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the expedition of  
**Lewis & Clark**

## MEET THE LAKOTA



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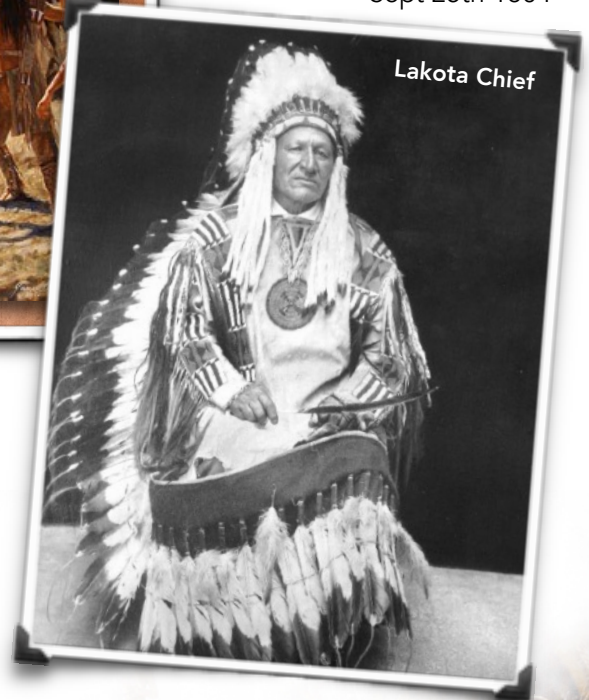
### *The encounter with the Lakota on the Missouri*



*"the chief said he had warriors too and if we were to go on they would follow us and kill and take the whole of us by degrees..."*

**John Ordway,**  
Sept 25th 1804

Encounter with the Teton Sioux, James Hayers, 2010



By the time Lewis and Clark encountered them near present-day Pierre, South Dakota, the Teton branch of the Sioux Nation were masters of the plains on both sides of the Missouri River. Nomadic and warlike, the Teton

- 5 attacked the region's sedentary peoples at will and were determined to control trade on the river.

It was imperative, Clark wrote, that the expedition treat the Teton Sioux "in the most friendly & conciliatory manner."

- 10 But on September 25, 1804, when the expedition prepared to head upriver after contentious meetings with the Teton, a large crowd of well-armed Teton warriors and Chief Black Buffalo challenged them, demanding a toll of tobacco. The expedition members drew weapons and
- 15 prepared to fire.

Finally, the expedition granted the Teton some tobacco and Black Buffalo waved his men off, averting what would likely have been an early and deadly end to the expedition.

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1. When did they meet the Lakota tribe?
2. What's the other name of the Lakota?
3. Where did they live?
4. What happened between the Corps of Discovery and the Lakota tribe?
5. Why did the Lakota behave this way?
6. Why didn't Lewis and Clark fight?