



# the expedition of Lewis & Clark

## FROM ST LOUIS TO THE UNKNOWN

### The beginning of the expedition: May 14<sup>th</sup> 1804

«Honored Parents: I now embrace this opportunity of writing to you once more to let you know where I am and where I am going. I am well thank God and in high Spirits. I am now on an expedition to the westward, with Captain Lewis and Captain Clark, who are appointed by the President of the United States to go on an Expedition through the interior parts of North America. We are to ascend the Missouri River with a boat as far as it is navigable and then go by land, to the western ocean, if nothing prevents. This part consists of 25 picked men of the army and country likewise and I am so happy as to be one of them picked men from the army and I and all the party are if we live to return to receive our discharge when ever we return again to the United States if we choose it we expect to be gone 18 months or two years, we are to receive a great reward for this expedition 15 dollars a month and a least 400 acres of first rate land and if we make great discoveries as we expect the United States has promised to make us great rewards, more than we are promised. I have received no letter since Betsey's yet but will write next winter if I have a chance.»

Sergeant John Ordway, April 8th 1804  
Member of the Corps of Discovery



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1. Introduce the document.
2. Who wrote it and why?
3. Guess his feeling about the upcoming expedition.

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### The American Frontier

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##### 1. Introduce the document.

- Type / media

##### 2. Focus

- The narrator tells the expeditions were the «first» in many points, can you identify them?
- What do you learn about their relations and role with the Indians?
- Can you say who saved them many times?
- What do you learn about the two captains? Give the adjectives you've heard.
- Did they find what Jefferson asked them?
- What was their real discovery?



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