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Instructions: During this time period, the United States was growing and changing. The building of the new capitol in Washington D.C. was an important symbol of the American government and the Louisiana Purchase extended the reach of the young nation. In this lesson, you will explore the development of Washington D.C. and learn more about the Lewis and Clark expedition through new United States territory and beyond.

Part 1: Visit [Evolution of the Capitol](#)

1. Who set the cornerstone for the capitol building? _____
2. What ideals were embedded in the design of this building? _____

View the Visual Timeline of the Growth of Capitol Hill

3. When was the capitol building completed? _____
4. When was the supreme court building built? _____

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5. What significant change to the capitol was needed by 1850? _____

6. Why did this change have to be made? _____

7. What was the architectural style of the United States Capitol?

8. Where does this style get its influence from? _____

Part 2: Visit the [virtual rotunda of the United States Capitol Building](#). This virtual tour will let you visit the U.S. Capitol without leaving your classroom.

Move your mouse to view the dome (look “up”). Click the red dot on the mural in the top of the dome.

1. What is the name of the mural? _____

2. What figures are on either side of Washington? _____
3. Why do you think the artist selected those figures? _____

4. What is another painting found in the rotunda? (Click on the red “I” to learn more about each? _____

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5. Why do you think this painting was included in the rotunda (one of the most important places representing our nation)? How does it possibly represent important events in history or ideals held by the United States? _____

Part 3: Learn more about the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Look at the [map of the Louisiana Territory versus the Current United States](#).

1. How many modern-day states were a part of the Louisiana territory?

2. What river divided the original United States from the Louisiana Purchase territory? _____
3. Why would it have been important to control this river? _____

4. What major city/port is at the south of this river? _____

Visit the [interactive Lewis and Clark expedition](#). Drag the slider to learn more about the expedition.

5. What forms of transportation did Lewis and Clark and the Corps of discovery have to use in their expedition? _____
6. Why did Lewis settle on the keelboat? What problems did it solve? _____

7. Was the territory in the Louisiana Purchase unoccupied? _____
8. Who occupied much of the territory besides the French and Spanish? Name at least 3 different tribes. _____

9. Why would this be a concern? _____

10. Some experiences with the Native Americans were dangerous. However, in other instances the Native Americans assisted the expedition. What are 2 ways the Native Americans helped Lewis and Clark? _____

11. What are three challenges that the expedition faced? _____

12. How many years did it take for Lewis and Clark to explore from St. Louis to the west coast and return? _____