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Lewis and Clark Expedition: The Journey

In May 1804, the United States Army officers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out, with an initial group numbering about 50, on an expedition to explore the newly purchased Louisiana Territory and the Oregon region. Lewis had been handpicked to lead the party by none other than President Thomas Jefferson, and Lewis chose Clark as the party's co-leader. The group, whose aim included gathering scientific information about the region and establishing contact with the Indians along their route, arrived at the Pacific Coast in late 1805. They returned to St. Louis, in what later became Missouri, in September 1806.



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Find It!

Use the World Book search tool to find the answers to the questions below. Since this activity is about the Lewis and Clark expedition, it is recommended you start by searching the key words "Lewis and Clark." Write the answer below each question.

1. _____ and _____ were explorers who led an important expedition.
2. They traveled through what is now the _____ United States.
3. President Thomas Jefferson asked this man to plan the journey: _____
4. Lewis asked _____, a former officer, to join him on the expedition.
5. Meriwether Lewis was born in this year: _____. He died in this year: _____.
6. William Clark was born in this year: _____. He died in this year: _____.

7. Lewis and Clark started out from, _____, in what is now Missouri, in May 1804.

8. In 1804, Lewis and Clark traveled up this waterway at the start of their journey:

9. Which mountain chain did the explorers cross? _____

10. Which river did Lewis and Clark follow to reach the Pacific Ocean?

11. The explorers returned from their journey in what month and year? _____

12. Lewis and Clark's travels covered a distance of _____ miles (_____ kilometers).

13. They brought back maps and information about _____, _____, _____, and _____.

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Map It!

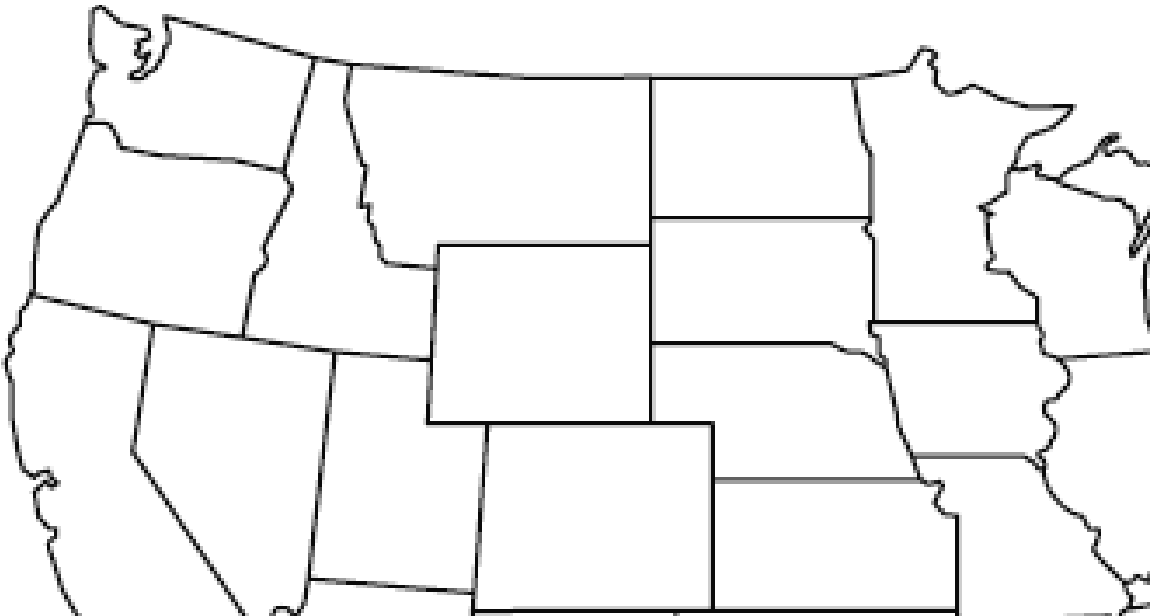
14. Lewis and Clark's journey allowed the United States to claim the land that is now three U.S. states. Name the three states:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

15. Label the three states you mentioned in question 14 on the map below.



16. Next, using a crayon, marker, or colored pencil, draw the explorers' route on the map above. You can use the map in the World Book article as a guide!

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18. Name of article:

One new fact:

19. Name of article:

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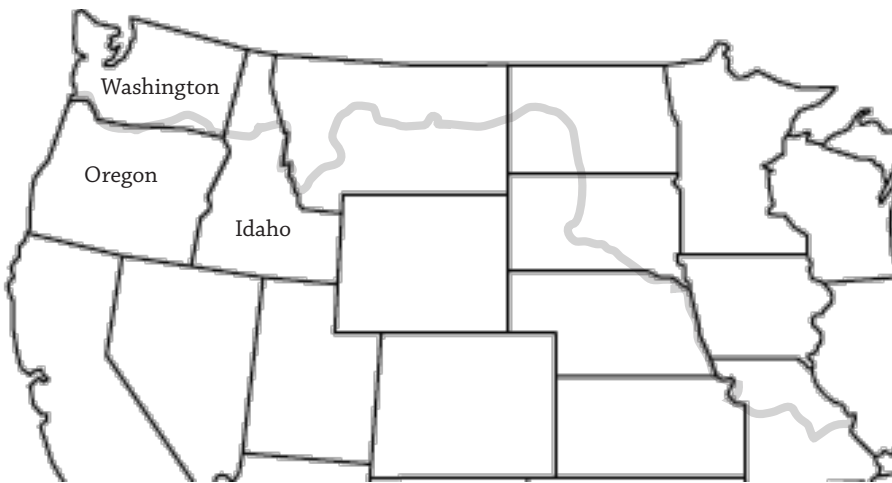
Draw It!

20. William Clark, the expedition's co-leader, created an illustrated journal to document the group's journey. Let's document a journey of your own! In the box below, draw an animal or plant you've encountered on a recent journey—for example, on the way to school or on a trip to the grocery store!

Teacher page

Answers:

1. Lewis and Clark were explorers who led an important expedition.
2. They traveled through what is now the Northwestern United States.
3. President Thomas Jefferson asked this man to plan the journey: Meriwether Lewis
4. Lewis asked William Clark, a former officer, to join him on the expedition.
5. Meriwether Lewis was born in this year: 1774. He died in this year: 1809.
6. William Clark was born in this year: 1770. He died in this year: 1838.
7. Lewis and Clark started out from, St. Louis, in what is now Missouri, in May 1804.
8. In 1804, Lewis and Clark traveled up this waterway at the start of their journey: Missouri River
9. Which mountain chain did the explorers cross? Rocky Mountains
10. Which river did Lewis and Clark follow to reach the Pacific Ocean? Columbia River
11. The explorers returned from their journey in what month and year? September 1806
12. Lewis and Clark's travels covered a distance of 8,000 miles (12,800 kilometers).
13. They brought back maps and information about plants, animals, minerals, and American Indians.
14. 1) Oregon 2) Washington 3) Idaho
15. Label the three states on the map below.



16. See above.
- 17, 18, and 19. The related World Book Kids articles are “Clark, William”; “Lewis, Meriwether”;
20. Images and narratives will vary.