

Louisiana Purchase  
Time Line

**1763:** France gave Louisiana to Spain.

***March 1801:***

Napoleon wanted a French empire in North America. Under pressure, Spain returned Louisiana to France

Federalists in the U.S. were alarmed that France now owned Louisiana. They wanted use force against the French. But Jefferson sent Robert R. Livingston, the U.S. minister to France to attempt to buy New Orleans.

***January 1803***: U.S. sends James Monroe to join Livingston and try to buy New Orleans and West Florida from France

***April 1803***: Napoleon gives up his dream of an American empire because of the slave revolt in Haiti.

The French offered **ALL** of Louisiana. For \$15 million the U.S. acquired 828,000 square miles of land, doubling the national territory of the United States

October 1803: The Senate ratified the treaty and in December the U.S. acquired the Louisiana Purchase.