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Missouri: Gateway to the West

Chapter 6: Early Missouri
Internet Activity



In 1804, President Thomas Jefferson sent explorers to learn what lay beyond Virginia and Kentucky. He and other Americans wanted to know what was on the land known as the Louisiana Purchase.

Instructions: Click the link. Complete the “log” below. Make good choices, and perhaps you’ll make it to the Pacific Ocean! Be sure to read each screen carefully for great information that will help you learn about this amazing voyage of discovery.

[Go West across American with Lewis & Clark](#)

May 1804

I am going on a special mission with two men, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. President _____ has hired them to explore across North America. We have four goals:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

We began our trip at Camp Wood, near the village of St. Louis. I decided to take _____. As we traveled, we met many tribes of Indians. We traded items such as _____, _____, _____ with the tribes and sometimes feasted on roast _____. We had a problem with some Sioux, but then traveled _____ (direction) along the Missouri River. We made a winter camp near the Mandan tribe. Here, an interpreter and his Shoshone wife _____ join us.

Hint: Check out the *Did You Know* section.

February 1805

Sacagawea gave birth to a son! Soon we began traveling again and the river turned _____ (direction). We traveled for many months, but came to a fork in the river. We traveled on the _____ (direction) fork and came to the _____ which blocked our path. We had to leave the boats!

August 1805

We had a terrible _____ weeks in the mountains and almost died. When we came through, we traveled _____ (direction) along a river. A Nez Perce chief drew a map and we built _____ from tree trunks. Finally, we reached the _____ Ocean in October, 1805. We spent the winter near the ocean.

Hint: Check out the *Did You Know* section.

Click “See Where You’ve Been.”

St. Louis is _____ (direction) of us and it will take us a year to get home, if we are lucky.

September 21, 1806

We arrived back in St. Louis. Our trip took _____ years and _____ months, but we are proud of our accomplishments!

Hint: Check out *The Journey Home* section.