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# Traveling off the Map: The Lewis and Clark Expedition

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## Chapter 1: Thomas Jefferson and the West

### Comprehension Questions

1. Why did Thomas Jefferson want Americans to move west?
  - a. So that Americans could help France and Spain start their own countries.
  - b. So that Americans could sail across the ocean to Great Britain.
  - c. *So that other nations would not control the land in the west.*
  - d. Because there were too many people living around Monticello.
2. How would the West make the United States richer?
  - a. By selling land to Russia and Great Britain.
  - b. By asking Native Americans to give up their gold.
  - c. By discovering prehistoric animals like woolly mammoths.
  - d. *By trading things like furs with Native Americans and other countries.*
3. What was the Northwest Passage?
  - a. *A way to travel by river across North America.*
  - b. A map of North America drawn in 1802.
  - c. A secret road that Native Americans had made across North America.
  - d. The name of a large ship that was used to trade with Asia.

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1. A long journey that is organized for a special reason is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. *an expedition*
  - b. a source
  - c. a carriage
  - d. wandering
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ means very, very ancient, from the time before there was written history.
  - a. Native
  - b. Discovery
  - c. *Prehistoric*
  - d. Mystery
  
3. The business of catching wild animals and then selling their furs is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. trade control
  - b. mammoth trapping
  - c. fur money
  - d. *the fur trade*
  
4. The place where a river begins is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. passage
  - b. *source*
  - c. discovery
  - d. wilderness

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## Chapter 2: The Right Man for the Job

### Comprehension Questions

1. The leader of Jefferson's expedition had to be willing to do certain things. Mark the thing he would **not** be asked to do?
  - a. *Travel by boat all the way to Asia.*
  - b. Go on a journey that might take a year or more.
  - c. Meet Native Americans and face dangerous animals.
  - d. Risk his life for the sake of exploring the West.
  
2. Which of these statements about Thomas Jefferson is **not** true?
  - a. He had one of the largest libraries in the country.
  - b. He liked to observe nature and learn about geography.
  - c. *He traveled by balloon between Monticello and Washington.*
  - d. He grew many kinds of plants in his garden and greenhouse.
  
3. What job did Meriwether Lewis have before the expedition?
  - a. He trapped wild animals and sold furs to Asia.
  - b. He drove a stagecoach between Virginia and Kentucky.
  - c. He sailed ships up and down the Pacific coast.
  - d. *He worked in the President's House as his secretary.*

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### Vocabulary Questions

1. The way a river is flowing is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. source
  - b. *current*
  - c. legend
  - d. travel
  
2. The study of land, water and weather is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. *geography*
  - b. astronomy
  - c. botany
  - d. college
  
3. The study of the history of living things is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. native history
  - b. British history
  - c. wilderness history
  - d. *natural history*
  
4. The study of the stars is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. botany
  - b. *astronomy*
  - c. geography
  - d. sky mapping

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## Chapter 3: Preparing to Go West

### Comprehension Questions

1. How did President Jefferson plan to pay for the expedition?
  - a. By selling furs to other countries.
  - b. By asking Congress for money.
  - c. By asking the men on the expedition to pay their own way.
  - d. By getting Lewis to sell his journals.
  
2. What country owned a gigantic part of North America called Louisiana?
  - a. France
  - b. Great Britain
  - c. Spain
  - d. Monticello
  
3. Who did Lewis pick to share the command of the expedition?
  - a. An African American named York.
  - b. A famous doctor named Benjamin Rush.
  - c. William Clark of Kentucky.
  - d. A French leader named Napoleon.

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### Vocabulary Questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a group of people who are elected by the American people to make laws and to decide how to spend tax money.
  - a. The army
  - b. An expedition
  - c. A tribe
  - d. *Congress*
  
2. A tool for finding directions, such as north and south, is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. a Seaman
  - b. a spring
  - c. *a compass*
  - d. an expedition
  
3. An area of land that is owned or controlled by a particular country is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. *territory*
  - b. route
  - c. nation
  - d. source
  
4. The name for a person who can translate from one language to another is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Seaman
  - b. *interpreter*
  - c. Native American
  - d. legend

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## Chapter 4: Life on the River

### Comprehension Questions

1. Why was Lewis walking on the shore instead of riding in the boats?
  - a. Because Lewis got sick whenever he traveled by boat.
  - b. Because Lewis wanted to find new plants and animals for Jefferson.
  - c. Because Lewis was trapping animals so that he could sell furs.
  - d. Because Lewis wanted to be the first one to find the Columbia River.
  
2. What kind of food did the men eat most of the time during the expedition?
  - a. Fruit and vegetables.
  - b. Ducks and geese.
  - c. Fish from the river.
  - d. Fresh meat.
  
3. What animal were the explorers most afraid of?
  - a. The grizzly bear.
  - b. The buffalo.
  - c. The coyote.
  - d. Lewis's dog, Seaman.

