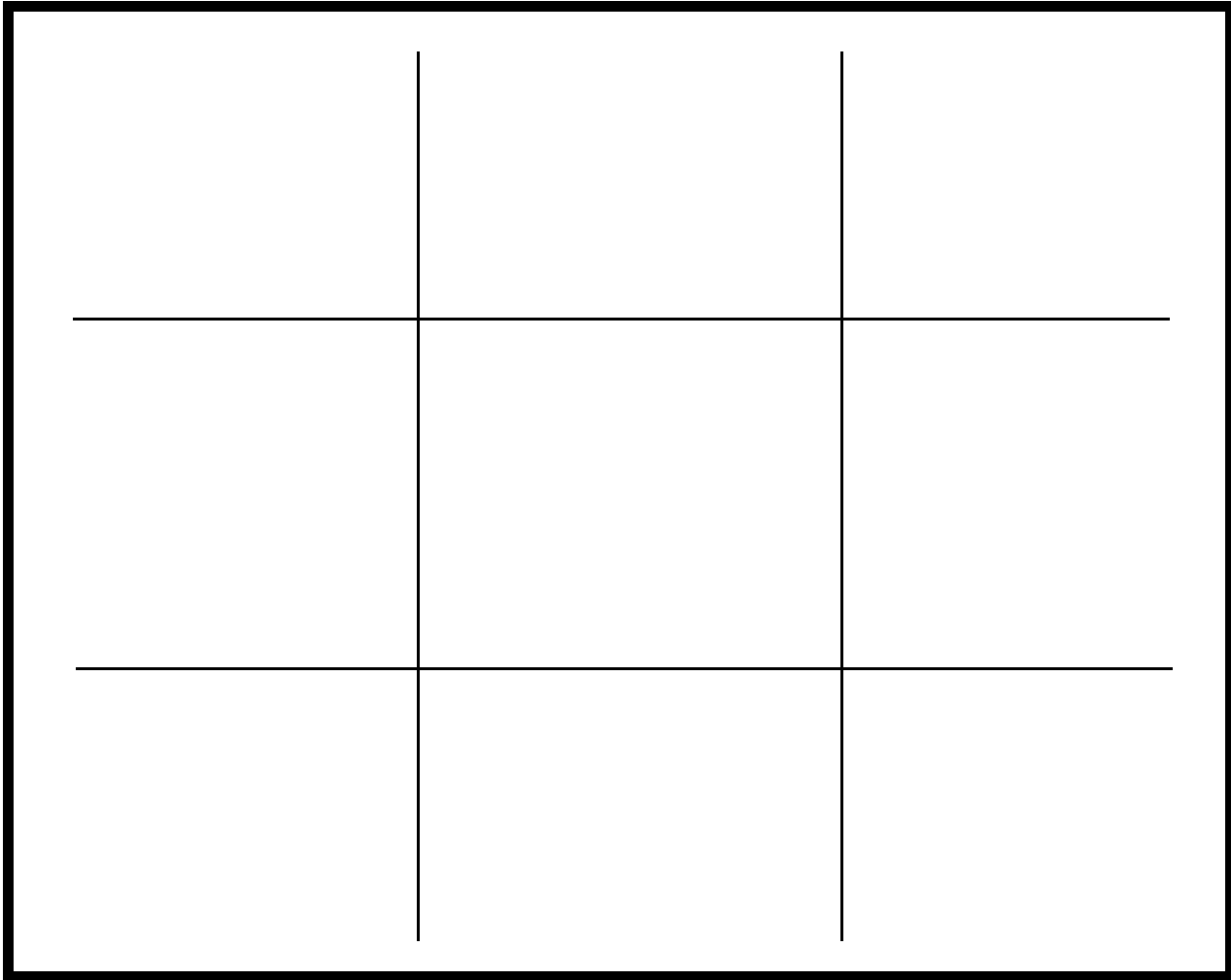

CHAPTER 1 — The Louisiana Purchase



States (Capitals): Montana (Helena), North Dakota (Bismark), South Dakota (Pierre), Wyoming (Cheyenne), Colorado (Denver), New Mexico (Santa Fe), Texas (Austin), Kansas (Topeka), Oklahoma (Oklahoma City), Nebraska (Lincoln), Minnesota (St. Paul), Iowa (Des Moines), Missouri (Jefferson City), Arkansas (Little Rock), Louisiana (Baton Rouge)

Features: Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi River, Rocky Mountains, the region acquired with the Louisiana Purchase.

On April 11, 1803, during negotiations with James Monroe and Robert Livingston over the purchase of portions of Florida and New Orleans, the French foreign minister stunned the two American statesmen by offering them all of Louisiana or nothing. Monroe and Livingston agreed that the United States would pay \$15 million for more than 800,000 square miles of new territory, doubling the size of the United States. The Louisiana Purchase remains the largest section of land ever added to the United States at one time.