

## Sample Lesson #2

### The Move West

The **Louisiana Purchase** of 1803 doubled the size of the United States territory. President Jefferson sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the land. They called their **expedition** the Corps of Discovery. Lewis and Clark departed by canoe from St. Louis and headed northwest by way of the Missouri River. The two men came upon many different Native American tribes.



Most of the tribes had lost many members because of **smallpox**, a disease the Europeans brought to North America. Lewis and Clark tried to show each tribe that their expedition was peaceful. They offered gifts and promised to trade with the Indians. However, Lewis and Clark did not easily befriend the Teton Sioux (soo) and the Hidatsa. These people believed that Lewis and Clark were traders who wanted to move into their territory. The Sioux and Hidatsa Indians wanted to keep control of their land and its goods.

1. Why did President Jefferson send Lewis and Clark on a journey?

- A) to trap animals beyond the Mississippi
- B) to befriend groups of Native Americans
- C) to explore the Louisiana Purchase

2. Which two words mean about the same?

expedition      territory      explorer      journey

3. Write *C* for *cause* or *E* for *effect*.

\_\_\_\_\_ Europeans brought smallpox to North America.

\_\_\_\_\_ Many Native Americans died of smallpox.

Use the map to complete the following items.

4. Trace your finger along the route that Lewis and Clark used.  
Were they able to travel all the way to the Pacific Ocean?      **Yes**      **No**

5. Find St. Louis, where the journey began. In which directions did the Corps of Discovery travel after leaving St. Louis?

east and south      north and west      north and south

6. Which line of latitude is closest to the Equator?

30° N      50° S      90° N      70° S

- 7 – 10. Number these events from first to last. Write 1 for the event which happened first.

\_\_\_ Treaty of Paris (1783)      \_\_\_ Corps of Discovery (1804)  
\_\_\_ Civil War (1861)      \_\_\_ Louisiana Purchase (1803)  
\_\_\_ Reconstruction (1864)      \_\_\_ Jamestown settlement (1607)  
\_\_\_ U.S. Constitution (1787)

