

SPACE DISCOVERY

THE UNCHARTED SPACE

THE EXPEDITION OF LEWIS & CLARK

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

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Myths
and
Heroes

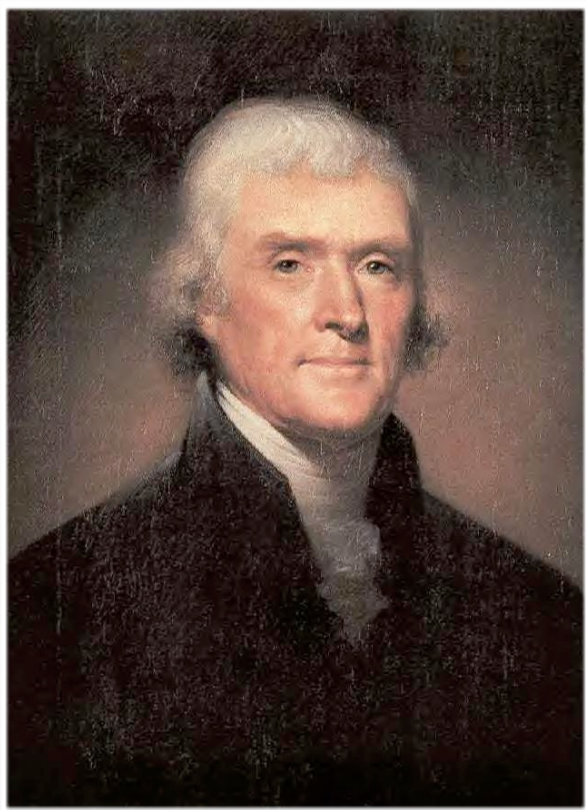
The idea
of
Progress

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and
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THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

"This is an incredible story of the American experience," says Truitt, executive producer at National Geographic. "What Lewis and Clark accomplished was an extraordinary feat of fortitude and luck. They had no solid knowledge about the land they were going to traverse and what little information they had was strikingly wrong. They faced 5 unbelievable danger with tremendous courage. Historians say that their journey was our equivalent of a trip to the moon."

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1. Introduce the documents.
2. What was the Expedition of Lewis & Clark?
3. Who decided to send this mission?
4. What is it compared to? Explain why it is relevant.
5. What do you understand about the American relationship with the «Frontier»?



relevant = pertinent