

Meet Thomas Jefferson



- Can you think of a time when you thought that you had fixed something only to find it wasn't fixed at all?



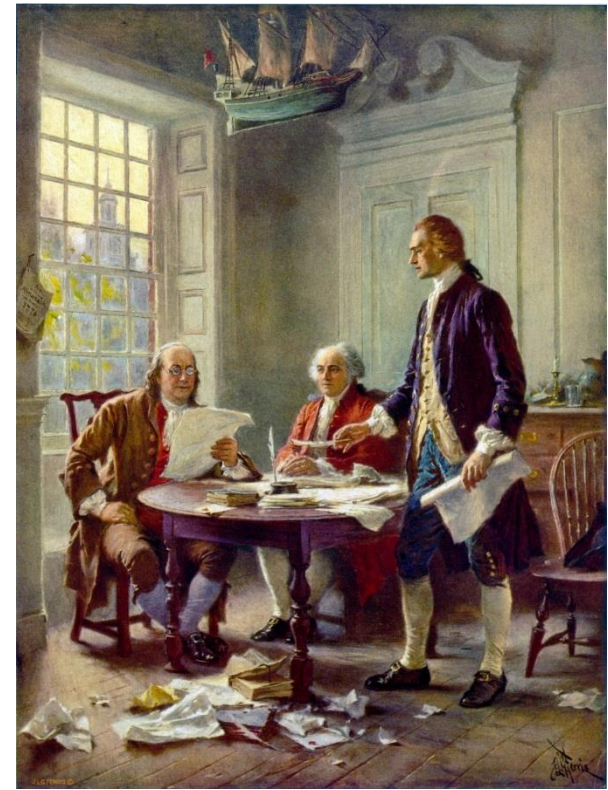
• **#3** President

President Jefferson bought Louisiana for \$15,000,000

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=venzPNvge18>



He wrote The Declaration of Independence.



This is the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence.

- “We hold these truths to be self-evident, *that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. . .*”

A Few Facts About Slavery in the U.S.

- **By 1770-1790 slaves in the U.S. were about 500,000**
- **By 1820 more than 1.5 Million slaves lived in the U.S.**
- **In 1860, 89 percent of the nation's African Americans were slaves; blacks formed 13 percent of the country's population and 33 percent of the South's population. [Gilder Lehrman source](#)**

The Louisiana Purchase, 1803

- *This treaty increased the size of the United States. President Thomas Jefferson's intent was to secure the area around present-day New Orleans, but France unexpectedly offered to sell the entire Louisiana Territory. Jefferson seized this opportunity. The Louisiana Territory was purchased for only \$15 million,*
- <http://cicerosystems.com/history/unit/early-republic/content/1463/1891>

L.A. Purchase Double the U.S.

- The Louisiana Purchase was by far the largest territorial gain in U.S. history, stretching from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains.
- The purchase doubled the size of the United States.



Land Boundaries of Louisiana Purchase

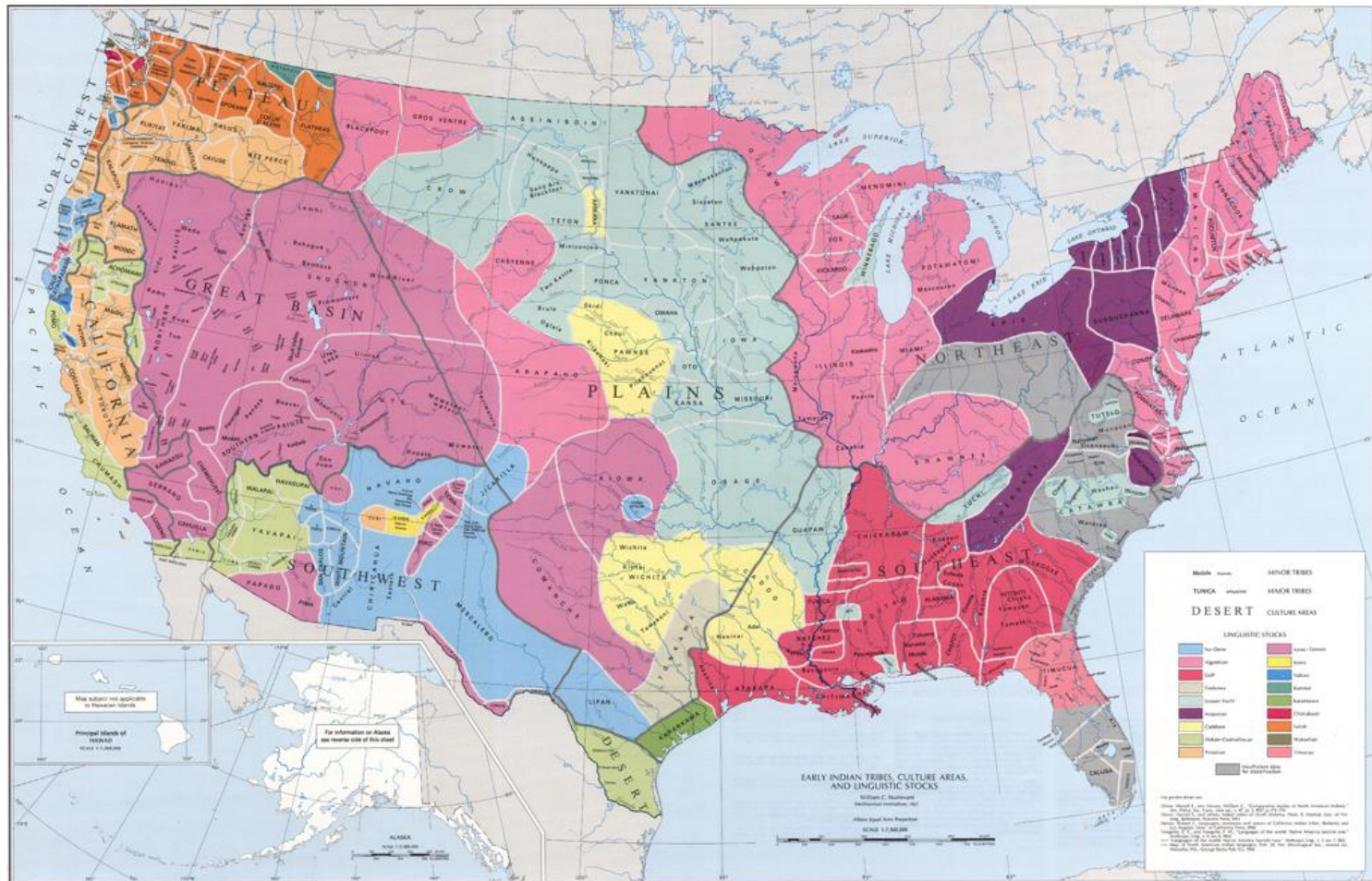
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Louisiana Purchase Political Boundaries at the time



Indian Nation of Early America



Colin Powell Video Clip

- <https://seaofliberty.org/explore/35th-annual-naturalization-keynote-quote-10/1088>

“The Tree of Liberty must be refreshed by the Blood of Patriots.....”

<http://cperrier.edublogs.org/files/2012/04/jefferson-ognvv2-300x231.gif>



You Tube Thomas Jefferson Speaks on Slavery

- Interpretive presentation at Colonial Williamsburg portraying Thomas Jefferson in costume.
- Thomas Jefferson discussing colonial slavery