

# Discover America

## Course 9 - Teacher Guide



Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea

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# 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.
- Explain the historical significance of the Louisiana Purchase.
- Outline key events during Lewis and Clark's expedition.



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# Key Terms

- 01 **Corps of Discovery** – the U.S. Army expedition led by Lewis and Clark made up of more than 40 men set out to explore the Louisiana territory.
- 02 **expedition** – a journey made for a specific purpose.
- 03 **exploration** – the act of exploring an unknown area.
- 04 **geographical** – anything related to the study of the Earth; includes the study of places, people, animals, and how they all interact.
- 05 **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.
- 06 **Meriweather Lewis** – former captain in the U.S. Army appointed by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the Louisiana territory.
- 07 **pirogues** – native boats similar to a dugout canoe.
- 08 **Sacagawea** – a Native American woman who helped Lewis and Clark in many ways including guiding their expedition, translating, and helping with provisions.
- 09 **Shoshone Tribe** – a Native American group originally from the western United States, known for their hunter-gatherer lifestyle and buffalo hunting.
- 10 **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.
- 11 **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

## ASK Students

How do you think the early inhabitants of America discovered and settled the land?

**(allow students to respond)**

## 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.



Lewis and Clark

## WATCH

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



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# Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea - 2nd Grade Lesson

## 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 that 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?

## TELL Students

**Exploration** is the act of exploring an unknown area. It has always been part of the American spirit. From the arrival of the pilgrims to Neil Armstrong stepping foot on the moon, Americans have always loved to explore. Exploration comes in many forms. Explorers can make scientific or **geographical** (anything related to the study of the Earth) discoveries. In fact, even discovering new ideas is an important form of exploration.



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# Lesson

## **ASK** Students

What kind of explorer would you want to be?

**(allow students to respond)**

## **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)**

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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.

## 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. Encourage 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.

## WATCH

Learn More With Liberty Video:

*Lewis & Clark*



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# Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea - 2nd Grade

# Timeline

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## DIRECTIONS

Draw dates in a line on a board, projector, or piece of large paper.

**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 find a path all the way to the Pacific Ocean.



**MAY 14, 1804**

After gathering enough supplies, Lewis, Clark, and more than 40 men set off from Camp Dubois (near St. Louis). In a large keelboat and two smaller **pirogues** (native boats similar to a dugout canoe), they started their journey up the Missouri River.



**NOVEMBER 1804**

After traveling nearly 1,600 miles, the **Corps of Discovery** began building Fort Mandan in present-day North Dakota to camp for the winter. While there, Lewis and Clark worked to establish a friendship with the native tribes. They met **Sacagawea**. She would be the only woman to join the expedition.

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# Timeline

1805

With Sacagawea's help, the **Shoshone tribe** provided the expedition with horses and a guide named Old Toby. They continued on their journey across mountains and rivers and finally, on November 7, Clark wrote in his journal that the Pacific Ocean was in view.

1806

Lewis and Clark began their journey home. Sacagawea returned to the Mandan villages. The remaining members of the expedition returned to St. Louis on September 23, 1806, marking the completion of their remarkably successful journey.



Sacagawea

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# Lesson

## **ASK** Students

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

How many years did it take for the exploration?

Lewis and Clark relied on help from the Native Americans. What did they provide?

Lewis and Clark and their team were nicknamed what?

What would you nickname your exploration team?

