

Instructions

Read the passage below about the Lewis and Clark Expedition. After reading, answer the questions that follow.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition took place from 1804 to 1806. It was an important journey made by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. They were sent by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the land that the United States had recently bought from France, known as the Louisiana Purchase. The goal of the expedition was to find a route to the Pacific Ocean and learn more about the plants, animals, and people in the new territory.

Meriwether Lewis was chosen to lead the expedition because of his skills in science and nature. William Clark was his best friend and the second-in-command. They traveled with a group of about 30 other men called the Corps of Discovery. Along the way, they met many Native American tribes who helped them by providing food and guidance. The expedition also faced many challenges, such as crossing the Rocky Mountains and dealing with harsh weather conditions.

After two years of traveling, the expedition reached the Pacific Ocean in November 1805. They returned to St. Louis in September 1806, bringing back valuable information about the land, animals, and people they encountered. The Lewis and Clark Expedition helped open up the West for future exploration and settlement.

Questions

1. Who were the leaders of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?
2. Which president sent Lewis and Clark on their expedition?
3. What was the main purpose of the expedition?
4. In what year did the Lewis and Clark Expedition start?
5. What important land did the United States buy before the expedition?
6. How many men were part of the Corps of Discovery?
7. What did Lewis and Clark aim to find on their trip?
8. Which mountain range did they have to cross?
9. What was one challenge the expedition faced?
10. When did Lewis and Clark reach the Pacific Ocean?
11. How long did the expedition last?
12. What role did Native American tribes play during the expedition?
13. Why was Meriwether Lewis chosen to lead the expedition?
14. What type of information did they bring back from the expedition?
15. In which city did the expedition end?
16. What is the significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition?
17. Can you name a geographic feature they encountered during the expedition?
18. What did Thomas Jefferson hope to learn from the expedition?
19. In what season did Lewis and Clark return home?
20. What skill did William Clark have that was useful for the journey?