



Content Vocabulary for reading President Jefferson's letter to Meriwether Lewis dated June 20, 1803

Unit: Politics & Diplomacy (Elementary and Middle School)

Note: This vocabulary is included for students who may have difficulty understanding the period language used in this letter, especially if they are reading it independently or in a cooperative group. The teacher may choose to use the vocabulary list, to modify it or to omit it entirely.

conciliatory: peaceful or friendly

conduct: Behavior

innocence: without trickery or mean intentions

simultaneously: doing two or more things at the same time

endeavor: to try to

make (yourselves) acquainted: to find out...“get to know”

extent & limits: In this case, the boundaries over which a particular tribe travels or ranges

possessions: territory (land)

traditions: beliefs and customs handed down in a culture

monuments: Something set up in memory of a person or an event