

## The Lewis and Clark Expedition Discovery Stations

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Purchase from France, doubling the size of the country. President Jefferson was eager to send an expedition to explore the newly acquired land west of the Mississippi River. He hired Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to lead an expedition across the continent. Jefferson had specific goals for the journey.





Lewis and Clark kept detailed journals during their three-year expedition. You will read their journals as you travel around to six different discovery stations. Your goal is to eventually be able to answer the Document Based Question: Based on the entries of Lewis and Clark, did the expedition achieve its goals?

You will see if the evidence you find matches up with the goals Jefferson set forth for the men. Each discovery station contains authentic journal entries written by Lewis and Clark.

Animals	Plants	Geography	Native Americans

## **President Jefferson's Goals for the Expedition**

1. Establish peaceful relations with the Native Americans
2. Find a route across the continent to the Pacific Ocean
3. Collect detailed information about western plants, animals, and geography

Use a highlighter to indicate any evidence you recorded that helps prove or disprove that Lewis and Clark met Jefferson's goals.

Write your inference statements on the back of your paper citing evidence for each goal.