

THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION



EXPEDITION

"A Celebration of American Teamwork!"



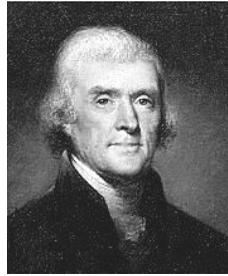
STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY RELIVES A GREAT AMERICAN ADVENTURE!

Students of the Strathmore Elementary School of Aberdeen, NJ recently took part in dramatic reenactments of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, in honor of that famed feat's two-hundred-and-third year anniversary.

The history of Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery was told by Patrick Garner, whose presentation included "living scenes" of the epic trip across our nation's midsection, utilizing thespians of his young audience.

Viewers experienced scenes of tragic farce and farcical tragedy including historic events, hair-breath escapes, chance reunions, ferocious animals, comic mishaps, scenic splendor, new-born babes and ancient natives.

OUR JOURNEY IN A NUTSHELL



Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President of the United States, bought the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803. This new land doubled the size of our country. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful purchase but no one knew exactly what was out there. Jefferson hired his good friend Meriwether Lewis to explore this uncharted wilderness.



For two-and-a-half years, Lewis and William Clark lead an expedition from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean and back! Along the way they meet 40 different Native tribes, discover 122 new animals and 178 new plants! Their remarkable trip opened the American west to future pioneers and settlers.



Lewis

Clark



SACAGAWEA

There are more memorials built to Sacagawea in the USA than there are to any other woman. On the trail she earned the respect of all the men, especially Clark who offered to raise her son, Jean Baptiste or "Pomp" as the men called him. She was remarkable. Is she your favorite member of the Corps? Pick your favorite member of the Corps and draw a memorial to him or her. Tell your class why you picked that person as your favorite.



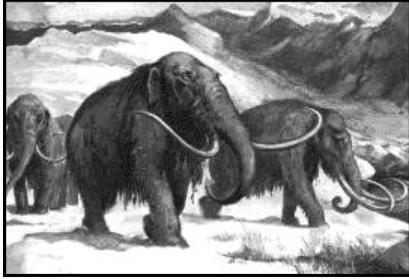
BE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OTHER COMMEMORATIONS OF THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION!

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An Ancillary Worksheet from Patrick Garner's HISTORY'S ALIVE!
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WHAT THEY MIGHT FIND!



No one really knew what the Corps of Discovery might find in this brave new world. The very first mastodon fossils had recently been found; would they find these giants alive? There were legends of mountains made of salt and men with no heads (Their faces were in their chests!).



WHAT SHOULD THEY BRING?

When Meriwether Lewis began to prepare for his trip, he had to decide what to bring along. There wouldn't be any stores along the way! He knew he might be out in the wilderness for a long time. There was very little known about the land they would be passing through. What do you think Captain Lewis should bring?

- 1) To trade with the Native Americans _____
- 2) To hunt and defend themselves? _____
- 3) To study and record this new land? _____
- 4) Just for fun? _____

WHOM SHOULD THEY BRING?

Capt. Meriwether Lewis-A quiet and studious man fascinated by science and the American frontier. An organizer. Buys all of the supplies for the expedition.

Capt. William Clark-A lifelong army man. A leader of men. Very experienced in the wilderness and with Native Americans. Fort-builder and map-maker. Recruits all men.

York-Clark's personal slave. Participates as a full member of the Corps. Saves his master and the entire Expedition several times. Known for playing with Native children.

Sacagawea-Aids Corps in many ways. Her presence alerts Native tribes of the peaceful intent of the Corps. Carries new-born son "Pomp" throughout journey.

Charbonneau-Ne'er-do-well husband of Sacagawea. He's hired as a translator just so he'll bring along his wife, Sacagawea! Turns out to be a pretty good cook.

Pierre Cruzatte-One-eyed river man and trapper. Entertains Natives with his fiddle.

Seaman-Lewis' Newfoundland dog. Retrieves hunters' kills. Scares off a buffalo!

TEAMWORK

LEWIS & CLARK accomplished something truly amazing in safely leading the 33 members of the Corps across over 8000 miles of unknown territory with only one death! They took 33 individuals and learned how to make them work as a team. They did this by learning what kind of people their members were, the talents each member possessed and which tasks each member was good at. Sacagawea was not so much a guide as a symbol of peace to newly-encountered tribes. No war party would ever travel with a squaw and new-born child! They earned the respect of their members by listening to what each had to say.

HISTORY IN YOUR POCKET!

You may be carrying history of the Lewis & Clark Expedition in your pocket and not even know it!



The US Gold Dollar has been around for a while now. You've probably seen it with its picture of Sacagawea. But who's that little baby on her back? You ought to know by now!



If you've been collecting the US Quarters featuring all fifty states, you may have already come across the Missouri Quarter. There under the Great Arch are our intrepid explorers!



The US Nickel has also been changed recently to honor the Lewis & Clark Expedition. One version features Jefferson's profile on one side and two hands shaking on the other. Above the hands are a crossed peace pipe and tomahawk symbolizing peace and strength. It's an authentic replica of the Peace Medals Lewis gave to Native chiefs as he met them. The other nickels show the keelboat the corps used to collect specimens, the buffalo they first saw on the American plains and their first view of the long-sought Pacific Ocean! "Ocean in view! Oh, the joy!"



AND check out www.usmint.gov for "History in your Pocket!"

WHICH WAY TO THE ...WHAT?!



When The Corps of Discovery met different Native American tribes they discovered they all spoke different languages! How could they ever hope to communicate? Even the translators they hired at Fort Mandan were useless once they crossed the Rockies! Luckily members of most tribes spoke a common sign language. Meetings could look very much like a modern game of Charades! Pick a friend in your class and see if you can communicate without words! Make up some questions the Corps might have to ask!

