

Favorable Terms The Americans won favorable terms in the peace treaty:

- The United States was independent.
- Its boundaries would be the Mississippi River on the west, Canada on the north, and Spanish Florida on the south.
- The United States would receive the right to fish off Canada's Atlantic Coast, near Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.
- Each side would repay debts it owed the other.
- The British would return any enslaved persons they had captured.
- Congress would recommend that the states return any property they had seized from Loyalists.

Neither Britain nor the United States fully lived up to the treaty's terms. Americans did not repay the prewar debts they owed British merchants or return Loyalist property. The British did not return runaway slaves.

Boundary Disputes The Treaty of Paris led to boundary **disputes**, or disagreements, with Spain, who could now claim control of both banks of the Mississippi river for over 100 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico. This Spanish control threatened American shipping. In the northwest, the British refused to give up military **outposts**, or bases, in the Great Lakes area, such as Fort Detroit.

COMPARING Prewar and Postwar Boundaries

Prewar Boundaries 1775



Postwar Boundaries 1783



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1. **Place** What was the southern limit of British territory in 1775?
2. **Evaluate** Which foreign nation benefited most from the Treaty of Paris?