

National Expansion Westward (pg. 226 – 230)

1. *What impact did Eli Whitney's cotton gin have on slavery in the US?*
2. *Why was the Mississippi River and the port of New Orleans so important to the success of US trade?*
3. *Why was the US able to buy the port of New Orleans and much of the Mississippi River valley (the Louisiana Territory) so cheaply from the French?*
4. *What did the purchase of the Louisiana Territory do for the US and American citizens' visions of the future of the US?*
5. *Why were some Americans critical of the purchase?*
6. *What was the purpose of the Lewis and Clark expedition (Corps of Discovery)?*
7. *What impact did the Corps of the Discovery have on the future of Native Americans living on this newly acquired land?*