

Lewis and Clark Worksheet National Geographic's Video "Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West"

1. In 1803, President _____ commissioned an exploration to go through the interior of North America to the _____ Ocean. To begin with, they were to follow the _____ River to its source.

2. Describe the two leaders.

Meriwether Lewis: _____

William Clark: _____

3. What was the main mission of the expedition?

4. Match the person with his special interest.

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| a. Clark | Collecting and cataloging new plant and animal species |
| b. Lewis | Mapmaking |

5. What were President Jefferson's instructions to Lewis & Clark about how to deal with the Native Americans?

6. What message from President Jefferson did Lewis and Clark give each of the tribes they met?

7. Lewis and Clark spent their first winter with the Mandan and Hidatsa Indians. During their 5-month stay, they spent their time preparing for the journey ahead. Describe the one arrangement they made during the winter that proved critical to their eventual success.

8. In June of 1805 they resumed their travels. They continued westward on the Missouri River until they reached a fork. How did they know which fork to take?

9. Why was it important for the expedition to find the Shoshone Indians?

10. What surprised Lewis & Clark about the mountains they encountered?

11. Who did Sacagawea recognize when negotiating with the Shoshone?

12. What made traveling through the mountains difficult?

13. When they reached the Pacific Ocean, they held a vote. What made this vote historic?

14. After 4 months at Fort Clatsop, they started home again in March of 1806. How long did it take them to return to St. Louis? _____ How far had they traveled? (Total miles)

_____ How long had they been gone? _____

15. On several occasions the expedition was extremely fortunate to survive an encounter with the Native Americans. Choose one occasion and describe how luck probably saved the expedition. Tell the story with details!

16. At the opening of the film, the statement is made that this journey “was the equivalent in its day of a journey to the moon.” Brainstorm at least 2 more ways that the two journeys (the journey to the moon and Lewis and Clark’s journey) were similar.
