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Next Week: Spooky spiders



Part of a painting by

"Lewis and Clark at

painting is on display

Three Forks." The

Mini Fact:

Sacagawea's son was born in February 1805. She carried him on her back most of the time.

More than 200 years ago, a young American Indian woman, Sacagawea (sah-KAHguh-WEE-uh), helped a team of explorers make their way across the American West.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, with Edgar Samuel Paxson, about 50 men, began their journey near St. Louis and passed through what is now Missouri, Kansas, Iowa,

at the Montana House of Representatives. Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The 8,000-mile trip took more than $2 \frac{1}{2}$

years. They returned to St. Louis on Sept. 23,

This week, The Mini Page learns more about this historic trip and the woman who helped make it a success.

A young guide

1806.

Sacagawea was a member of the Lemhi **Shoshone** (LEM-high show-SHOW-knee) tribe that lived in an area that is now western Montana. When she was about 11, Sacagawea was captured by another tribe, the Hidatsa (hi-DAHT-zah). She was carried more than 600 miles east to what is now North Dakota. She learned the Hidatsa language in addition to the Shoshone language she already spoke.

When Lewis and Clark arrived at the Hidatsa villages, Sacagawea, age 16, was married to a French Canadian fur trader named Toussaint Charbonneau (shar-bone-OWE). Lewis and Clark hired the couple as intrepreters. Sacagawea was pregnant and gave birth to her son, Jean Baptiste, soon after she joined the group.

The exploration

You might call Sacagawea our first woman ambassador. On the trail, she represented the Lewis and Clark group as a symbol of peace. Without her along, suspicious Indians might have attacked this band of unfamiliar white men. When they saw Sacagawea and her baby, they knew the group was peaceful.

She was a great help finding plants to eat or use as medicines, and she helped Lewis and Clark make trades for things they needed, such as horses.

Her own coin

on a modern Shoshone

There are no pictures of Sacagawea drawn from life. In 2001, the United States issued a gold dollar coin with her image. The art was based

woman.

Historians believe Sacagawea died in 1812 at about 25 years old. Her son and a daughter, Lizette, were adopted by William Clark.

A presidential project

time of the expedition, our country was made up of an area east of the



Mississippi River. There were 17 states and several territories that would later become

In 1798, the port of New Orleans was closed to American shipping, but shipping goods down the Mississippi and through the port of New Orleans was important to Americans.

President Thomas Jefferson wanted to buy the port of New Orleans from the French. The French wanted to sell not only New Orleans, but also all of the Louisiana Territory for \$15 million, or about 3 cents an acre. The Louisiana Purchase almost doubled the size of our country.

Jefferson wanted to find out more about the lands, plants and animals in the Louisiana Territory and beyond. He wanted to establish peaceful relations with the American Indian tribes, and he hoped to find a good way to reach the Pacific Ocean. He selected Lewis to lead the expedition, and Lewis asked Clark to join him.

Resources



On the Web:

nps.gov/lecl/learn/ historyculture/sacagawea.htm

At the library:

• "Sacagawea for Kids: A Trailblazer's Biography" by Sarah Michaels

Try 'n' Find

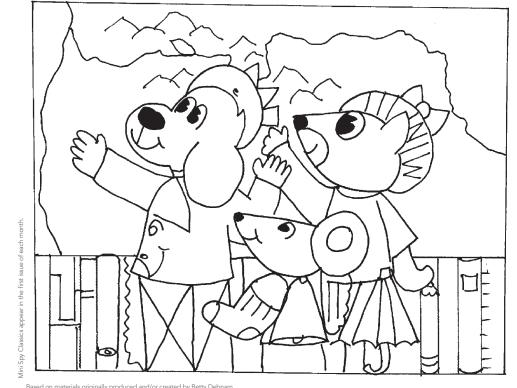
Words that remind us of Sacagawea are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

BABY, CLARK, COIN, EXPEDITION, GUIDE, HIDATSA, INTERPRETER JEFFERSON, LEWIS, LOUISIANA, MEDICINE, NATIVE, PEACE, SACAGAWEA, SHOSHONE, TERRITORY, TRADE, WEST.

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Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are looking at a map of Lewis and Clark's expedition. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



- book
- kite
- word MINI man in the moon
- bell
- pig
- paint roller
- umbrella
- pencil
- key ruler

sock

Mini Jokes

Sam: What word starts with an E, ends with an E, and has one

Sara: Envelope!

Eco Note

Some plants that are illuminated all night by streetlights can develop leaves so tough that they cannot be eaten by insects, according to a study by the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Researcher Shuang Zhang found that the more illumination there was, the tougher the leaves. In the brightest areas, the leaves were extremely tough and showed no sign of insects munching on them. Zhang says that insects eating vegetation is a normal process that sustains other creatures in the ecosystem.

For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about modern exploration.

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