



Lewis and Clark's Expedition to the Northwest

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Grades: K-12

Time: 1 Week

Materials

- **Print Material:** Trade books, magazines i.e. "Cobblestone," atlases
- **Laser disks:** GTV- A Geographic Perspective on American History (side 2, chapter 4)
- **CD-ROM:** The Presidents (Nat. Geo./ IBM), Grolier's Multimedia Encyclopedia (Mac/IBM), PC-USA/ MAC-USA
- **Maps:** U.S. map for each student

Cluster: What was life like in the West?

Preassessment:

In small groups, you will brainstorm existing knowledge about Lewis and Clark's expedition. The class will share among the groups compiling one class list of prior knowledge. Then the class will be asked what else they want to know.

Investigation:

The following questions need to be covered in this investigation:

- Who were Lewis and Clark?
- Where did they go?

- Who went with them?
- Why did they go?
- When did they go?
- What was the length of their journey?
- How did they travel?
- Who did they meet?
- What did they find?
- What was their impact on Westward Expansion?
- What were the landforms found on their journey?

These questions need to be grouped as to PEOPLE, LAND, TRIP, and IMPACT. Each of the classroom table groups will then research to answer their questions using a variety of resources as listed in this document.

Confirmation:

The students will be answering their questions on chart paper. We will reconvene the class to share their answers which will be posted around the classroom.

Application and Assessment:

The students will choose at least one of the following to be used in the assessment of their newly acquired knowledge:

- **MAP:** It will include Lewis and Clark's route, show the landforms, and notate Indian tribes.
- **JOURNAL:** The student will divide a journal as a timeline and then they will make appropriate entries.
- **BROCHURE:** The student will design and construct a travel brochure advertising the availability of a space on a similar expedition.
- **ROLE PLAY:** The students will write and produce a skit depicting the Lewis and Clark Expedition.



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