

Presidential Mission Answer Key

Students should underline mission goals in every excerpt. Accept reasonable wording.

1. Sample correct goals:
 - Explore and learn about the Louisiana Purchase
 - Study rivers for travel and trade
 - Discover plants and animals
 - Build peaceful relationships with Native peoples
 - Find a route to the Pacific Ocean
 - Record detailed information for the government
2. Answers will vary but should include reasoning tied to events of the time.
3. Example: To understand who lived there, learn how to trade, prevent conflict, or build alliances.
4. Example: New trade routes, scientific knowledge, territory expansion, better mapping.

Teacher's Guide

- Introduce the context of the Louisiana Purchase briefly before beginning.
- Model underlining one goal together using a think-aloud strategy.
- Encourage citing specific phrases as text evidence in responses.

Engagement and Extension

- Students create a "mission badge" for one goal and explain its importance.
- Use a map activity: Identify where each goal might have been completed along the route.
- Connect to civics: Discuss why presidents still send missions to gather knowledge today.