

Louisiana Purchase

Learning Objective: We will understand Jefferson's Dilemma regarding the Purchase of the Louisiana Territory.

Election of 1800

- ✦ *Candidates: Federalist John Adams and Charles Pinckney (2nd term) vs. Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr.*
- ✦ *Electoral college voted T.J and A.B. with 73 votes for president. House of Reps. decide the election voting T.J into presidency.*
- ✦ *To prevent future ties between pres. and Vice Pres., Congress passed the 12th amendment.*

Jefferson's Inauguration

- ✿ *Jefferson tried to reach out to all parties saying “We are all Republicans, we are all Federalists.”*
- ✿ *He further outlined his goals as president*
 - ✿ *maintain a frugal (economical) government.*
 - ✿ *support state governments rights*
 - ✿ *limit the power of federal government by implementing the french philosophy of Laissez-faire.(let people do as they choose)*

Jefferson Takes Charge

- ✿ *Jefferson scaled down military expenses by cutting the army by 1/3 and reducing the navy from 25 to 7 ships. (all lowering the national debt)*
- ✿ *Between the election and Jeffersons inauguration Federalists passed the Judiciary act of 1801 increasing the number of federal judges.*
- ✿ *Adams appointed federalist judges until midnight of his last day as president. “midnight judges”*
 - ✿ *These appointments ensured that federalists would control the courts.*
 - ✿ *William Marbury did not receive his commission in time and took his case to the supreme court.*

Marbury V. Madison

- ✦ *Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall established 3 principles of Judicial Review:*
- ✦ *The Constitution is the supreme law of the land*
- ✦ *When a conflict arises between the Constitution and any other law, the Constitution must be followed.*
- ✦ *Judicial branch must uphold the Constitution.*

Louisiana Territory

- ✿ *Louisiana territory belonged to Spain in 1800.*
- ✿ *In 1802 Spain stopped allowing Americans to move through the port of New Orleans.*
- ✿ *Jefferson finds out that Spain agreed to transfer the Louisiana territory back to France.*
- ✿ *Jefferson sends Robert Livingston and James Monroe to negotiate a purchase of New Orleans, but end up acquiring the entire territory.*

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- ✿ *The U.S. bought the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million dollars (3 cents per acre)*
- ✿ *Jefferson a Republican worried whether the purchase was legal as the Constitution says nothing about acquiring new territory.*
 - ✿ *Jefferson acted against his beliefs of a strict construction (interpretation) of the Constitution.*
- ✿ *Jefferson decided that the government's treaty making powers allowed the purchase of new territory.*
- ✿ *This new territory doubled the size of the U.S.*