

Unit 04: The Jefferson Era

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s): **Social Studies 8**
Time Period: **Quarter 2**
Length: **20 Days**
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Standards

6.1 U.S. History: America in the World by the End of 8th Grade

6.1.8.EconET.4.a: Assess the impact of the Louisiana Purchase and western exploration on the expansion and economic development of the United States

6.1.8.HistoryCC.4.a: Explain the changes in America's relationships with other nations by analyzing policies, treaties, tariffs, and agreements.

6.1.8.GeoSV.4.a: Map territorial expansion and settlement, highlighting the locations of conflicts with and resettlement of Native Americans.

6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21st Century by the End of 8th Grade

Unit Summary

This unit discusses the election of 1800 and the peaceful transfer of power from one political party to another. Students will examine Thomas Jefferson's presidency, including the *Marbury v. Madison* Supreme Court ruling, the Louisiana Purchase, and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Conflicts faced during the Jefferson presidency are also examined such as the War with Tripoli and impressment of U.S. sailors by the British. Under the Madison presidency, conflicts with Native Americans and the War of 1812 with Britain are studied.

Student Learning Objectives

- Students will learn how the election of 1800 compares with modern elections.
- Students will learn how John Marshall affected the powers of the Supreme Court and the federal government.
- Students will learn the location of the Louisiana Purchase on a map and discuss the importance of the purchase.
- Students will learn the cause and effect in how the Haitian Revolution affected the U.S.
- Students will learn how to analyze primary sources to learn more about the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- Students will learn points of view about the Louisiana Purchase, Native American rights, and the War of 1812.
- Students will learn to analyze visuals and primary sources to understand the war with Tripoli.
- Students will learn why the U.S. was not prepared for war with Great Britain.
- Students will learn about the War Hawks.
- Students will learn the events of the War of 1812.
- Students will learn the origins of "The Star Spangled Banner".

Essential Questions

- What were the goals and outcomes of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?
- What were the effects of the Louisiana Purchase on the United States?
- How did presidents Jefferson and Madison respond to threats both within and beyond the nation's borders?
- What were the effects of the War of 1812?

Enduring Understandings

- Students will understand that the Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States.
- Students will understand that the Lewis and Clark Expedition greatly increased the nation's knowledge of the people, plants, animals, and geography of the West.
- Students will understand that conflicts increased between white settlers and Native Americans as settlers moved westward.
- Students will understand that the United States' victory in the War of 1812 resulted in a renewed sense of patriotism and respect from other nations around the world.

Application

Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

- Analyze the results of the Election of 1800 by studying an election result map.
- Participate in a recreation of the Election of 1800.
- Identify the key issues presented in the Supreme Court case *Marbury v. Madison*.
- Create an authentic journal depicting the scientific findings of the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- Identify the causes and outcomes of the War of 1812 by completing a webquest.

Skills

Students will be skilled at:

- Comparing and contrasting the election of 1800 with modern elections.
- Describing how John Marshall affected the powers of the Supreme Court and the federal government.
- Locating the Louisiana Purchase on a map and discussing the importance of the purchase.
- Determining the cause and effect in how the Haitian Revolution affected the U.S.
- Analyzing primary sources to learn more about the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- Identifying points of view about the Louisiana Purchase, Native American rights, and the War of 1812.
- Explaining why the U.S. was not prepared for war with Great Britain.
- Identifying the War Hawks.
- Describing and analyzing the events of the War of 1812.
- Explaining the origins of "The Star Spangled Banner".
- Participating in a mock election of 1800.

- Analyzing the different perspectives in the War of 1812.