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## Lewis and Clark Expedition Timeline Worksheet

# Answer Key

### Event - Departure from St. Louis, Missouri

Date - May 14, 1804

Details - Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and the Corps of Discovery set out from St. Louis to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

### Event - Encounter with the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes

Date - October 24, 1804

Details - The expedition built Fort Mandan for winter quarters and established friendly relations with the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes.

### Event - Winter at Fort Mandan

Date - Winter of 1804-1805

Details - Lewis and Clark and their men spent the winter at Fort Mandan, where they prepared for the journey ahead and interacted with Native American tribes.

### Event - Hiring of Sacagawea and her husband Toussaint Charbonneau

Date - November 4, 1804

Details - Lewis and Clark hired Sacagawea and her husband Toussaint Charbonneau as interpreters and guides for the expedition.

### Event - Crossing the Continental Divide

Date - July 7, 1805

Details - The expedition crossed the Continental Divide at Lemhi Pass, marking a significant milestone in their journey to the Pacific Ocean.

### Event - Reaching the Pacific Ocean

Date - November 15, 1805

Details - Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific Ocean near present-day Astoria, Oregon, fulfilling their primary objective of finding a water route to the Pacific.

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### Event - Building Fort Clatsop

Date - December 7, 1805

Details - The expedition built Fort Clatsop to serve as winter quarters near the Pacific Coast.

### Event - Begin the return journey

Date - March 23, 1806

Details - Lewis and Clark began their return journey back to St. Louis after spending the winter at Fort Clatsop.

### Event - Death of Sergeant Charles Floyd

Date - August 20, 1804

Details - Sergeant Charles Floyd died of a ruptured appendix, becoming the only member of the expedition to die during the journey.

### Event - Encounter with the Nez Perce tribe

Date - September 20, 1805

Details - The expedition encountered the friendly Nez Perce tribe, who provided them with much-needed supplies and assistance.

### Event - Arrival back in St. Louis, Missouri

Date - September 23, 1806

Details - Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery returned to St. Louis, completing their historic expedition.

### Event - Publication of the Lewis and Clark journals

Date - 1814-1816

Details - The journals of Lewis and Clark were published in various editions between 1814 and 1816, providing valuable insights into their expedition.

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### Reflection Questions

1. Answers may vary. Students may identify challenging events such as crossing the Rocky Mountains or facing harsh weather conditions during the winter.
2. Answers may vary. Students may discuss how interactions with Native American tribes influenced trade, navigation, and diplomacy during the expedition.
3. Answers may include discussions on territorial expansion, the acquisition of geographical knowledge, and the impact on Native American communities.
4. Answers may include the importance of documenting discoveries, observations, and interactions for scientific and historical purposes.
5. Answers may include discussions on the expedition's legacy in American exploration, Native American relations, and cultural representation.
6. Bonus Activity - Answers will vary based on students' chosen events and their creativity in writing a narrative from the perspective of Lewis or Clark.