

Review the questions on the worksheet. Watch the video and complete the worksheet as you go along, or after.

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Lewis and Clark Worksheet

National Geographic's Video "LEWIS & CLARK Great Journey West"

1. In 1802, 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. In your description, include at least 2 strengths or skills that made each man valuable to the success of the expedition.

Meriwether Lewis: _____ Years old

He was a Former _____

William Clark: _____ Years old

He was an expert _____

3. Before the expedition got under way in 1804, what important development changed the shape and size of the United States and made Lewis & Clark's journey even more important?

4. What was the main mission of the expedition? _____

5. In May of 1804, the expedition departed from St. Louis.

What river did they follow? _____

In what general direction does this river flow? _____

In what general direction was the expedition headed? _____

6. Match the person with his special interest.

a. Clark _____ Collecting and cataloging new plant and animal species

b. Lewis _____ Mapmaking

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

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8. In June of 1805 they resumed their travels. They continued on the _____ 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. When they finally emerged from the mountains, they met and stayed with the _____ Indians. During this stay they recuperated and built dugout canoes. Then they paddled off to the west. Now they were traveling downstream on the _____ River.

12. After 1 and 1/2 years they finally reached the Pacific Ocean. They were forced to spend their 2nd winter away from home. How did they decide where to stay? _____

What was unusual about the way they made this decision? _____

13. 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? _____

14. Describe at least 2 ways that Sacagawea contributed to the success of the expedition.

15. At the beginning of the film, the narrator comments that the journey “was the equivalent in its day of a journey to the moon.” Based on what you have seen in the film, why do you think that is a relevant comparison? _____
