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# Reading for Understanding

## ▶ Key Ideas

### BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

After a tied election, Jefferson became president and the Democratic-Republicans reduced the power of the federal government.

### NOW YOU WILL LEARN

The nation doubled in size when Jefferson acquired the Louisiana Purchase.

## ▶ Vocabulary

### TERMS & NAMES

**Meriwether Lewis** army captain appointed by President Jefferson to explore the Louisiana Territory and lands west to the Pacific Ocean

**William Clark** co-leader of the Lewis and Clark expedition

**Sacagawea** (sak•uh•juh•WEE•uh) Shoshone woman who assisted the Lewis and Clark expedition

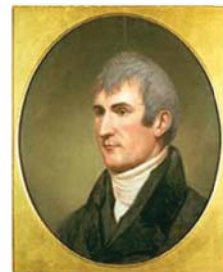
**Louisiana Purchase** American purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803

**Lewis and Clark expedition** group that explored the Louisiana Territory and lands west; also known as the Corps of Discovery

**Zebulon Pike** leader of a southern expedition in the Louisiana Territory

### BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

**corps** (kor) a number of people acting together for a similar purpose



**Visual Vocabulary**  
William Clark (left) and Meriwether Lewis

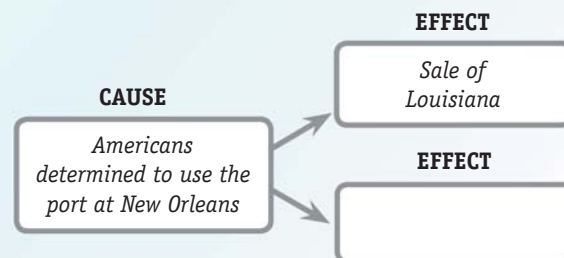
## ▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the diagram to record important events and their effects. Add more boxes or start a new diagram as needed.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R7.

### CAUSES AND EFFECTS



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