

Content Vocabulary

President Jefferson's Letter to Meriwether Lewis January 22, 1804

Unit: Politics & Diplomacy (Elementary and Middle School)

Note: The teacher may choose to use the vocabulary list, to modify it, or to omit it entirely.

Sovereigns: rulers (In this case the U.S. had purchased the Louisiana Territory from France and the U. S. claimed to be the new “rulers.”)

Proper: the correct thing to do

Inform: tell

Withdraw: to pull away; to pull back from

Henceforward: an old-fashioned way to say, “from now on...”

Endeavor: attempt or try

Lament: regret or “be sorry for”

Enquire: ask questions

Establish: set up

Exchange: trade

Peltries: pelts or furs

Establishments: businesses (in this case, “trading posts”)

Protectors: guardians, defenders, “those who protect”

Seceders: those who have left the tribe and are wandering on their own

Particularly: especially

Impression: an effect or feeling one has about a person

Immense: awesome, huge

Desirous: wanting something very much