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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.



Supporting detail

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