The Louisiana Purchase

Answer the following questions and use them as a guide to complete your project. Remember you must cite all sources.

1. List the people who played key roles in the Louisiana Purchase.
2. President Jefferson had a goal of a selfsustaining society could only be made possible if the United States could find additional routes for trade. What particular area was Jefferson interested in purchasing for his goal?
3. Who did Jefferson send to make this deal and what was he willing to offer?
4. What were Napoleon Bonaparte's plans for the land that he ended up selling? Why did he give up this plan? What are the main reasons he decided to sell the land to the United States?
5. What problems did Jefferson face with the counter offer even though the deal was too good to pass up?
6. How much money did the Louisiana Purchase cost?
7. The Louisiana Purchase gave the United States a guarantee of free navigation of which river?
8. Which two major geographic features provided the east and west boundaries of this piece of land?
9. On what date did news of the Louisiana Purchase agreement reach the United States?
10. How much land did the territory include?
11. How did the purchase of this land affect the size of the United States?
12. What states were part of the Louisiana Purchase?
13. Why was the purchase so important? What impact did the Louisiana Purchase have historically and geographically on the United States?