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DVD: Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West

1. The journey of Lewis & Clark was the equivalent in its day of a journey to the _____. To lead the expedition, President Thomas Jefferson chose his chief aide, Meriwether Lewis, a skilled _____ and woodsman. Jefferson called Lewis “a man of _____ undaunted.”
2. Lewis was only _____ (#) years old at the start of the journey. William Clark, Lewis’s old army commander, was _____ (#) years older than Lewis, an expert _____ and river man, and a proven leader.
3. In 1802, Britain, _____, _____, and France all claimed land west of the Mississippi River.
4. The Corps of Discovery set out on their journey in _____ (month) 1804 from the city of St. Louis, Missouri. Members of the Corps of Discovery included young American soldiers and _____ river men. The men were handpicked for the journey because of their strength and _____ skill—including York, Clark’s _____ and companion since childhood.
5. The Corps still hoped to find the long sought “_____ Passage.” Lewis spent hours exploring alone with his _____.
6. What happened to Lewis just two days after the Corps began their journey (be specific)?
7. There were more than _____ (#) Indian tribes living west of the Mississippi. The _____ Sioux were the most powerful in the region.
8. The Shoshone guide and interpreter, Sacagawea was about _____ (#) years old and _____ when she joined the expedition.

9. In _____ (month) 1805, the Corps reached the Great Falls of the Missouri. They made a more than _____ (#) mile detour around the falls.

10. There is no record that Lewis and Clark ever _____ or _____ on an important decision.

11. After reaching the Continental Divide, Lewis hoped to find a _____ heading westward. Instead he faced a scene of crushing _____: immense ranges of high mountains whose tips were still covered in snow.

12. Sacagawea recognized the Shoshone chief because he was her _____. The Chief provided the expedition with much-needed _____.

13. In _____ (month) 1805, the expedition entered the Bitterroot Range of the Rocky Mountains, near today's _____ - Idaho border.

14. In _____ (month) 1805, the expedition left the Nez Perce village and were headed _____ for the first time in their journey. The Nez Perce watched the expedition's departure with interest because the _____ downstream were so dangerous they thought the white men would _____.

15. The captains asked the Corps to vote on a winter campsite—the first time in recorded U.S. history that a _____ or a _____ was allowed to vote.

16. The journey home took only _____ (how long). Lewis and Clark's entire odyssey lasted _____ (#) months and _____ (#) miles. Lewis described at least _____ (#) plants and _____ (#) animals new to science.

17. What happened to Lewis, Clark and Sacagawea after the expedition (two facts each)?