

BACKGROUND

Jefferson
defeated
Adams to
become the 3rd
president in
1801



IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT

1. Jefferson did not like a big national government

2. Jefferson believed in laissez faire

3. This is the French word for let alone

4. This is how Jefferson felt the US government should handle economic affairs

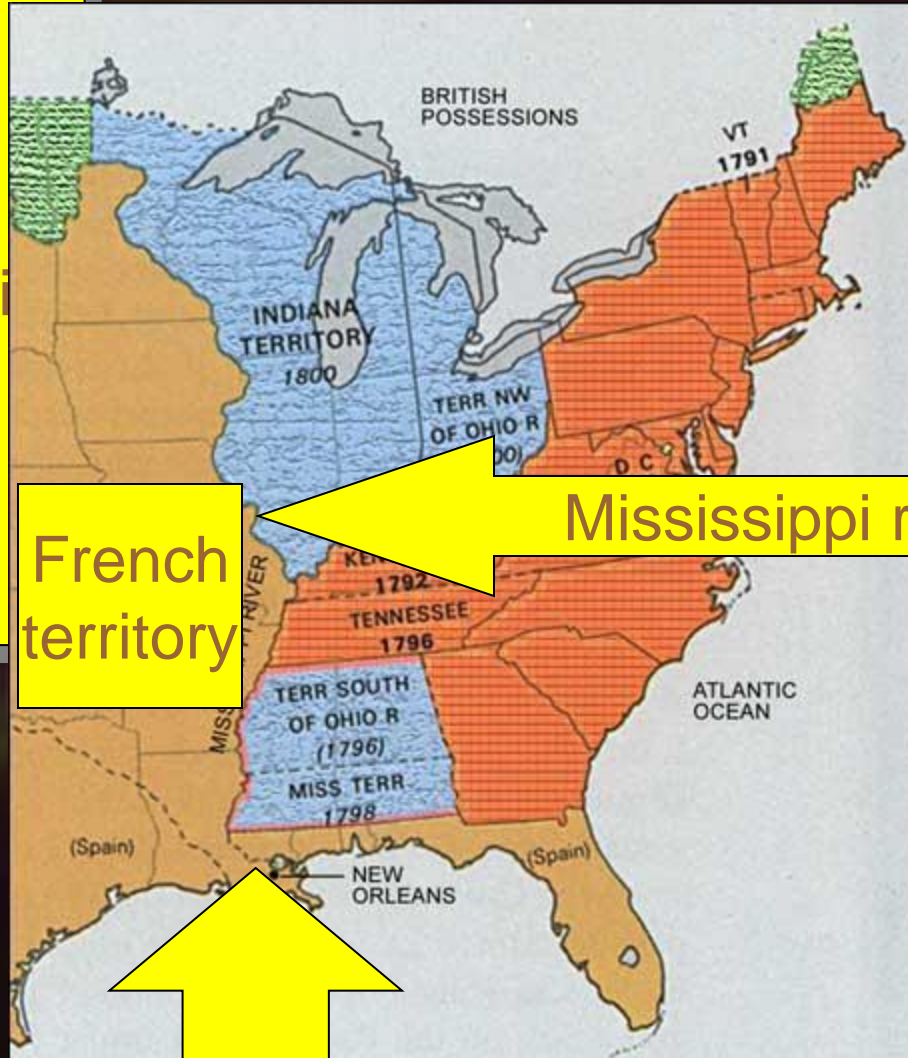
WEST OF THE APPALACHIANS

1. About 1 million people lived west of the Appalachian mountains



2. They had goods to sell, but the mountains were a barrier

1. These people had to ship their goods down the Mississippi River to New Orleans



French territory

Mississippi river

New Orleans

2. The Mississippi bordered French territory

LOUISIANA PURCHASE

1. Jefferson sent James Monroe to France to buy New Orleans for \$10 million



2. Napoleon, needing to fund wars, offered all of Louisiana territory for just \$15 million



The treaty
was signed
on April 30,
1803



Was this constitutional????



