

Lesson 2: Jefferson Looks West

Directions: Complete each sentence with information from Lesson 2. You may use your textbook.

1. Thomas Jefferson was the third President of the United States.
2. Jefferson believed that the power of government belonged in the hands of the people.
3. In search of new lands to settle, Americans began moving west long before Jefferson became President.
4. Daniel Boone, an early pioneer, created the trail known as the Wilderness Road.
5. Boone led many pioneers through the Cumberland Gap, across the Appalachian Mountains.
6. Settlers along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers used these waterways as trade routes to ship their products south.
7. Goods shipped along the Mississippi went to the Spanish-controlled port of New Orleans and then to the East Coast and Europe.
8. The United States doubled in size with the Louisiana Purchase, acquiring land that stretched from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains.
9. Jefferson was interested in the lands to the west and chose Lewis and Clarke to head an expedition to explore the unknown area.
10. The expedition to explore the West included the help of a French trapper and his Shoshone wife, Sacagawea, who served as a guide and interpreter for the expedition.



Notes for Home: Your child learned about changes in the nation under President Thomas Jefferson.

Home Activity: With your child, examine a map of the United States and list the present-day states that would not be part of the United States if not for the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.