

**Thomas Jefferson:** Third president of the United States, serving two terms. He was also vice-president under John Adams. He wrote the Declaration of Independence. He was a minister to France and later kept his country out of wars with England and France. Jefferson, along with James Madison, was a leader of the new Democratic-Republican Party. His politics brought him into conflict with Adams and Alexander Hamilton, who were the leaders of the new Federalist Party. Jefferson made the Louisiana Purchase and sent Meriwether Lewis and James Clark on their famous visit to the Pacific Ocean. In his personal life, he was a successful inventor, inventing among other things a swivel chair and a wheel cipher, which could be used to send or read coded messages.

**Democrat-Republican Party:** One of the first two American political parties, together with the Federalist Party. Founded by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Those two and James Monroe were the only Democratic-Republican presidents. Party disbanded in the 1820s, splintering into two factions, the Democratic Party and the Whig Party. Members of the Democratic-Republican Party believed that a strong federal government would weaken and not respect the rights of the states and the people.

**The Louisiana Purchase:** Huge addition of land that doubled the country. Thomas Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from France for the paltry sum of \$15 million. The size of the Territory was 828,000 square miles! Meriwether Lewis and William Clark explored this vast territory from 1804 to 1806.

**Lewis and Clark Exploration:** Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out from St. Louis in 1804 to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory. Along the way, they hired several guides, among them a Native American woman named Sacagawea, who led them the entire trip west to the Pacific Ocean and back again. Lewis & Clark observed other cultures, their customs, their food and clothing, their agriculture, and all sorts of other aspects of their society. In addition, the explorers discovered the existence of a large number of animal and plant species that Americans hadn't know about before. They returned to territorial America in 1806 and passed their findings on to all Americans.