1. Most people didn't care because we got the land so cheaply

2. The U.S. doubled its size



3. Look at the map and discuss the advantages of such a big purchase

LEWIS AND CLARK

1. Jefferson asked Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to map a route to the Pacific Ocean through the new Louisiana territory



2. They headed out from St. Louis with 50 men



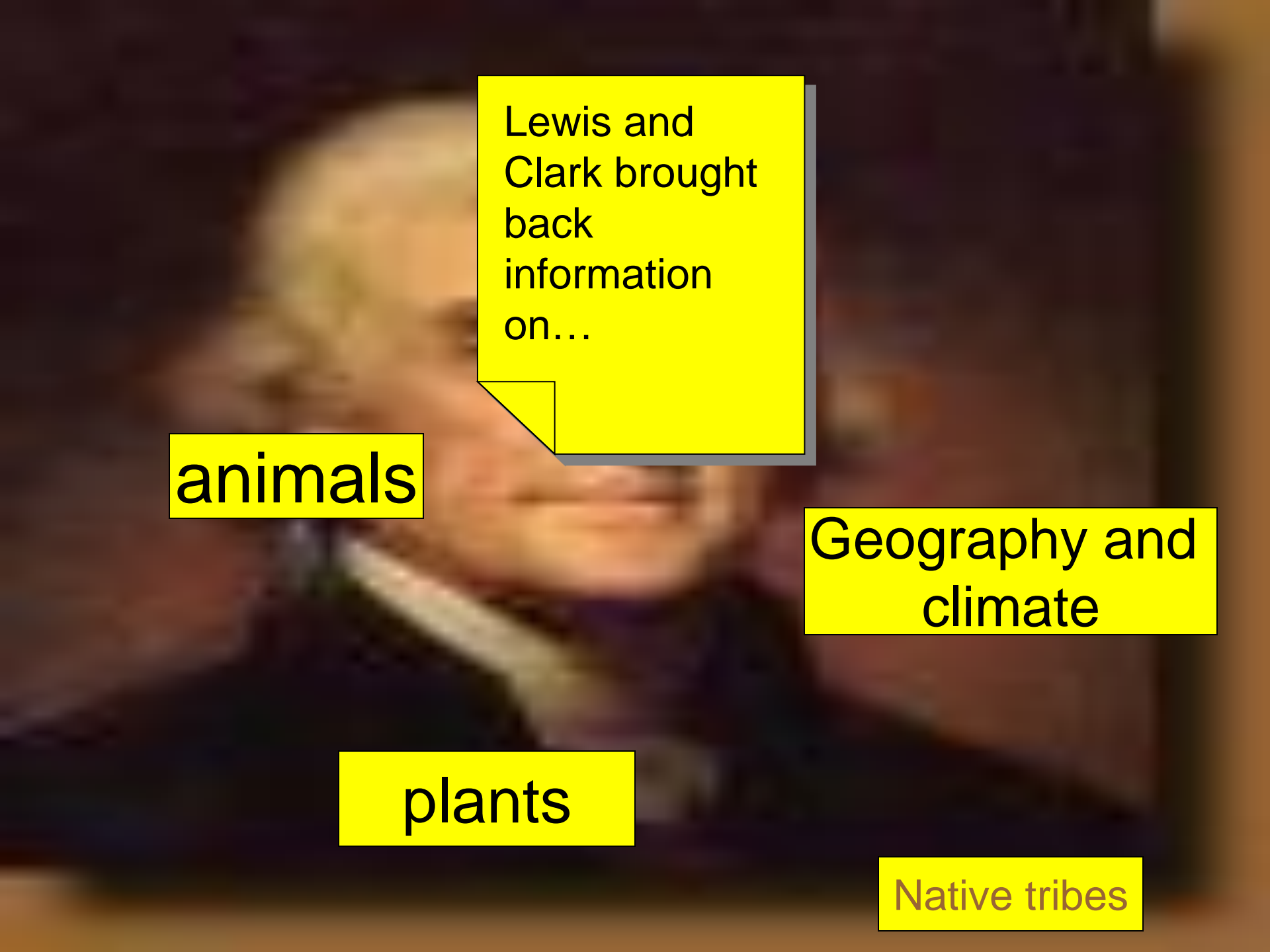
1. They met several native tribes along the way

2. Sacagawea, a Shoshone Indian, guided and translated for the group



She accompanied them across the Great Plains and into the Rocky Mountains



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Lewis and
Clark brought
back
information
on...

animals

Geography and
climate

plants

Native tribes