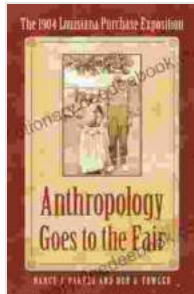


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The 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition was a world's fair held in St. Louis, Missouri, from April 30 to December 1, 1904. The fair commemorated the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, in which the United States acquired the vast majority of the land that now comprises the western United States from France. The fair was a major event in the history of St. Louis and the United States, and it had a significant impact on American culture and society.

## The Planning and Construction of the Fair

The planning for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition began in 1898, when the United States Congress authorized the creation of a commission to plan and organize the fair. The commission was chaired by David R. Francis, who had previously served as governor of Missouri.

The fair was built on a 1,200-acre site in Forest Park, a large park in St. Louis. The fairgrounds were designed by the landscape architect Daniel Burnham and the architect Edward H. Bennett. The fairgrounds included a variety of buildings and pavilions, as well as gardens, fountains, and other attractions.

The construction of the fairgrounds began in 1901. The fairgrounds were built using a variety of materials, including steel, concrete, and wood. The fairgrounds were completed in 1904, just in time for the opening of the fair.

### **The Opening of the Fair**

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition opened on April 30, 1904. The opening ceremonies were attended by President Theodore Roosevelt and other dignitaries. The fair was a huge success from the start. More than 20 million people visited the fair during its seven-month run.

The fair featured a wide variety of exhibits from around the world. The exhibits included everything from art and architecture to industry and agriculture. The fair also featured a number of special attractions, such as a Ferris wheel, a roller coaster, and a live elephant show.

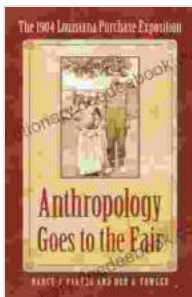
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### **The Legacy of the Fair**

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition had a lasting impact on St. Louis and the United States. The fair helped to make St. Louis a major tourist destination. The fair also helped to promote the development of the city's infrastructure.

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The Louisiana Purchase Exposition is still remembered today as one of the most important world's fairs in history. The fair's legacy can be seen in the many buildings and attractions that remain in Forest Park today. The fair's legacy can also be seen in the many ways that the fair influenced American culture and society.



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