CHAPTER 6 THE LAND CHANGES HANDS

**Chapter Comprehension**

**A New Nation Grows**

**1.** How was the balance of power between the U.S. government and American Indian nations unequal?

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**The First Land Deal**

**2.** Give three details about the 1805 treaty.

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**A Place to Gather**

**3.** Why did the U.S. government build Fort Snelling?

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**Different Perspectives**

**4.** In the table below, explain how each group valued Minnesota’s natural resources.

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| **The Value of Resources (like land and rivers)** |
| **Dakota** | **European Americans** |

**Minnesota Territory**

**5.** Territorial Governor Alexander Ramsey wanted land for settlement. What did the U.S. government plan

to offer the Dakota in exchange for their land?

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**SIDEBAR: Motivations for Treaties**

**6.** Circle the group most likely to have made each statement below about the 1851 treaty.

**We should sign the treaty because . . .**

The government is powerful and might take our land anyway, so a treaty would at least provide some land that would remain ours. **Dakota** OR **European American Officials** (Circle one.)

Settlers cannot legally move onto land controlled by American Indians, so that land must be acquired through treaties. **Dakota** OR **European American Officials** (Circle one.)

**The Treaty of Traverse des Sioux**

**7.** Summarize the events that took place on the first and the last days of the Treaty of Traverse des Sioux negotiations.

*July 18, 1851*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Treaty of Mendota**

**8.** Some Dakota feared they would be cheated by the treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota.

Did their fears become a reality? Explain your answer.

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**SIDEBAR: The Legacy of Treaties**

**9.** What did the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1999 ruling in *Minnesota v. Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa* mean for the Ojibwe?

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**The Land Changes Hands**

**10.** List three ways life in Minnesota was different in 1853 as a result of the treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota.

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