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## The Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Directions: Please answer the questions below.

### Part 1 – Louisiana Purchase

1. Answer the following questions about the Louisiana Purchase:

- When was the purchase completed?
- What country sold the land? Who was its leader?
- What country bought the land? Who was its leader?
- How much did the land cost?

Please use the exhibit below to answer the following questions.



Source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:LouisianaPurchase.png>

2. What modern day states were a part of the Louisiana Purchase?

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## **Part 2 - Introduction to the Lewis and Clark Expedition**

On May 22, 1804, Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and members of the Corps of North West Discovery left St. Louis for what was to become a difficult journey to the Pacific Ocean. They went in search of a water passage that they believed would link the eastern coast of the young American republic to the shores of the Pacific Ocean. In a written communication to Lewis on June 20, 1803, President Thomas Jefferson set forth the primary goals of the Corps: "The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri river, & such principal streams of it, as, by it's course and communication with the waters of the Pacific ocean...may offer the most direct & practicable water communication across this continent for the purposes of commerce."

During their two year expedition, Lewis and Clark collected, described, packed and sent east plant, animal, and mineral specimens. They made maps, charted hazardous terrain, and described Indian languages. Implements, food, clothing, and housing were studied. Objects of Indian manufacture were obtained from the tribes along their route. Jefferson cautioned Lewis and Clark to "treat [the Indians] in the most friendly and conciliatory manner which their own conduct will admit" and further urged them to invite Indian leaders to visit him in Washington. Lewis and Clark complied with this request.

3. What was the name of the group who was sent on this expedition?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Who were their leaders?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What instructions did Thomas Jefferson give the group about the goals of their expedition?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What were some of the things Lewis and Clark studied on their journey? Name at least 5.
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7. Who is Jefferson eager to meet?

**Part 3 – Map of Lewis and Clark’s Expedition**



Red = Outward Journey

Blue = Return Journey

Source:

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8. Where did Lewis and Clark’s Expedition start from in 1804?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What major landform did Lewis and Clark have to cross to get into the Western US?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What was the farthest point west reached by the expedition?

### **Part 3 – The Journals of Lewis and Clark**

Directions: President Jefferson required the men on the journey to write in their journals each day. The journals give us an idea of the challenges the men met as they headed west and then returned home. Use the journal entries below to answer the following questions.

#### **September 04, 1805**

Written by Joseph Whitehouse about the group's attempt to cross the Rocky Mountains

“the morning clear but verry cold our mockersons froze hard. the mountains covred with Snow. 2 mountain Sheep Seen by one of the men. we delayed untill about 8 oClock A. M. then Set out and assended a mountain without any thing to eat. the Snow lay on the mout. So that it kep on our mockisons the air verry cold our fingers aked with the cold. we [de]scended the mountain down a rough rockey way and along through a large thicket of bolsom fer timber in which we killed a dozen fessents then descended down in to a large valley on a branch and halted to dine our hunter killed a Deer. Saw fresh Indian Sign. we Eat our deer. ...

towards evening we arived at a large Encampment of the flat head nation which is a large band of the nation of about 40 lodges. they have between 4 and 500 well looking horses now feeding in this valley ... they received us as friends and appeared to be glad to See us.... the natives are light Complectioned decent looking people the most of them well cloathed with Mo. Sheep and other Skins. they have buffalow Robes leather lodges to live in, but have no meat at this time. but gave us abundance of their dryed fruit Such as Servis berrys cherries different kinds of roots all of which eat verry well. they tell us that we can go in 6 days to where white traders come and that they have Seen bearded men who came [from] a river to the North of us 6 days march but we have 4 mountains to cross before we come on that River.”

11. Make a list of all of the challenges Joseph Whitehouse describes in this entry.

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12. How much longer will it take them to get over the Mountains?