

DISCOVERING AMERICA

The World of Lewis & Clark



Today the class is going to go on a journey with Lewis and Clark. Before embarking on our journey, we need to learn a little about the land we are about to explore. Go to <http://www.lewis-clark.org/content/content-channel.asp?ChannelID=62>. Under the heading Discovery Paths, click on American Nation. Next, click on the words "Louisiana Purchase." Finally click on the words "So Vast a Land" and gather important information about the land we are about to discover.

Now that we have gained information about the land we are exploring, it is time to meet the expedition's leaders, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.



Under the heading Discovery Paths, click on The Corps. Next, click on Meriwether Lewis. Finally, click on Meriwether Lewis (1774-1809) and meet one of the expedition's leaders. Return to The Corps and click on William Clark. Then click on Clark's Education and meet the other leader.

It is time to start our journey. Begin by clicking Overview under the heading Discovery Paths. Click on the words "Lewis & Clark from the Air." Look over the maps and then scroll down to the second map and click on number 14. This begins our journey to the ocean. Using the breadcrumbs at the top to navigate back to the map, click on numbers 15, 19, 20, 23, 24, 30, 37, 38, 41, 43, 50, 57, 58, 60, 65, 69, 71, 72, 73, 76, 79, 81, 82, 88, 91, 93, 94, 96, 97, and 100.

We have reached the ocean! Time to look at some of the items we brought along. Under the heading Discovery Paths, click on Technology. Look at the Camera Obscura, Dugout Canoe Model, Flagship-Barge-Keelboat, and William Clark's compass. Next, under the heading Discovery Paths, click on The Corps. Then click on Uniforms. Look at Clark's Dress Uniform Coat, Lewis's Dress Uniform, and Enlisted Man's Dress Uniform.



Our journey has now come to an end and it is time to show what we learned along the way. Answer the following questions:

- What American habit did President Jefferson seek to control?
- How much money did congress approve for the expedition to the Northwest?
- What was the primary task of the explorers?
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- When did the expedition reach the Big Bend?
- What was the name of Sacagawea's Brother?
- What month and year did the expedition reach the coast?



Discussion Questions:

- Why was it important to find a water route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean?
- Why would President Jefferson want the explorers to observe, measure, and record what and whom they saw along the way?



River Vocabulary:

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| Snag | Rapid |
| Sweep | Riffle |
| Sawyer | Eddy |
| Preacher | Whirlpool |



GLE – MUSWH3aH4 – Sequence and Describe the importance of

- a. Louisiana Purchase
- b. Lewis and Clark Expedition