# READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



## Louisiana Purchase Lesson

Central Historical Question: Why did Federalists oppose the Louisiana Purchase?

California State
Standard(s)

8.4.1: Describe the country's physical landscapes, political divisions, and territorial expansion during the terms of the first four presidents.

## Common Core State Standard(s):

### Reading

- 1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- 2: Determine the central ideas of information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
- **4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
- **6:** Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose.
- 10. By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

### Writing

- 2. Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
- a) Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; including formatting, graphics, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- **b)** Develop the topic with relevant well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
- c) Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
- **d)** Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about to explain the topic.
- e) Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
- f) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.
- **4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- 8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; asses the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
- **9.** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- 10. Write routinely over extended time frames and short time frames for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.