



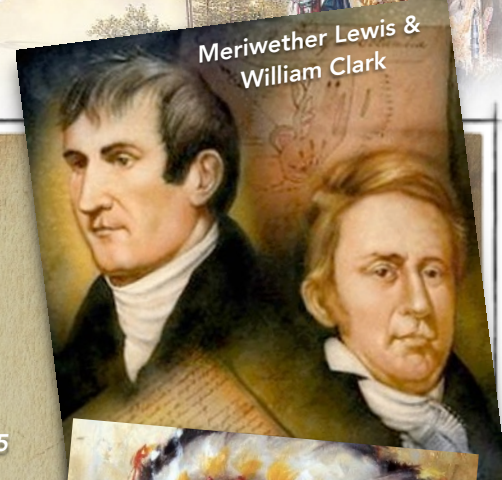
the expedition of Lewis & Clark

INTRODUCTION

On February 28, 1803, President Thomas Jefferson won approval from Congress for a visionary project, an endeavor that would become one of America's greatest stories of adventure.

Twenty-five hundred dollars were appropriated to fund a 5 small expeditionary group, whose mission was to explore the uncharted West. Jefferson called the group the Corps of Discovery. It would be led by Jefferson's secretary, Meriwether Lewis, and Lewis' friend, William Clark.

Over the next four years, the Corps of Discovery would travel 10 thousands of miles, experiencing lands, rivers and peoples that no Americans ever had before.



Meriwether Lewis & William Clark



Lakota Chief

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The Louisiana Purchase

The Louisiana Purchase is considered the greatest real estate deal in history. The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France at a price of \$15 million, or approximately four cents an acre. The ratification of the Louisiana Purchase treaty by the Senate on October 20, 1803, doubled the size of the United States and opened up the continent to its westward expansion.

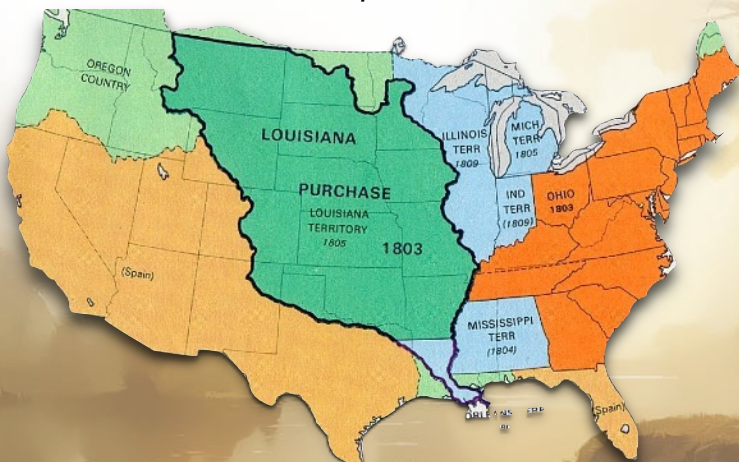
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Map of America as it was in 1803



INTRODUCTION

1. Who decided to start the expedition?
2. What was the principal purpose of the mission?
3. Who would lead the expedition?
4. How long did it last?

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

5. Explain what was the « Louisiana Purchase » and why it was so important.



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