Lewis and Clark Video Questions

1. What global historical forces prompted Jefferson to order the expedition and what was the hoped for result?

Nobody knew what was in the uncharted west, but every major nation wants to make a claim.

Explore the Louisiana Purchase.

Find the Northwest Passage.

Find the source of the Missouri river.

1. What were the different roles of the leaders Lewis and Clark?

Lewis:

Exploring

recording and collecting specimens

Clark:

Leading the men

map making

both led equally and it is said they never argued

1. Describe relations and encounters with Native Americans during the voyage.

Under orders to be friendly with native tribes

Sacajawea – native American woman who helped them during their journey

First encounter – trade meat for watermelons

Second – meet buffalo hunters, claimed Indian land was theirs, gave Indians medallions

Third - attacked by Sioux, treaty with chief and stopped the fighting

Fourth – meet large group, tells them to travel to the mountains far to the west using horses

Shoshone – trade for horses, Native American woman traveling with them was brother of Shoshone leader

Nez Pierce – old woman saved the expedition from being slaughtered, Lewis described them as being the most honest, hospitable, and sincere people he met on the voyage

Rapids - nearby tribes gather to watch the white men drown

* Make fort Clatsop their winter home and trade with locals

4. What was the historical significance of the expedition?

Maps to guide future pioneers

Made passage to the west coast a reality