Lewis and Clark’s Expedition

Captain Meriwether Lewis

By Luis

Meriwether Lewis was born August 18, 1774, in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was the son of William and Lucy Meriwether Lewis. One day in 1808 Jefferson became president, and Lewis became his secretary. The United States purchased a large section of land called the Louisiana Territory, from France in 18303. Following the purchase Jefferson arrange for a U.S army expedition to voyage up the Missouri river to its source and from there to the Pacific Ocean. Then he chose Lewis to lead it. To accompany him, Lewis turned to his former army Captain, William Clark. Lewis set out a trip to Washington D.C. In 1809. On the morning of October 11, at inn in Tennessee, he found dying of a gunshot wound. He may have shot him self, though some historians believe he may have been murdered. His journals of the Expedition were published after his death.

An Amazing Journey

The Lewis and Clark Expedition

By Alejandra

40 U.S soldiers and explorers travel overland from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast and back. The captain was Meriwether Lewis and Lieutenant William Clark. Americans knew little about the western part of their continent. President Thomas Jefferson was hoping to find an easy passage. Lewis chose his army friend William Clark to share the leadership. The leadership was called “The Corps of Discovery”. Thomas Jefferson also wanted to learn about animals, plants and people from their regions along the way. On May 14, 1804, the party started out from their training camp near St. Louis. In August 3, they had their first meeting with American Indians. There were three rivers named Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin. They followed the Jefferson River into the Rocky Mountains. The group finally reached the mouth of Colombia River on November 15 1805.They travel more than 4,100 miles.

Sacajawea

By Daniel

Sacagawea was in first Indian to go on an expedition. Sacagawea was born between 1780 and 1790 but when she was 10 or 12 she was captured by a group of Hidatsa Native Americans. They took Sacagawea to their village in the region of the upper Missouri river in present-day North Dakota.

Four year later Sacagawea was the wife of a French Canadian trapper named Toussaint Charbonneau’s there are to stories about how Sacagawea became the wife of Charbonneau’s wife one version says the she was sold to him and other says that she was won by him in a bet. In 1803 president Thomas Jefferson organized expedition to go on to explore the territory between the Missouri river and the pacific.

Captain William Clark

By Enrique

William Clark was born on august the first 1770, in Caroline county, Virginia. He did not go to school that much. when he was 15 he moved to west Kentucky. when young man, William became an army officer. He was following of his brother George Rogers Clark, who had been a general in the American revolution. William Clark meet Lewis and Sacajawea to tell the Indians that Americans on the land.
Lewis and Clark expedition. On 18 January 1803, President Thomas Jefferson delivered a secret message to both houses of Congress. "As the continuance of the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes will be under the consideration of the Legislature," he advised, "I think it my duty to communicate the views which have guided me in the execution of that act." And Clark's black slave, York, in an expedition along the Missouri and Columbia Rivers to the Pacific and back between 1803 and 1806. They pursued Jefferson's instructions of 20 June 1803 to "explore the Missouri for the purposes of commerce" while taking "observations of latitude & longitude, at all remarkable points on the river."