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## SACAGAWEA

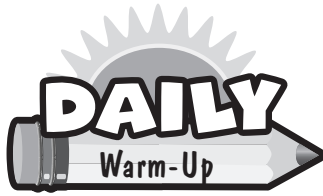
Sacagawea was born in what is now the state of Idaho to a Shoshone chief. She was kidnapped by the Hidatsa when she was about 10 years old. She and another girl were purchased by Charbonneau, a French Canadian trapper who married Sacagawea. The famous duo Lewis and Clark asked Charbonneau to serve as an interpreter on their historical expedition. He agreed but asked if Sacagawea could go with them.

Sacagawea turned out to be a great asset to the group. She helped with translation, and according to Clark she was a “token of peace” to the Indians they would meet. Sacagawea would have her first child on the trail. She would also meet up with her brother, who was head of the Shoshone tribe. It was an incredible reunion. She did not stay with her lost family but continued on with the expedition.

The history of what happened after the Lewis and Clark expedition ended is somewhat fuzzy. Some experts say that Sacagawea went with her husband to St. Louis at the invitation of Clark. She would later die of a fever. Other accounts say that she went back to the Shoshone tribe on the Wind River Reservation, where she died in 1884. Either way, Sacagawea was a great person in American history.

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by the word *asset* as used in the passage?
  - a. money
  - b. advantage
  - c. weakness
  - d. cook
2. What is the meaning of the phrase “token of peace”?
  - a. They didn’t have a dove so they used Sacagawea.
  - b. If the Indians saw Sacagawea, they knew she would be on their side.
  - c. When the Indians saw a female Indian, they would not think the men meant harm.
  - d. Sacagawea would receive payment if she was able to interpret and interact peaceably with the Indians.
3. After reading the passage, what can you infer about Sacagawea on the Lewis and Clark expedition?
  - a. She was a hard worker and able to handle the great strain of traveling.
  - b. She was weak and needed a lot of support.
  - c. She was able to find hope in her new life.
  - d. She was defiant and stubborn.
4. Which statement explains what made Sacagawea so famous?
  - a. She was the first Shoshone Indian to be kidnapped.
  - b. She was the first female to travel to the Northwestern United States.
  - c. She was able to serve as an interpreter and help to Lewis and Clark.
  - d. She was able to speak nine languages.



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1. b
2. c
3. a
4. c