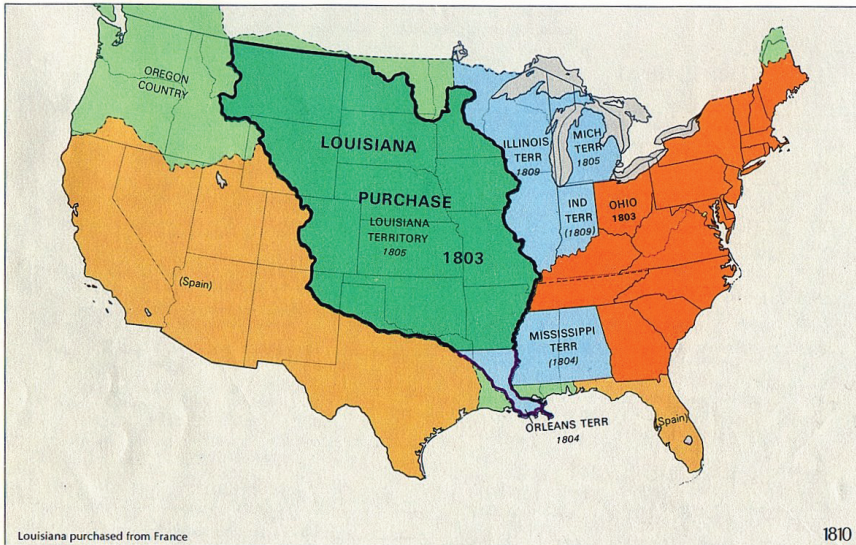


Louisiana Purchase

On April 30, 1803, the United States purchased from France the Louisiana Territory, more than 2 million sq km (800,000 sq mi) of land extending from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains. The price was 60 million francs, or about \$15 million.



In 1803, France had fallen upon hardship. They had lost many soldiers to disease and battle and found themselves potentially facing war against Great Britain. Due to these challenges, France was in great need of money. In April, France offered to sell the Louisiana territories to the United States.

Present states that were included in the Louisiana Purchase were: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

Color in and label the states that were part of the Louisiana Purchase



Use the information you learned above to answer the following questions.

1. From whom did the United States purchase the Louisiana Territory?

France

2. Name the river and the mountain range that marked the boundaries of the Louisiana Territory.

The Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains

3. How much did the United States pay for the Louisiana Purchase?

60 million francs or \$15 million

4. In what year did the United States purchase the Louisiana Territory?

1803