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Teacher Key

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Answers will vary. It doubled the territory, gave access to ports and other resources like timber and fur.

2. Describe how an economist and a geographer might have different perspectives on the Louisiana Purchase.

An economist might focus on how expanding the territory bettered the American economy. A geographer might consider how the different areas of the Louisiana Territory could impact people building towns.

3. Why did Napoleon sell the Louisiana Territory to the United States?

To fund a war against the British.