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Main idea

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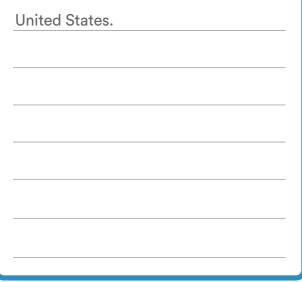






Supporting detail

The purchase doubled the size of the



Supporting detail

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.

