



## Lewis & Clark Expedition

After the purchase of the Louisiana Territory, President Jefferson wanted to gather information about this new land. A team of men was formed to explore the region. The two leaders were William Clark and Meriwether Lewis. Lewis and Clark were both intelligent men and they were able to work well together. The group of men were called the "Corps of Discovery." The group included: the two leaders, 9 Kentucky frontiersmen, 14 soldiers, 2 French voyageurs, an interpreter, a hunter, and a black slave (owned by Clark).

They started out from St. Louis in May of 1804 and traveled by barge up the Missouri river until October when they stopped and built a fort for the winter. The trip resumed in the spring. Part of the group returned to St. Louis with information and specimens they had collected. The rest of the group traveled on. They had a tough time, and they went very slowly. At one point it took them a month to travel 18 miles. They were attacked by bears, irritated by mosquitoes, and hampered by the weather.

Along the way they encountered many different Indian tribes including: the Mandan, the Teton Sioux, the Oto, the Missouri, the Omaha, the Shoshoni, the Nez Perce, the Chinook, the Minnetaree, the Clatsop, and the Blackfoot. Some were friendly and willing to trade, some were not. An Indian guide named Sacagewea traveled with them for a large portion of the trip leading them through the Rocky mountains and helping them communicate with the Indians.

By November they had reached the Pacific Ocean and built Fort Clatsop. On the return trip they split into two groups to explore different routes.

The entire trip took two and a half years. They traveled 7,456 miles. They were gone so long, many thought they must be dead, but miraculously only one member died during the expedition and he had died of natural causes. It was incredible that they made it despite attacks from Indians, bears, sickness and hunger.

In the end they had established good relations with many of the Indian tribes and charted out trade routes.

### Dates

Meriwether Lewis-----1774 - 1809

William Clark 1770 ----1838

Expedition 1804-----1806

### Books

The Story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition by R Conrad Stein J973.4 St3

Other books about Lewis and Clark J923: J973

The Usborne book of Explorers

Of Courage Undaunted by James Daugherty J978 DA

✓ Streams to the River, River to the Sea by Scott O'Dell Juv Od2

The Lewis and Clark Expedition Coloring book from the Dover Company

Bold Journey by Charles Bohner

Astoria by Washington Irving 979.5 Ir8

### Areas to Study

Compasses and Magnetism

✓ Sacagewea

Air Guns

Prairie Dog

Peace Pipes

Grizzly Bears

Buffalo

### Projects

✓ My friend Joy Havlik made up a board game that follows the journey. You can too! Make a long windy path on a large piece of poster board. Mark down all the landmarks that the group past on the way to the Pacific Ocean. Be sure to add lots of "lose a turn" spaces to match the slow progress made by the expedition. For example, Snowstorm, mosquitoes, Indian attack, Indians steal dog, sickness... Or go ahead two spaces for good hunting, calm waters, trade with the Indians for horses, Sacagewea's help... Watch out for the grizzly bear space where you have to shake a 1 or a 6 to move ahead. Have fun!

Make a chart of the different Indian tribes encountered by the group. Include information like where they lived, how they lived, if they were friendly toward the group, etc.

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Homework Checklist due 9/13/22

Day 1

\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Read Lewis and Clark : Expedition

\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Fill out the Lewis and Clark outline.

Day 2:

\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Fill in the Fast Facts for James Madison and this information from any Presidential books you have, the whitehouse.gov website, history.com or brittanica.com. (YOU can choose! You do not need to look at every site!)

\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Color the picture for James Madison. (IF you don't choose to do this, you have the option of finding and printing a picture of the president of similar size to what I passed out. Put BOTH of these completed assignments in a folder in your history binder.

Day 3:

\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Fill in the Fast Facts for James Monroe. Feel free to use the same websites.

\_\_\_\_\_ (10 points) Color the picture for James Monroe. (IF you don't choose to do this, you have the option of finding and printing a picture of the president of similar size to what I passed out. Put BOTH of these completed assignments in a folder in your history binder.

Points Earned \_\_\_\_\_ out of 60

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_