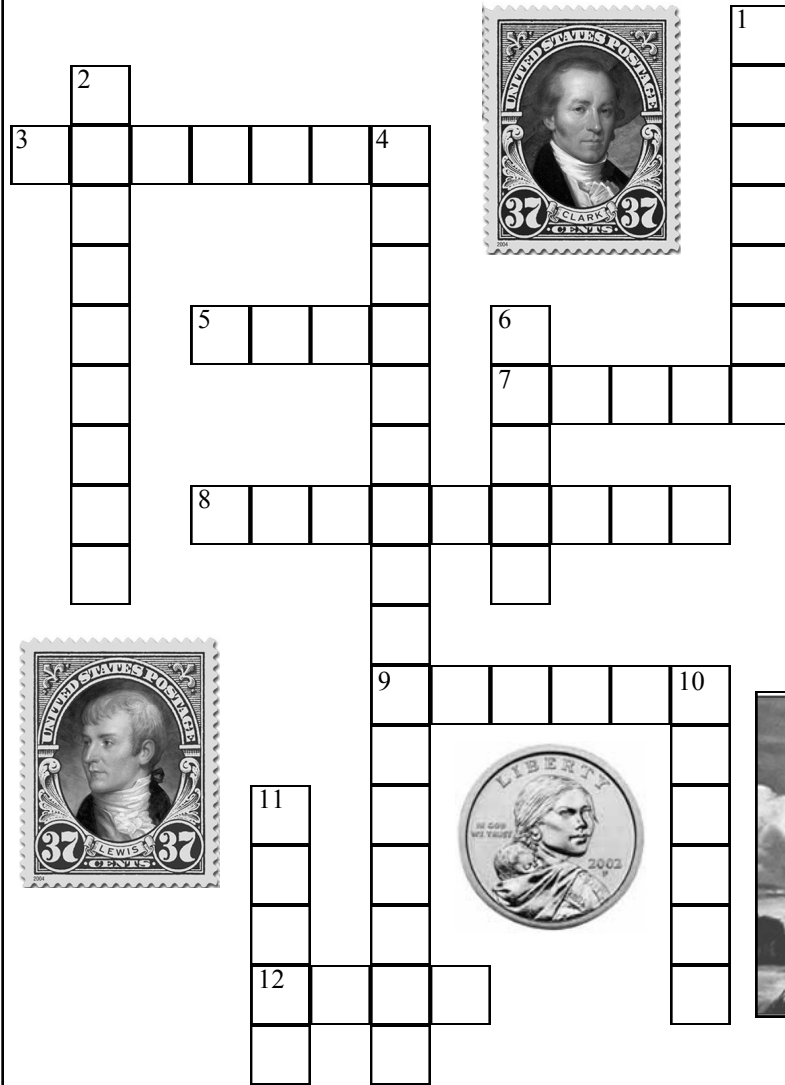


AN EXPEDITIOUS CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Sought The _____ Ocean
 - Corps' Baby
 - Meriwether _____
 - President _____
 - Lewis' Dog
 - Clark's Slave
- DOWN**
- The New Lewis & Clark Coins
 - Shoshone Maid
 - Lewis' Entire Group
 - William _____
 - Winter at _____ Nation
 - Only Corps Death

BE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OTHER COMMEMORATIONS OF THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF
THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION!

STAMPS "The Postal Store" www.usps.gov
 COINS "History in your Pockets" www.usmint.gov
 IMAX MOVIES * MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS
 WEBSITES

(Our Favorites: www.pbs.org/lewisandclark, www.lewis-clark.org,
www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark)

AN ANCILLARY WORKSHEET FROM PATRICK GARNER'S HISTORY'S ALIVE!

THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION



"A Celebration of American Teamwork!"

Grades 3-5

STRATHMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RELIVES GREAT AMERICAN ADVENTURE!

Students of the Strathmore School of Aberdeen, NJ recently took part in dramatic reenactments of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, in honor of that famed feat's two-hundred-and-third-year anniversary.

The history of Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery was narrated by tragedian Patrick Garner, whose presentation also included "living scenes" of the epic trip across our nation's midsection, utilizing thespians of his young audience.

Viewers experienced scenes of tragic farce and farcical tragedy including historic events, hair-breath escapes, chance reunions, ferocious animals, comic mishaps, scenic splendor, newborn babes and ancient natives.

OUR JOURNEY IN A NUTSHELL

In 1803, Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, buys the Louisiana Purchase from France for \$15 million, doubling the size of the USA. He asks his friend Meriwether Lewis to form a "Corps of Discovery" to explore this new territory. (A "corps" is a group of people.)

