



The United States and Louisiana: The Early Republic through Reconstruction (7)

Chapter 7: A Growing Young Nation Section 4: Exploring the Louisiana Purchase

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. When the _____ Territory was purchased from _____, President Jefferson wanted to know as much about it as possible. He asked _____ to fund an _____ to the _____ Ocean, regardless of who owned it.
2. Jefferson asked _____ to lead the party and he asked his friend, _____ to share command. Their expedition was called the _____ of _____ and it began in _____ (year) with _____ men in a large boat with two smaller _____ (canoe-shaped boats) just above _____ on the _____ River.
3. A year into their journey, they were joined by French-Canadian man _____, his wife, _____, and their infant son. Their new companions would serve as _____ and _____. _____ was a _____ and had been raised in the West. She helped guide the group to the _____ Mountains and was able to help the Corps gain the assistance of _____ people they met along the way.
4. The Corps traveled over _____ miles by _____ and _____ to reach the _____ Ocean. They built a fort in _____ to spend the winter. They survived by trading with the nearby _____ people who are a diet of _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

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5. They returned in _____ (year) with _____, _____, and _____ detailing what they had seen. They also gained a better understanding of the climate and geography of the _____. They claimed land west of the _____ for the United States. Later _____ was named governor of the _____ Territory and _____ was made the _____ for the west and _____ general of the territory's militia.

6. Jefferson wanted another _____ to explore the southwestern part of the _____ to establish the boundary between the United States and the _____. He asked _____, who asked his friend _____ to assist him. They realized they could not pursue a course up the _____ River because of potential conflict with the _____. They changed course and went up the _____ River and traveled as far as the _____ Mountains. The described everything, including the _____ which had a temperature of over 140°F.

7. Jefferson tried to organize a team to go up the _____ River once again. The _____-man military team included astronomer and surveyor Thomas _____, the field leader; Peter _____, medical student; and Captain Richard _____, the ranking army officer. One of their goals was to find a possible trade route to Spanish _____. The _____ (fleet of boats) traveled on the river as far up as _____ where they ran into a log jam, which took _____ weeks to get through even with _____ additional men.

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8. The Captain learned they were being tracked by the _____ army. They had also tried to intercept the _____ and _____ expedition, but failed. They traveled farther but were eventually confronted by a large army at the edge of present-day _____, where they were told to turn back. _____ refused to put up any more funds for exploration of the _____ River.
9. In 1805, the commanding general of the U.S. Army ordered _____ to explore the upper _____ River. He was given a second expedition the following year to explore the _____ and _____ Rivers and contact various _____. The general's son, Lieutenant James Biddle _____ accompanied the expedition.
10. Pike traveled up the _____ River with _____ men and _____ Osage he was escorting to their villages and then headed across the _____ plains. The expedition followed the _____ Trail south to the _____ River. Lieutenant _____, five _____ and an _____ guide left Pike and others to explore the river. Wilkinson's party made it back to _____ 73 days later. His journal mentioned seeing many things on his trip back. Meanwhile, Pike continued _____ and eventually arrived at the peak named for him. His party suffered greatly and those who survived, including Pike, were arrested by the _____ and held for a year.
11. Jefferson had heard a legend about a _____ mountain on the plains. This was a valuable commodity used for preserving _____ and tanning _____. He sent George C. _____ to find it in 1811 with an _____ guide called

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“_____.” They traveled across _____ and _____ where he found layers of _____ as well as _____. They continued and found layers of _____ at the bottom of a bluff near the _____ River.