

# Discover America

## Course 9 - Teacher Guide



Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea

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1st Grade

# Teacher Guide



## Key Themes

- Discovery
- Exploration
- Partnership

## Core Values

- Community
- Liberty

# Learning Objectives

## Students will be able to:

- Tell what Lewis and Clark's goal was for their expedition.
- Describe two outcomes of Lewis and Clark's journey.
- Describe the Louisiana Purchase and why it was important for America.
- Explain Sacagawea's role in the expedition of Lewis and Clark.



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# Key Terms

- 01 **expedition** – a journey made for a specific purpose.
- 02 **exploration** – the act of exploring an unknown area.
- 03 **geographical** – anything related to the study of the Earth; includes the study of places, people, animals, and how they all interact.
- 04 **The Louisiana Purchase** – 827,000 square miles of land known as the Louisiana Territory that the United States purchased from France for \$15 million in 1803.
- 05 **Meriweather Lewis** – former captain in the U.S. Army appointed by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the Louisiana territory.
- 06 **Sacagawea** – a Native American woman of the Lemhi Shoshone tribe who helped Lewis and Clark in many different ways including guiding their expedition, translating, and helping with provisions.
- 07 **Thomas Jefferson** – Third President of the United States who approved the purchase of the Louisiana Territory and appointed Lewis in charge of exploring this new territory.
- 08 **Toussaint Charbonneau** – a trader who agreed to work for Lewis and Clark's expedition as a translator; married to Sacagawea.
- 09 **William Clark** – former Lieutenant in the U.S. Army who partnered with Lewis during the expedition to explore the Louisiana territory.

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# Introduction

## TELL Students

The study of Lewis and Clark is a great example of the American spirit of discovery, curiosity, and adventure. It highlights our desire to be peaceful and make friends with others. Let's watch another episode of Star Spangled Adventures to learn more about the explorers Lewis and Clark and their journey out West.

## WATCH

Star Spangled Adventures Episode 9:  
*Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea*



Scan Me!

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# Lesson

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## **ASK** Students

Have you ever been lost?

Have you ever explored a new area?

**(allow students to respond)**

## **TELL** Students

The unknown can be pretty scary sometimes! Traveling to new places, meeting new people, and starting new adventures can be frightening and fun all at the same time.

If people who lived before our time did not choose to be brave and explore the unknown, we would know very little about the world around us!

## **ASK** Students

Why is exploration important?

**(allow students to respond)**



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# Lesson

## **TELL** Students

In 1800, Spain and France secretly signed a treaty, giving the Louisiana Territory to France. The treaty didn't remain a secret for long, as rumors of the territory were heard in Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States. After many discussions with France, American government officials were surprised with a deal they could not refuse. France offered to sell all of the Louisiana Territory. **The Louisiana Purchase** was finalized in 1803. For \$15 million, the United States acquired 827,000 square miles of land, which doubled the size of our young nation.

## **ASK** Students

Who sold all of Louisiana to the United States?

How much money did the United States pay for the Louisiana Purchase?

**(allow students to respond)**

## **SHOW** Students

Using a globe, physical map, or digital reference image, have students pinpoint the location of Spain, France, and the United States of America.

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# Lesson

## ASK Students

Do you know what an expedition is?

**(allow students to respond)**

## TELL Students

An **expedition** is a journey made for a specific purpose.

On February 28, 1803, Congress agreed to fund exploration West. Explorers **Meriweather Lewis** and **William Clark** were asked to go on an expedition to explore the new land purchased by President **Thomas Jefferson**. Their main goal was to journey westward and find a path all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

## SHOW Students

Using a globe, physical map, or digital reference image, allow students to explore the current-day location of the Louisiana Purchase. Start at St. Louis, Missouri, near the Missouri River and journey westward toward the Pacific Ocean.

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# Lesson

## ASK Students

Do you think Lewis and Clark explored the Louisiana Territory alone?

**(allow students to respond)**

## TELL Students

During their journey they learned about the weather, animals, plants, and landforms. They even made a map and met new people along the way.

One of these new people was a trader, **Toussaint Charbonneau**, who agreed to work for the expedition as a translator. They also met Charbonneau's pregnant wife, **Sacagawea**, who would become the only woman to join the expedition. She was a Native American, of the Lemhi Shoshone tribe. Her ability to translate and knowledge of the land was very helpful.



Sacagawea

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# Lesson

## **ASK** Students

What was Lewis and Clark's main goal on their journey out West?

**(allow students to respond)**

## **TELL** Students

Lewis and Clark's expedition became one of the defining moments in American history. Their important journey demonstrated that the unknown was not to be feared.



Lewis and Clark

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# Matching

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to the Pacific Ocean.

Created maps of the  
Western United States.

Native American, of the  
Lemhi Shoshone tribe.

Studied landforms, animals,  
plants, and the weather.

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SACAGAWEA

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# Resource List

- 01 <https://www.history.com/topics/westward-expansion/louisiana-purchase>
- 02 <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/louisiana-lewis-clark/the-louisiana-purchase/>
- 03 <https://www.history.com/topics/westward-expansion/westward-expansion>
- 04 <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/louisiana-lewis-clark/origins-of-the-expedition/>
- 05 <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/lewis-and-clark>
- 06 <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/louisiana-lewis-clark/preparing-for-the-expedition/>
- 07 <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/louisiana-lewis-clark/the-journey-west/>
- 08 <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/louisiana-lewis-clark/#timeline>
- 09 <https://www.history.com/topics/westward-expansion/lewis-and-clark>
- 10 <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/louisiana-lewis-clark/origins-of-the-expedition/jefferson-and-western-exploration-before-1803/>
- 11 <https://www.loc.gov/collections/louisiana-european-explorations-and-the-louisiana-purchase/articles-and-essays/the-louisiana-purchase/>

