

Quick Check

The Story of Lewis and Clark Book 1: Up the Missouri River

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Which event happened first?
 - Ⓐ The expedition met with the Lakota.
 - Ⓑ Jefferson made the Louisiana Purchase.
 - Ⓒ Lewis and Clark encountered Sacagawea.
 - Ⓓ The Corps of Discovery set off up the Missouri River.
2. Why was Meriwether Lewis chosen to lead the expedition?
 - Ⓐ He had been to the Pacific Northwest before and knew the area.
 - Ⓑ He spoke many Native American languages and knew where the tribes lived.
 - Ⓒ He was a friend of President Jefferson and had spent time in the western United States.
 - Ⓓ He helped develop maps of the Missouri River and the surrounding areas.
3. Why didn't many of the Native American tribes attack Lewis and Clark?
 - Ⓐ The tribes weren't afraid of Lewis and Clark.
 - Ⓑ Lewis and Clark gave the tribes gifts.
 - Ⓒ Lewis and Clark were friendly to the tribes.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Why was the expedition so dangerous?
 - Ⓐ Some Native Americans were hostile and dangerous.
 - Ⓑ Cars, maps, and telephones did not exist to help the travelers.
 - Ⓒ Modern medicines were not available to help anyone who became ill.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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5. What does **nomadic** mean?
 - Ⓐ moving from place to place
 - Ⓑ living off wild animals and plants
 - Ⓒ floating down a river while exploring
 - Ⓓ living along a river
6. What was the main goal of Lewis and Clark's expedition?
 - Ⓐ to meet and make friends with the Native Americans
 - Ⓑ to record the plant and animal life they found
 - Ⓒ to find and control the Northwest Passage
 - Ⓓ to reach the Pacific Ocean
7. What happened after the expedition entered the Great Plains?
 - Ⓐ The Corps of Discovery met members of three Native American tribes.
 - Ⓑ Sergeant Charles Floyd died.
 - Ⓒ Lewis went to Philadelphia.
 - Ⓓ The Corps of Discovery started up the Missouri River.
8. Which of these events happened last?
 - Ⓐ Sacagawea became a guide for Lewis and Clark.
 - Ⓑ Lewis helped deliver Sacagawea's baby.
 - Ⓒ The expedition settled for the winter with the Mandan.
 - Ⓓ Lewis and Clark sailed into Lakota territory.
9. Why didn't the Lakota like being called "children" by Lewis and Clark?
 - Ⓐ The Lakota thought Lewis had a hot temper.
 - Ⓑ The Lakota were a powerful tribe.
 - Ⓒ The Lakota had many elderly people in their tribe.
 - Ⓓ The Lakota wanted Lewis and Clark to take control of the river.

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10. Why did the men on the expedition preserve animal hides and skeletons in a crate?
- Ⓐ The men had never seen some of these animals before.
 - Ⓑ Lewis and Clark wanted to mount them on their walls when they returned home.
 - Ⓒ The men wanted to show off all the animals they had killed to the Native Americans they met.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

11. **Extended Response:** Why were the members of the Corps of Discovery hopeful as they left the Mandan village in 1805?

12. **Extended Response:** Write a summary of this book in three sentences.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

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1. Ⓑ Sequence Events
2. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓐ Vocabulary
6. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓐ Sequence Events
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9. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas: *they had heard of a great waterfall not far upstream and believed that meant they were close to the Continental Divide, which would lead to the Northwest Passage.*
12. Answers will vary but would likely be similar to this one: *Thomas Jefferson hired Lewis and Clark to lead an expedition to discover the Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean. They and their men traveled up the Missouri River, where they met Native Americans and saw many new plants and animals. They wintered in 1804 with the Mandan tribe in what is now South Dakota and then set off again in the spring of 1805.*