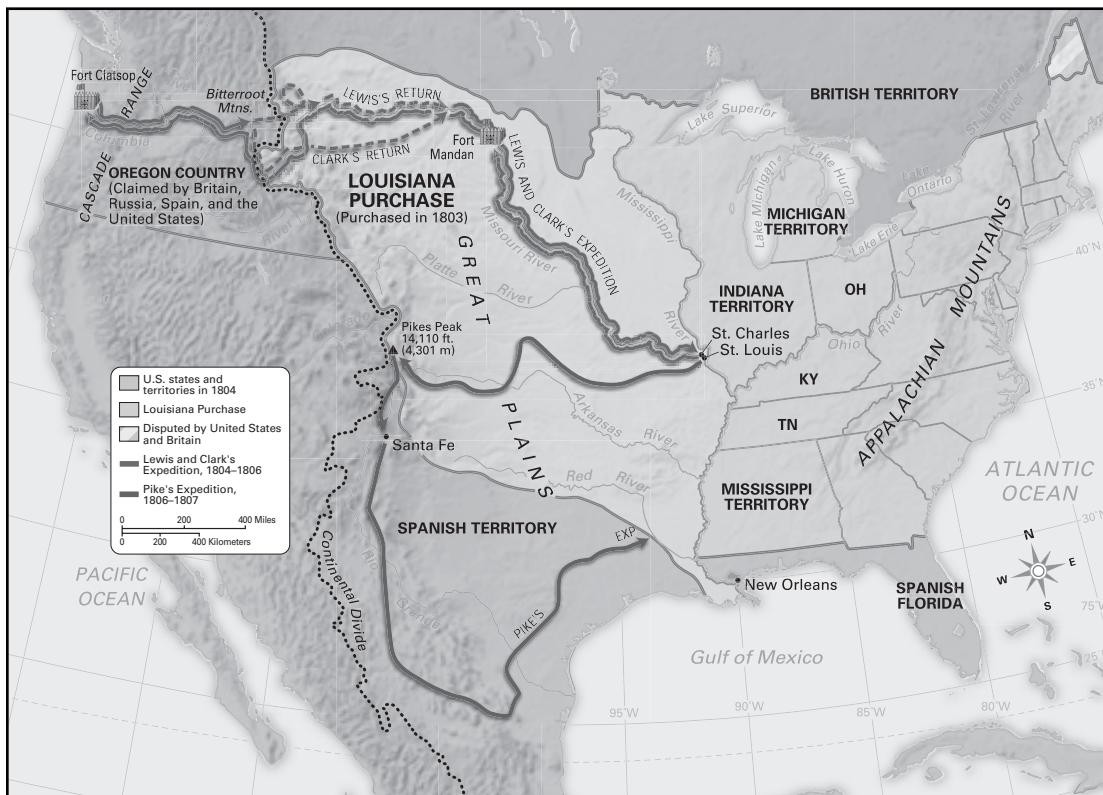


Pike Explores the Southwest

Zebulon Pike set out in July 1806 to explore the Arkansas and Red rivers. He was near the upper Rio Grande when Spanish officials arrested him for spying. The Spanish eventually took him to Natchitoches, Louisiana, where they released him.



MAP ACTIVITY

1. On the map, label the Louisiana Territory and use a light color to shade the area.
2. Use a bright color to trace the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition.
3. Use a second color to trace the route of Pike's expedition. Then circle the name of the city where Pike began his trip and the name of the mountain he tried to climb.
4. Update the map legend to reflect the colors you added to the map.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. Movement How many miles did Pike travel from St. Louis to Pikes Peak?

2. Location What rivers did Pike cross during his journey?

3. Compare and Contrast How was Pike’s expedition similar to Lewis and Clark’s expedition? How did the two expeditions differ?

4. Human/Environment Interaction Based on the map, what were some of the challenges that Pike faced during his expedition?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY

You are a newspaper reporter at the time that Zebulon Pike returns from his expedition. Write a short newspaper article describing his expedition and return. Make your article exciting while keeping it historically accurate. Make certain you describe the places where Pike went during his expedition.