**(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.

## **WATCH**

**Optional Course Videos:**

*Learn More With Liberty: America Must Grow*

*Learn More With Liberty: The Louisiana Purchase*

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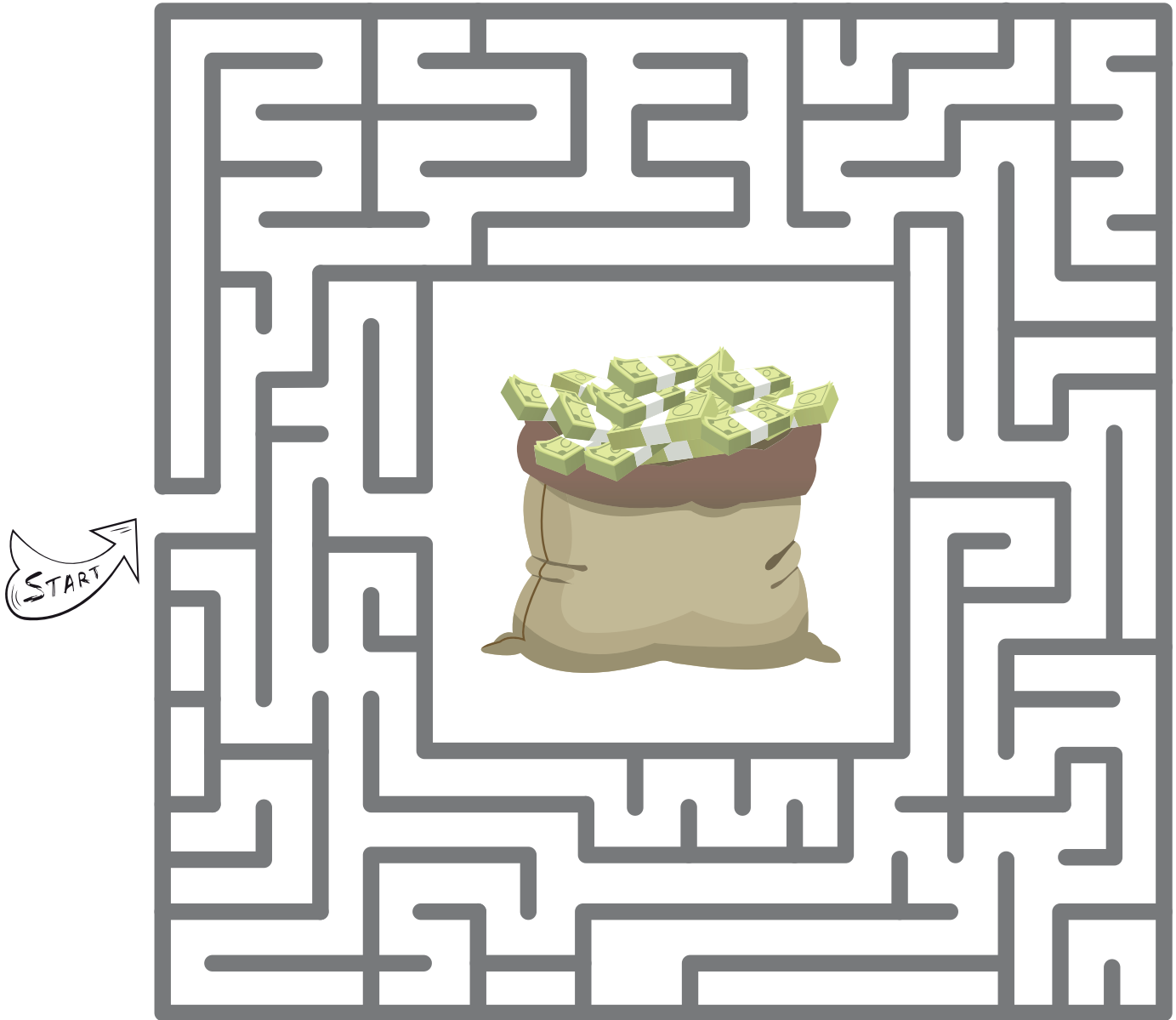
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  - b) The Louisiana Purchase
  - c) Corps of Discovery
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- a) Spain
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  - c) France
  - d) Washington
- 03 The main goal of Lewis and Clark's first expedition was to find a path all the way to the \_\_\_\_\_.
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# The Louisiana Purchase Westward Expansion Maze



**Directions:** Make your way through the maze to locate the 15 million dollars the United States paid France to purchase the Louisiana Territory.

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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/>

