

Unit- Westward Expansion

Lesson #5 New Discoveries

Essential Questions:

- What did Lewis and Clark find that would spark continental conquest from those in the east?
- Environmentally, what did Lewis & Clark actually find?

Sourcing--

Have a student on the overhead display the following:

- Circle who wrote the ordinance...
- Underline twice when the document was written
- Put a box around the area that gives a general purpose for **why** the document was written

Contextualization--

Look at the map at <http://www-tc.pbs.org/lewisandclark/trailmap/images/trailmap.jpg>

As a class, make a **brainstorming list** of weather they might find, animals they might see, types of land they might go across, plant life they might run into and what might happen with the natives that they encounter...

Comprehension--

With a partner, fill out the *Field Guide Findings* worksheet from the journal entries provided

Corroboration--

All journal entries- www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/arc/hive/idx_jou.html

Jefferson's letter to Congress concerning Discoveries

Lewis and Clark Journals

June 04, 1804 John Ordway

a fair day 3 hunters went out. our mast broke by my Stearing the Boat near the Shore the Rope or Stay to her mast got fast in a limb of a Secamore tree & it broke very Easy. passed a Creek on the South Side about 15 yds wide which we name nightingale Creek, this Bird Sung all last night & is the first we heard below on the River ... Rising land, Delightfull Timber of oak ash, Black walnut hickery &c. ... our hunters killed 8 Deers it was Jerked this evening &C.

September 14, 1804 Joseph Whitehouse

a foggy morning, a cloudy day and Some rain the water is So Shallow that we had to waid & hall the barge over the Sand bars. ... the hills and praries are pleasant but barron. ... the Musquitoes are troublesom. ... the hunters killed a goat and a hare. the Goat was killed by Capt. Clark & the first that was Seen by the party on the Missourie.

May 19, 1805 John Ordway

a heavy diew fell last night. one of the party caught a beaver. we set off about 7 oC. Clear and pleasant. we proceeded on. about 10 oC. A. M. we killed a young brown bear, .. passed pitch pine hills on each Side of the River and timbred bottoms. Semon Capt Lewiss dog got bit by a beaver. one of the hunters on Shore killed a Deer. about one oC. we alted to dine ... Capt Clark killed three deer. about 2 we proceeded on passed a willow Island ... passed high pitch pine & ceeder hills ... passed bottoms on each Side covered with c. w. timber. we Came about 18 miles this day & Camped on a timbred bottom ... Capt Lewis killed an Elk. Some other of the hunters killed 3 deer & 3 beaver to day.

May 30, 1805 William Clark

... one man assended the high country and it was raining & snowing on those hills, the day has proved to be raw and cold.

July 03, 1805 Meriwether Lewis

the Indians have informed us that we should shortly leave the buffaloe country after passing the falls; this I much regret for I know when we leave the buffaloe that we shal[] sometimes be under the necessity of fasting occasionally. and at all events the white puddings will be irretrievably lost and Sharbono out of employment... The current of the river looks so gentle and inviting that the men all seem anxious to be moving upwards as well as ourselves.

January 16, 1806 Meriwether Lewis

we have plenty of Elk beef for the present and a little salt, our houses dry and comfortable, and having made up our minds to remain until the 1st of April, every one appears content with his situation and his fare. it is true that we could even travel now on our return as far as the timbered country reaches, or to the falls of the river; but further it would be madness for us to attempt to proceede untill April, as the indians inform us that the snows lye knee deep in the plains of Columbia during the winter, and in these plains we could scarcely get as much fuel of any kind as would cook our provision as we descended the river; and even were we happily over these plains and again in the woody country at the foot of the Rocky Mountains we could not possibly pass that immense barrier of mountains on which the snows ly in winter to the debth in many places of 20 feet; in short the Indians inform us that they are impracticable untill about the 1st of June, at which time even there is an abundance of snow but a scanty subsistence may be obtained for the horses.

March 20, 1806 Patrick Gass

The whole of this day was wet and disagreeable. We intended to have set out to day on our return, but the weather was too bad. I made a calculation of the number of elk and deer killed by the party from the 1st of Dec. 1805 to the 20th March 1806, which gave 131 elk and 20 deer. There were a few smaller quadrupeds killed such as otter and beaver; and one racoon. The meat of some of the elk was not brought to the fort.

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Field Guide Findings:
(What *ACTUALLY* Lies in the West)

As you read the selected Lewis and Clark journals record ideas from each category that were noted in their findings and give credit to the person who was recording the item ...

Weather	1) From-- 2) From-- 3) From--
Animals	1) From-- 2) From-- 3) From--
Plant Life	1) From-- 2) From-- 3) From--
Land Geography	1) From-- 2) From-- 3) From--

BRAINSTORM!

Lewis and Clark traveled here...



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What type of weather might they see along the way?

What types of animals might they see?

What types of plants and trees might they see?

What kind of land geography would they see (ex- plains, forests, etc)?