



## The Lewis and Clark Expedition

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This quiz will test your knowledge on the history of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Each question will be followed by the correct answer.

Think you know your history? Let's find out!

Ready?

Here We Go!

**Question 1: President Thomas Jefferson purchased the Louisiana Territory from which country in 1803?**

**A. England**

**B. Spain**

**C. France**

**D. Germany**



The correct answer is...

C. France. With war brewing between France and England, France's First Consul Napoleon Bonaparte needed money to fight the British, and sold the Louisiana Territory to the United States for \$15 million.

**Question 2: Out of these, which objective of the Lewis and Clark Expedition was the most important?**

**A. Establish relations with Native American Tribes**

**B. Map out new territories**

**C. Seek new scientific understandings**

**D. Locate the fabled “Northwest Passage” waterway**



The correct answer is...

D. Locate the fabled “Northwest Passage” waterway. It was widely speculated that there existed a massive waterway that could serve as a direct trade route with Asia. As Lewis and Clark discovered, the waterway does not exist.

**Question 3: True or False – There were no deaths in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.**

**True**

**False**



**The correct answer is...**

**False. There was one death: U.S. Army sergeant Charles Floyd. Floyd perished early on the journey – the cause of death being “bilious colic”, or a burst appendix.**

**Question 4: When she was younger, Lewis and Clark's Shoshone guide Sacagawea was kidnapped by which Native American tribe?**

**A. Hidatsas**

**B. Atsinas**

**C. Teton Sioux**

**D. Blackfeet**



**The correct answer is...**

**A. Sacagawea was kidnapped by the Hidatsas when she was younger. She was eventually reunited with her long-lost brother Cameahwait during Lewis and Clark's journey west.**

**Question 5: During the return journey east, Meriwether Lewis was forced to speedily rejoin William Clark at the head of the Missouri River after an incident involving which Native American tribe?**

- A. Teton Sioux**
- B. Nimiipuu (Nez Perce)**
- C. Blackfeet**
- D. Hidatsas**



The correct answer is...

C. Blackfeet. Eight members of the Blackfoot tribe attempted to steal horses and guns from Lewis' party. Two Blackfeet were killed, and Lewis had to make haste to rejoin Clark's party since Lewis believed a Blackfoot war party was on its way.

**Question 6: Which member of the Corps of Discovery stumbled upon the land known today as Yellowstone Park?**

**A. William Clark**

**B. Patrick Gass**

**C. Toussaint Charbonneau**

**D. John Colter**



## The correct answer is...

D. John Colter. In the winter of 1808, he ventured, alone, into the territory now known as Yellowstone National Park, where he first encountered the area's incredible geothermal activity: hot springs, bubbling mud pots, and tremendous exploding geysers. When he returned, no one believed his fantastic tale of rupturing sulfurous earth — and so for years this region was derisively known among trappers as Colter's Hell.

How well  
did you do?

