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The Louisiana Purchase was a good business deal for the United States.

Supporting detail

The purchase doubled the size of the United States.

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It gave the United States control of the Mississippi River and the port city of New Orleans.

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The land was rich with timber, minerals, and other natural resources.