

# Discover America

## Course 9 - Teacher Guide



Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea

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## 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 one outcome of Lewis and Clark's journey.



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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 **Meriweather Lewis** – former captain in the U.S. Army appointed by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the Louisiana territory.
- 05 **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!

# Lewis, Clark, & Sacagawea - Kindergarten Lesson

## **ASK** Students

Have you ever been lost before?

Have you ever explored an area you've never before seen?

**(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!



Lewis and Clark

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## ASK Students

Why is exploration important?

**(allow students to respond)**

## 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.



## ASK Students

What kind of explorer would you want to be?

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

## **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.

## **ASK** Students

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

**(allow students to respond)**

# TRACING PRACTICE

Lewis and Clark

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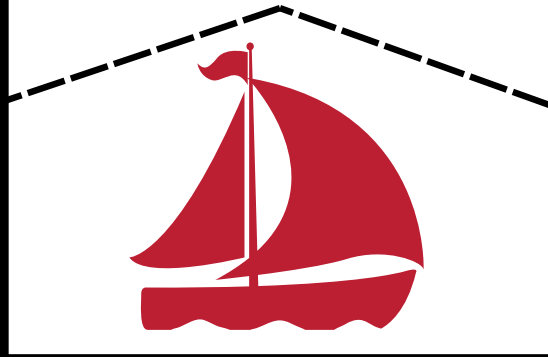
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# Cut & Match

boat



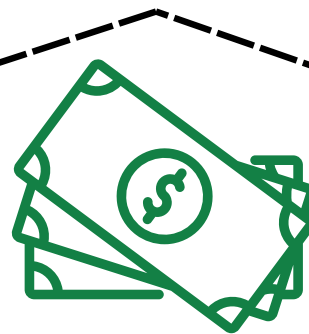
dog



explore



money



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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/>