Lewis picks former army commander William Clark to help lead the expedition. Lewis receives training in Philadelphia and purchases equipment in Pittsburgh. Clark recruits men for the Corps in St. Louis, the US's western-most city. Lewis joins him there and on May 14, 1804 the forty-five men of the Corps of Discovery begin their trip up the Missouri River by keelboat.

The Corps spends the winter with the Mandan Indian Nation, near present-day Bismarck, North Dakota. In the spring some return keelboat to St. Louis with collected specimens, while the majority continues by canoe toward the Rocky Mountains aided by Sacagawea. By the following winter they have traced the Missouri River to its source, crossed the Rocky Mountains and followed the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean. In spring, they begin retracing their path and return to St. Louis on August 17, 1806.

Total time: Two years, Four months, Nine days

Total Distance: over 8,000 miles

OUR CORPS

MERIWETHER LEWIS-A quiet, studious man from a well-to-do family in Virginia. Friend and personal secretary to President Jefferson who shares his interest in science & botany. Very organized and private, but tends to be moody and distant. Had served under Clark in the Army. Later served as governor of Louisiana Territory but was killed or killed self under mysterious circumstances at age 35.

WILLIAM CLARK-Had grown up in the Kentucky wilderness becoming a skilled woodsman. Enlisted in the Army where he showed a talent for commanding men, drawing maps and building forts. Had spent years negotiating with Native Americans before the Expedition. Out-going and friendly, respected by his men. Later served as Superintendent of Indian Affairs. Raised Sacagawea's two children.

SACAGAWEA-Shoshone child kidnapped by Hidatsu Tribe when about 10 years old. Joins Corps of Discovery with husband when about 16 years old and, shortly before leaving Mandan Nation, gives birth to son, Pomp, who accompanies her for the entire trip. Has knowledge of local terrain and edible plants. Speaks Shoshone. Well liked by all and honored for her resourcefulness.

TOUSSAINT CHARBONEAU-A French fur trapper who had lived with the Hidatsu Indians for several years. Husband to Sacagawea. Hired by Lewis & Clark as an interpreter. Not well liked. A bit of a coward when in an emergency. Only talent was cooking.

YORK-Personal slave to Clark. A large and extremely strong man who impressed the Natives who had never seen a man with black skin. Proved his courage several times during the expedition. Highly respected by Corps members and Indians alike. Enjoyed full rights as a member of the Corps but was not immediately granted his freedom by Clark upon their return. Finally freed in 1811.

PIERRE CRUZATTE-Expert boatman despite having only one eye and was near-sighted! Fiddler. Mistakenly shot Captain Lewis near end (rear end?) of trip.

SERGEANT FLOYD-The only Corps member to die on the journey. Supposedly died of then-inoperable appendicitis. "A man of much merit."

SEAMAN-Lewis' black Newfoundland dog. His breed was known for their large size, great strength and ability to swim. Caught squirrels for food. Chased a rampaging buffalo out of camp!

MATCH THE CORPS MEMBER TO HIS BEST JOB

Draw lines to connect the Corps member
with his description and the job to which he would be most suited

<i>Corps Member</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Possible Job</i>
CHARBONNEAU	Expert boatman	Pushing up daisies
LEWIS	Large, strong black man	Retrieving felled game from the river
CRUZATTE	Only Corps casualty	Direct all men of the Corps
CLARK	Newfoundland dog	Examine new plants while hunting alone
YORK	Cowardly fur trapper	Captain a single canoe
SEAMAN	Quiet, studious scientist	Cook meals far from harm's way
FLOYD	Former Army commander	Impressing Native chiefs at a council

FINDING YOUR STRENGTHS

As good leaders Lewis & Clark tried to discover the strengths of their individual Corps members. Who would have known that Charbonneau could cook!?! Try to list a couple of your strengths in the spaces below. Give an example that demonstrates your strength and an example of how you can use that strength in a school project. For instance, my high score in the summer reading program shows that I'm a good reader. On my next group assignment I can volunteer to read an extra book or magazine.

Strength 1: _____ Proof: _____

How can I use it? _____

Strength 2: _____ Proof: _____

How can I use it? _____

TEAMWORK

LEWIS & CLARK accomplished an amazing feat in safely leading the 33 members of the Corps across over 8000 miles of unknown territory... with only one death! They took individuals and learned how to make them work as a team. They learned what kind of people their members were, discovered their talents and assigned tasks according to strengths & situations. Sacagawea was not so much a guide as a symbol of peace to newly-encountered tribes. No war party would ever travel with a squaw and newborn child! No one would envy York's position as a black slave but the color of his skin actually became a strength for him and the Corps. Several times unfriendly chiefs would only remain at council to see York, the only black man they had ever seen. The Native children were very fond of York and several Native women became romantically involved with him. Is there anything about yourself that you might consider a weakness? Can you change it into a strength?