

Lewis and Clark

and the “Corps of Discovery”



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1803...

**Total Cost:
\$15,000,000**

**Cost per acre:
4¢**



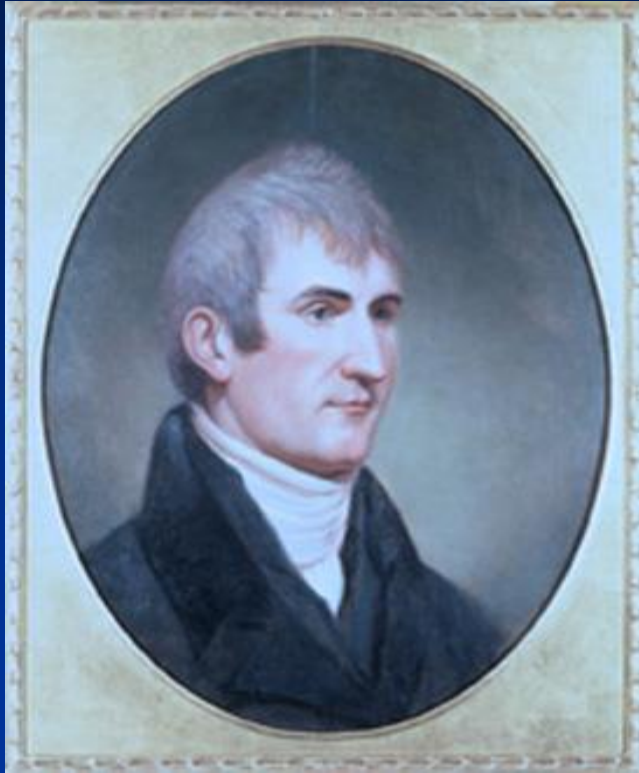
2013...

**Cost per acre:
\$2,160**

**Total Cost:
\$810,000,000,000**

Total Land Area: 375,000,000 acres

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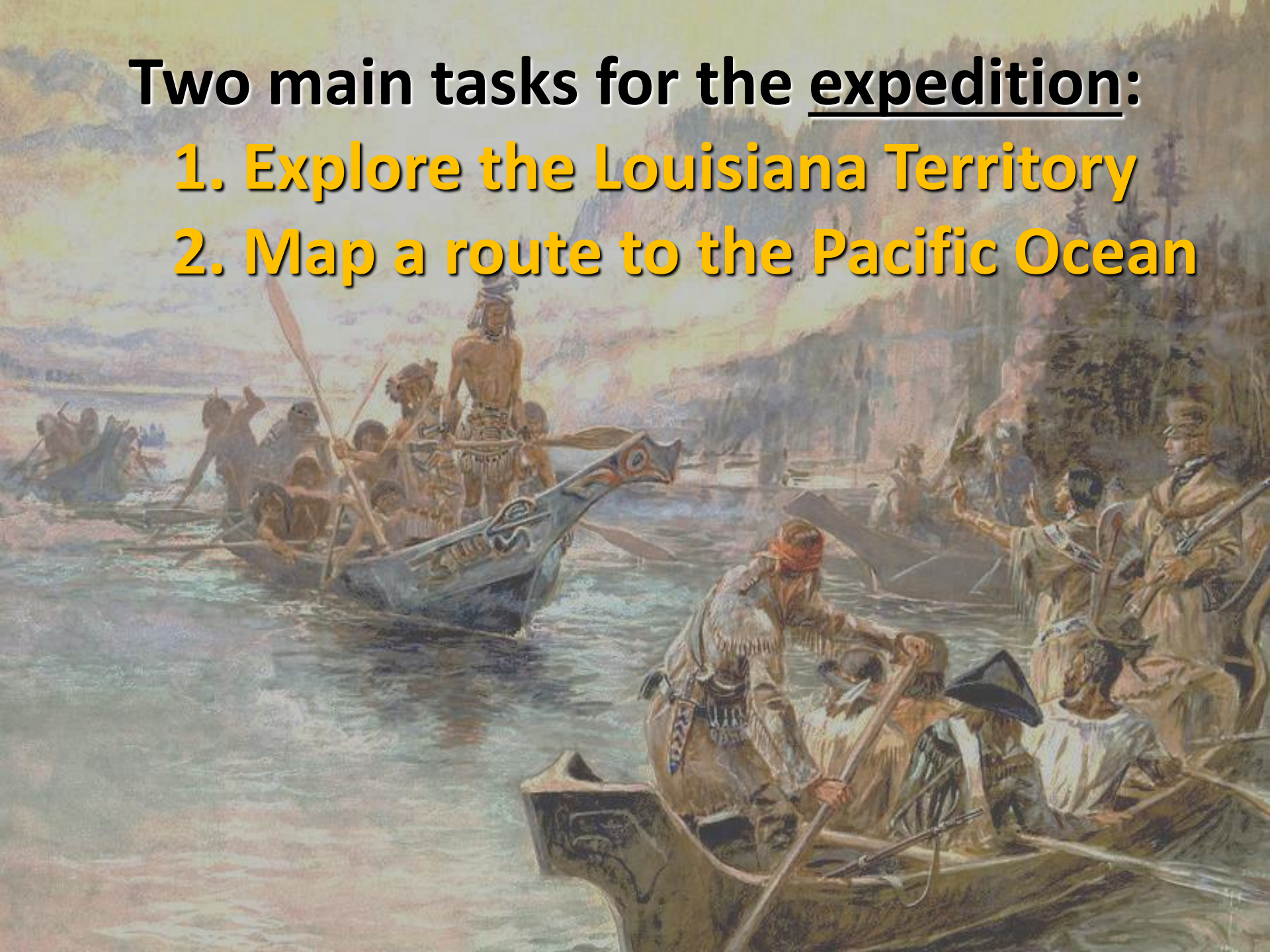
CLARK

Jefferson chose Meriwether Lewis, who asked his former army commander, William Clark, to assist.

