Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West

1. In 1802, President ______________________ commissioned an exploration to go through the interior of North America to the ______________________ Ocean. To begin with, they were to follow the ______________________ River to its source.

2. Describe the two leaders. In your description, include at least 2 strengths or skills that made each man valuable to the success of the expedition.

   Meriwether Lewis: ____________________________________________________

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   William Clark: __________________________________________________

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Before the expedition got under way in 1804, what important development changed the shape and size of the United States and made Lewis & Clark’s journey even more important?

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3. What was the main mission of the expedition? ________________________________

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4. In May of 1804, the expedition departed from St. Louis.

   What river did they follow? ________________________________

   In what general direction does this river flow? ________________________________

   In what general direction was the expedition headed? ________________________________

   What challenges did the river journey pose to the group? (At least 4)

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5. Match the person with his special interest.

   a. Clark   _____ Collecting and cataloging new plant and animal species

   b. Lewis   _____ Mapmaking

6. What were President Jefferson’s instructions to Lewis & Clark about how to deal with the Native Americans?

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7. What message from President Jefferson did Lewis and Clark give each of the tribes they met?

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54x711

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8. Lewis and Clark spent their first winter with the ___________ and ___________ Indians. During their 5-month stay, they spent their time preparing for the journey ahead. Describe one arrangement they made during the winter that proved critical to their eventual success.

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54x642

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10. In June of 1805 they resumed their travels. They continued ___________ (direction) on the ________________ River until they reached a fork. How did they know which fork to take?

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11. Why was it important for the expedition to find the Shoshone Indians? ________________

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12. What surprised Lewis & Clark about the mountains they encountered? ________________

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13. After 1 and 1/2 years they finally reached the Pacific Ocean. They were forced to spend their 2nd winter away from home. How did they decide where to stay? ________________

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14. After 4 months at Fort Clatsop, they started home again in March of 1806.

How long did it take them to return to St. Louis? ____________________________

How far had they traveled? (Total miles) _________________________________

How long had they been gone? _______________________________________

15. Describe two major results of the expedition:

a. __________________________________________________________________

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b. __________________________________________________________________

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16. What was William Clark’s most important personal contribution? __________________________

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17. What was Meriwether Lewis’ most important personal contribution? ________________________________

Reflection:

18. On several occasions the expedition was extremely fortunate to survive an encounter with the Native Americans. Choose one occasion and describe how luck or good fortune probably saved the expedition. Tell the story with details! ________________________________

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19. Describe the ways (at least 3) that Sacagawea contributed to the success of the expedition.
   a. _________________________________________________________________
   b. _________________________________________________________________
   c. _________________________________________________________________

20. At the opening of the film, the statement is made that this journey “was the equivalent in its day of a journey to the moon.” Brainstorm 4 more ways that the two journeys were similar.
   a. Example: both journeys headed into territory that was totally unknown to the participants.
   b. _________________________________________________________________
   c. _________________________________________________________________
   d. _________________________________________________________________
   e. _________________________________________________________________