Lewis & Clark Internet Assignment

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As you navigate through the National Parks Service website, answer the questions in each section.

Go to: https://www.nps.gov/subjects/travellewisandclark/index.htm

At the top, click on the "Stories" tab, then click on "Preparing an Expedition"

1. How did Meriwether Lewis and Thomas Jefferson know each other?

2. Even before purchasing the Louisiana Territory, President Jefferson was interested in exploring the WEST. As such, he gave instructions to Meriwether Lewis to begin preparations for an expedition. What things did Lewis do to prepare for such an adventure?

3. Who did Meriwether Lewis ask to co-lead the expedition with him?

4. Who was York? How was he different from the other men involved in the expedition?

5. Who was hired to act as the interpreter for the expedition?

6. On what day did the Corps of Discovery start up the Missouri River marking the official start of their journey?

Go back to the "Stories" page and click on "The Journey"

7. How many men made up the expedition's party?

8. Where did Lewis, Clark, and their men spend the winter of 1804-05?

9. List some of the Native tribes that Lewis & Clark interacted with during this winter of 1804-05.

10. Which two individuals joined the expedition at Fort Mandan? Why was this significant?

11. In April 1805, 12 members of the expedition were sent back to St. Louis. Why?

12. For years leading up to the expedition, American leaders & explorers believed that there was an easy, direct route to the west coast. Was there one?

13. Lewis, Clark, and their men spent the winter of 1805-1806 at Fort Clatsop. Where is Fort Clatsop located? (There is a National Park located there to help tell the story of Lewis & Clark.)

Go back to the "Stories" page and click on "The Return"

14. Which Native tribe assisted Lewis and Clark by caring for their horses and keeping them safe?

15. What happened at the Two Medicine Fight Site?

16. On what date did Lewis, Clark, and their expedition arrive in St. Louis?

17. After the expedition, what happened to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark?

Go back to the "Stories" page and click on "The Expedition's Impact"

18. When were the Oregon & California Territories added to the United States?

19. For the United States government and white settlers, the Lewis & Clark spurred further economic development in the West. Give some examples.

20. For the Native peoples living in the West, the Lewis & Clark Expedition was the beginning of the end for their way of life and their culture. Explain how the actions by the US government listed below had a negative impact on the Native peoples.

--The Indian Removal Act:

--The Indian Appropriations Act:

--The Dawes Act:

--The Boarding Schools Movement:

(The End)