

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Preface .....	ix
How to Use This Book .....	xiii
Research Topics for <i>Defining Moments: The Lewis and Clark Expedition</i> .....	xv

## NARRATIVE OVERVIEW

Prologue .....	3
Chapter 1: The Louisiana Purchase .....	7
Chapter 2: The Corps of Discovery .....	19
Chapter 3: Up the Missouri River, 1804 .....	35
Chapter 4: Across the Continent to the Pacific, 1805 .....	51
Chapter 5: The Return Journey, 1806 .....	71
Chapter 6: Settlement of the West .....	91
Chapter 7: Legacy of the Lewis and Clark Expedition .....	105

## BIOGRAPHIES

Toussaint Charbonneau (c. 1760-1843) .....	117
<i>Fur Trader and Translator for the Lewis and Clark Expedition</i>	
William Clark (1770-1838) .....	121
<i>Co-Captain and Primary Mapmaker of the Corps of Discovery</i>	
John Colter (c. 1774-1813) .....	125
<i>Explorer, Trapper, and Member of the Corps of Discovery</i>	

George Drouillard (c. 1774-1810) . . . . .	129
<i>Interpreter and Hunter for the Lewis and Clark Expedition</i>	
Patrick Gass (1771-1870) . . . . .	133
<i>Sergeant, Carpenter, and Journal Keeper for the Corps of Discovery</i>	
Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) . . . . .	137
<i>President Who Organized the Lewis and Clark Expedition</i>	
Meriwether Lewis (1774-1809) . . . . .	141
<i>Explorer, Naturalist, and Co-Captain of the Corps of Discovery</i>	
Sacagawea (c. 1788-1812) . . . . .	146
<i>Interpreter and Guide for the Lewis and Clark Expedition</i>	
York (c. 1770-c. 1822) . . . . .	150
<i>Enslaved African-American Member of the Corps of Discovery</i>	

## **PRIMARY SOURCES**

Alexander Mackenzie Inspires American Exploration . . . . .	157
President Thomas Jefferson Asks Congress to Fund an Expedition . . . . .	160
The Louisiana Purchase Treaty . . . . .	164
Jefferson Provides Meriwether Lewis with Detailed Instructions . . . . .	169
Lewis Buys Equipment and Supplies for the Expedition . . . . .	175
Lewis Scouts the Great Falls of the Missouri River . . . . .	182
Sergeant Patrick Gass Crosses Treacherous Mountain Passes . . . . .	186
William Clark Searches for Winter Quarters on the Pacific Coast . . . . .	192
Sergeant John Ordway Returns to Civilization . . . . .	195
Lewis Informs Jefferson That He Completed His Mission . . . . .	197
Jefferson Meets with an American Indian Delegation . . . . .	202
Native Americans Offer Their Perspective on Westward Expansion . . . . .	205
Historian James Ronda Explores the Legacy of Lewis and Clark . . . . .	210

## Table of Contents

---

Important People, Places, and Terms .....	215
Chronology .....	219
Sources for Further Study .....	227
Bibliography .....	229
Photo and Illustration Credits .....	233
Index .....	235