

Are You Ready for Lewis and Clark?

**Lewis and Clark
Bicentennial
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Meriweather Lewis and William Clark were explorers in the early 1800's. At a time when little was known or written about the land and people west of the Mississippi River, they travelled all the way to the Pacific Ocean with a band of men called the Corps of Discovery. They met many different people and identified many plants and animals that had never been described before. They travelled by boat, on foot and on horseback. Moving all of their equipment and supplies was very hard work.

Indiana played a role in this important time in United States history. For the next three years at Falls of the Ohio State Park, we are celebrating that role. How much do you know about Lewis and Clark and the part that Hoosiers played in that story? Try answering these questions. The answers are provided on page 2.

1. One of the ways the exact locations of the camps of the Corps of Discovery are being identified is through a search for the locations of a)latrines b)firepits c)remains of canoes
2. The "Clark" in Lewis and Clark is a)George Rogers Clark b)William Clark c)Clark Kent
3. How many young men were recruited from the Kentucky and Indiana territory to travel with Lewis and Clark? a)26 b)9 c)1
4. The vision for this expedition came from a)George Washington b)Thomas Jefferson c)Aaron Burr
5. One animal accompanied the Corps of Discovery for the entire trip. It was a)a cat named Tom b)a tame woodchuck or c)a Newfoundland named Seaman
6. The men from the Kentucky and Indiana territories were paid between \$86.33 and \$278.50 for their work on the expedition, depending on the number of months that they were enlisted. They also received certificates good for land, much as Revolutionary soldiers did. One participant made the entire trip with no pay. It was a)William Clark b)the interpreter Brouillard c)Clark's slave York
7. The site in Indiana where Lewis and Clark "shook hands" and the young man from the Kentucky and Indiana territory were inducted into the Corps is called a)the Falls of the Ohio b)Promontory Point c)Angel Mounds
8. The years of the expedition were a)1800-1806 b)1803-1806 c)1805-1809
9. The main purpose of the Lewis and Clark expedition was to a)identify plants and animals b)meet western Indians c)find a water route across North America d)make better maps of the Northwest Territory
10. The boats that the Corps of Discovery used were called a)keelboats and pirogues b)flatboats c)canal boats
11. Lewis and Clark collected 290 plants on the expedition. How many of them were new to science? a)25 b)176 c)all of them
12. The name of the fort the Corps of Discovery built on the Pacific Coast to live in during the winter of 1805-06 was called a)Fort Columbia b)Fort Clatsop c)Fort Pacifica
13. Which one of these Native American tribes was not encountered on the journey west by the Corps of Discovery? a)Shoshone b)Mandan c)Hidatsa d)Cherokee

Quiz Answers

- 1-a Researchers today look for evidence of mercury in the soils. Corps members took Dr. Rushes' pills, which contained mercury, for several ailments.
- 2-b William Clark is the Corps of Discovery leader. George Rogers Clark, famous for his success in battle at Fort Sackville, which is now Vincennes, was William's brother. George recommended William for service. You can visit the George Rogers Clark Memorial, operated by the National Park Service, in Vincennes, Indiana.
- 3-b; 4-b; 5-c; 6-c; 7-a; 8-b
- 9-c Lewis and Clark did all three things, but Thomas Jefferson said "the object of your mission is to explore the Missouri river and such principal stream of it, as, by it's course and communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean, may offer the most direct and practicable water communication across this continent, for the purposes of commerce."
- 10-a; 11-b; 12-b; 13-d

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Where You Can Learn More

The area where Falls of the Ohio State Park and the George Rogers Clark Homesite are now located is where Lewis, Clark and nine young men were sworn into the army. These men formed the heart of the Corps of Discovery, who left on October 26, 1803 to begin their journey on to St. Louis and up the Missouri River in search of a water route to the Pacific Ocean. Falls of the Ohio will celebrate with many events, including temporary and permanent exhibits, programs and films. For more information, visit www.falloftheohio.org.

The River Festival is an annual event in Clarksville, Indiana and Louisville, KY. In 2003, the River Festival is one of 15 signature events nationwide focusing on Lewis and Clark. It will include the National Park Service traveling display operated by the Corps of Discovery II. The display provides interpretation on both the Corps of Discovery and the American Indian nations that the men encountered along their route. The River Festival is October 14-26, 2003.

The IMAX Theater at the Indiana State Museum features a film called "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West." For ticket information and times, visit www.imaxindy.com or call 317-232-0757.

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