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### Vocabulary Questions

1. A flat boat that is often used to move large loads across shallow water is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. short traveler
  - b. river duck
  - c. current
  - d. keelboat
  
2. If there was no fresh meat, the men sometimes ate lard. Another name for lard is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. rabbit
  - b. fat
  - c. elk
  - d. blood
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is an illness that people can get when they don't eat enough fruit and vegetables.
  - a. Thunderbolt
  - b. Bloodletting
  - c. Camp fever
  - d. Scurvy
  
4. The land next to a river is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. riverbank
  - b. band of the river
  - c. current
  - d. driftwood



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## Chapter 5: Meeting Native Americans

### Comprehension Questions

1. What happened when Lewis and Clark met the Teton Sioux?
  - a. One of the Sioux chiefs got angry and said he would stop the expedition.
  - b. A deadly fight broke out and several Sioux Warriors were killed.
  - c. All the Sioux loved the gifts that Jefferson had sent.
  - d. Lewis refused to speak to the Sioux warriors.
  
2. What happened when Lewis and Clark met the Mandans?
  - a. The Mandans stole the expedition's boats and supplies.
  - b. The Mandan chief became angry and started a deadly fight.
  - c. The Mandans wanted to trade women for guns.
  - d. The Mandans welcomed and helped the men of the expedition.
  
3. Who was Sacagawea?
  - a. Sacagawea was a Teton Sioux who had married a Mandan chief.
  - b. Sacagawea was a Native American who could speak English.
  - c. Sacagawea was a Shoshone who helped Lewis and Clark find their way to the Pacific.
  - d. Sacagawea was the expedition doctor.

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### Vocabulary Questions

1. If you are interested in the ways that a group of people usually does things, you are interested in their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Mandans
  - b. customs
  - c. Hidatsa
  - d. specimens
  
2. If you need protection from cold or wet weather, you need \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. encounter
  - b. shelter
  - c. customs
  - d. mourning
  
3. The name Sacagawea came from Hidatsa words that meant bird and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. woman
  - b. buffalo
  - c. river
  - d. power
  
4. The Mandans had \_\_\_\_\_ called the Buffalo Dance.
  - a. a game
  - b. an expedition
  - c. a ceremony
  - d. a ship

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## Chapter 6: Traveling Off the Map

### Comprehension Questions

1. What happened when Lewis and Clark met the Shoshone?
  - a. The Shoshone showed them a river that went through the mountains.
  - b. Lewis and Clark traded their dog, Seaman, for a horse.
  - c. *Sacagawea saw that the Shoshone chief was her own brother.*
  - d. The Shoshone told Lewis and Clark to turn around and go back home.
2. How did the Shoshone help the expedition?
  - a. *An old Shoshone man agreed to go with the explorers to show them the way.*
  - b. The Shoshone gave the explorers a map that showed the way through the mountains.
  - c. The Shoshone chief told Sacagawea that his tribe would take care of her son.
  - d. The Shoshone tribe killed buffalo and gave the meat to Lewis and Clark for their expedition.
3. How did Lewis and Clark get across the Rocky Mountains?
  - a. The Teton Sioux led them through the snow and gave them boats.
  - b. Lewis and Clark used a compass and the stars to find their way across the mountains.
  - c. Sacagawea led them on a trail through the mountains that she had learned about as a child.
  - d. *The Flatheads gave them new horses, and the Nez Perce gave them food and drew maps for them.*

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### Vocabulary Questions

1. Lewis and the Shoshone chief smoked a peace pipe together. This was a Native American sign of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. danger
  - b. *friendliness*
  - c. control
  - d. trade
  
2. After looking for the Shoshone for weeks, Lewis and Clark were getting desperate. Desperate means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. curious
  - b. *really worried and upset*
  - c. a little scared
  - d. very sick
  
3. Lewis thought that Flathead words might have come from the \_\_\_\_\_ language.
  - a. English
  - b. French
  - c. Shoshone
  - d. *Welsh*
  
4. Nez Perce is French for “\_\_\_\_\_.”
  - a. bird woman
  - b. thunderbolt
  - c. *pierced nose*
  - d. new buffalo

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## Chapter 7: To the Pacific and Back

### Comprehension Questions

1. What did the men of the expedition use to reach the Pacific Ocean on the last leg of their journey?
  - a. Horses from the Nez Perce tribe.
  - b. Wagons from the Wanapam tribe.
  - c. Long, narrow boats called canoes.
  - d. A Flathead guide from the Rocky Mountains.
  
2. How long did it take the explorers to go from the Pacific Ocean back to St. Louis?
  - a. Two years and four months.
  - b. Twenty-four months.
  - c. Six months.
  - d. Six weeks.
  
3. Why was the Lewis and Clark expedition important? Which of the following is **not** true?
  - a. Lewis and Clark brought back specimens of new plants and animals.
  - b. Lewis and Clark brought back knowledge about the Native Americans of the West.
  - c. The expedition found a way to travel all the way across the United States by water.
  - d. The expedition helped to expand the territory of the United States.

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1. A place in a river where the current is very fast is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. scurvy
  - b. *rapids*
  - c. customs
  - d. Rockies
  
2. The place where a river empties out into the ocean is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the river.
  - a. *mouth*
  - b. current
  - c. rapids
  - d. bend
  
3. A mental illness that makes people feel sad and hopeless is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. *depression*
  - b. bloodletting
  - c. flattening
  - d. hardening
  
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a part of an animal or plant that has dried out or hardened over many years.
  - a. bargain
  - b. scurvy
  - c. bloodletting
  - d. *fossil*