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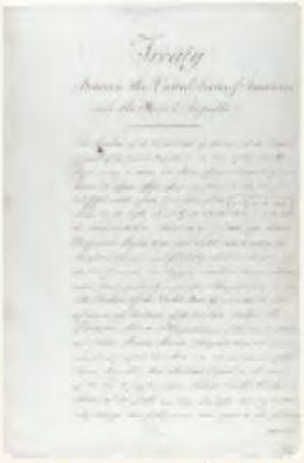
Directions: Read the passage and then answer the questions below.

Find the Main Idea

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson completed a treaty with the French government to purchase a large section of land in North America. This land is now known as the Louisiana Purchase. The purchase was important to the future of the U.S. It was the first major expansion of the U.S. since it had won its independence from Great Britain 20 years earlier. The territory gained in the Louisiana Purchase was the largest in U.S. history, totalling 828,000 squares miles, about 23% of the current U.S. land area. The Louisiana Purchase also secured the U.S.'s right to passage along the Mississippi River and allowed access to the important port of New Orleans.

1903 map of the Louisiana Purchase from the U.S. Department of the Interior



Treaty transferring the Louisiana Purchase from France to the U.S.

1. What is the **main idea** of the paragraph?
   a. ☐ President Jefferson wanted to complete the Louisiana Purchase.
   b. ☐ The Louisiana Purchase was important to the United States.

2. Which two statements support the main idea?
   a. ☐ The Mississippi River ends at the port of New Orleans.
   b. ☐ The Louisiana Purchase was the first large land purchase in US history.
   c. ☐ The Louisiana Purchase totaled 828,000 square miles.
   d. ☐ The Louisiana Purchase allowed for passage along the Mississippi River.

3. How does the map help support the main idea?
   a. ☐ It fills in space on the page.
   b. ☐ It shows the 13 colonies.
   c. ☐ It shows the large area of land that was bought during the Louisiana Purchase.