Two main tasks for the expedition:

1. Explore the Louisiana Territory

2. Map a route to the Pacific Ocean





Lewis and Clark on the Lower Columbia (1905)

How much were members of the Corps of Discovery paid during their expedition in 1804-1806?

Meriwether Lewis was paid \$40 per month, because of his higher rank, and William Clark received \$30 per month. There is a listing for pay for enlisted men (\$5 a month), and sergeants (\$8 a month).

How much would this be today?

Meriwether Lewis (\$40) = \$9,880/month (\$118,560 annual salary)

William Clark (\$30) = \$7,410/month (\$88,920 annual salary)

Sergeants (\$8) = \$1,976/month (\$23,712 annual salary)

Privates/enlisted men (\$5) = \$1,235/month (\$14,820 annual salary)

Estimated salary figures, as of 2013.

Source: <http://www.measuringworth.com/uscompare/>



The “Corps of Discovery” began in May 1804 from St. Louis, Missouri...



...and traveled up the Missouri River.

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A black Newfoundland dog



Statue (right) honoring
York (Clark’s slave) and
Seaman (Lewis’s dog).

Kansas City, MO





Reproduction of the **Jefferson Peace Medal** given by Lewis and Clark to tribal leaders



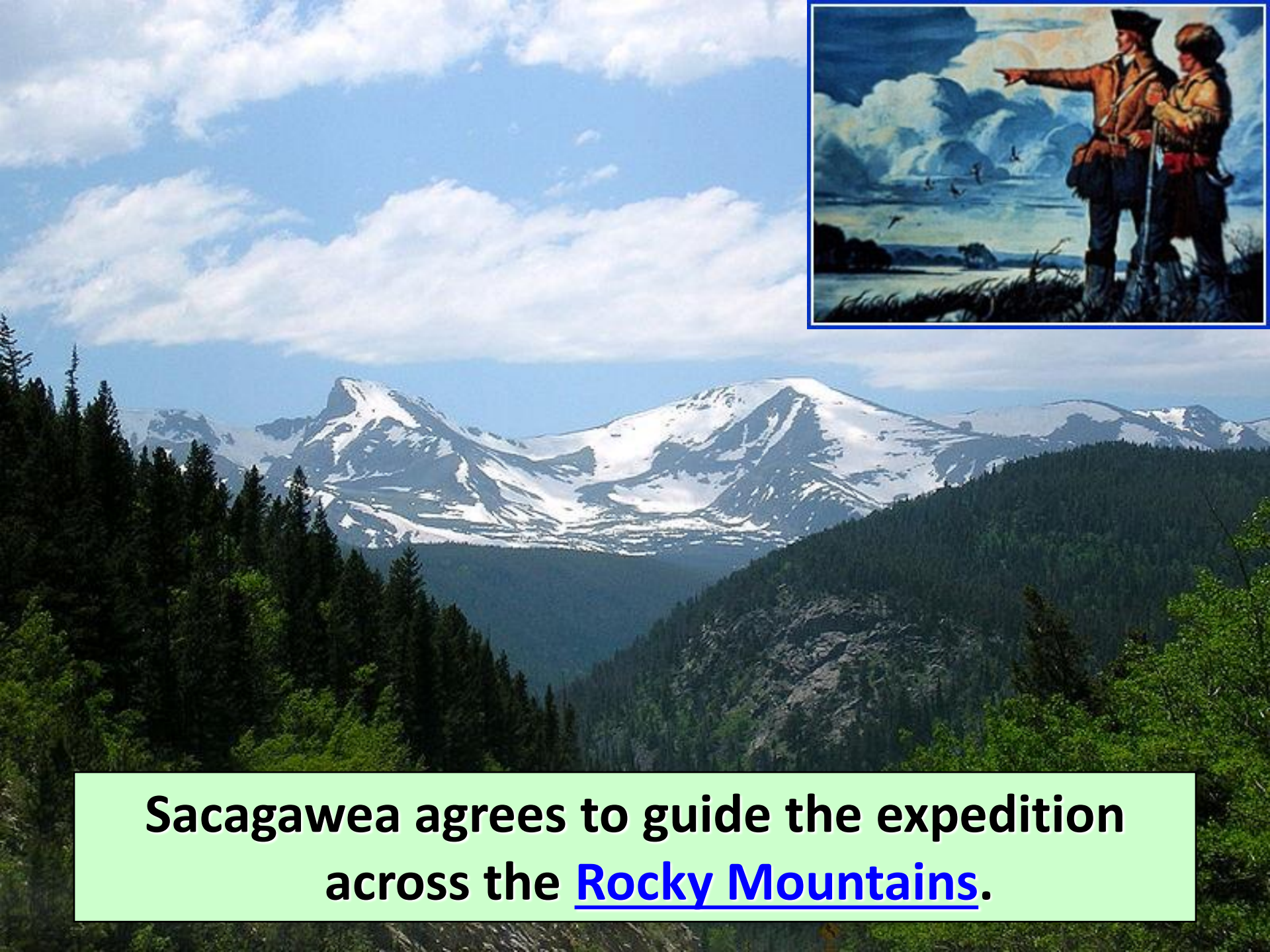
Winter 1804: Stayed in North Dakota with the Mandan Indians.



Lewis and Clark meet Sacagawea.



Fort Mandan, North Dakota (reconstructed)



Sacagawea agrees to guide the expedition
across the [Rocky Mountains](#).

November 1805: Clark writes in his journal...

“Ocean in View...O the Joy!”



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The return trip to St. Louis took another year—they arrived in September 1806.

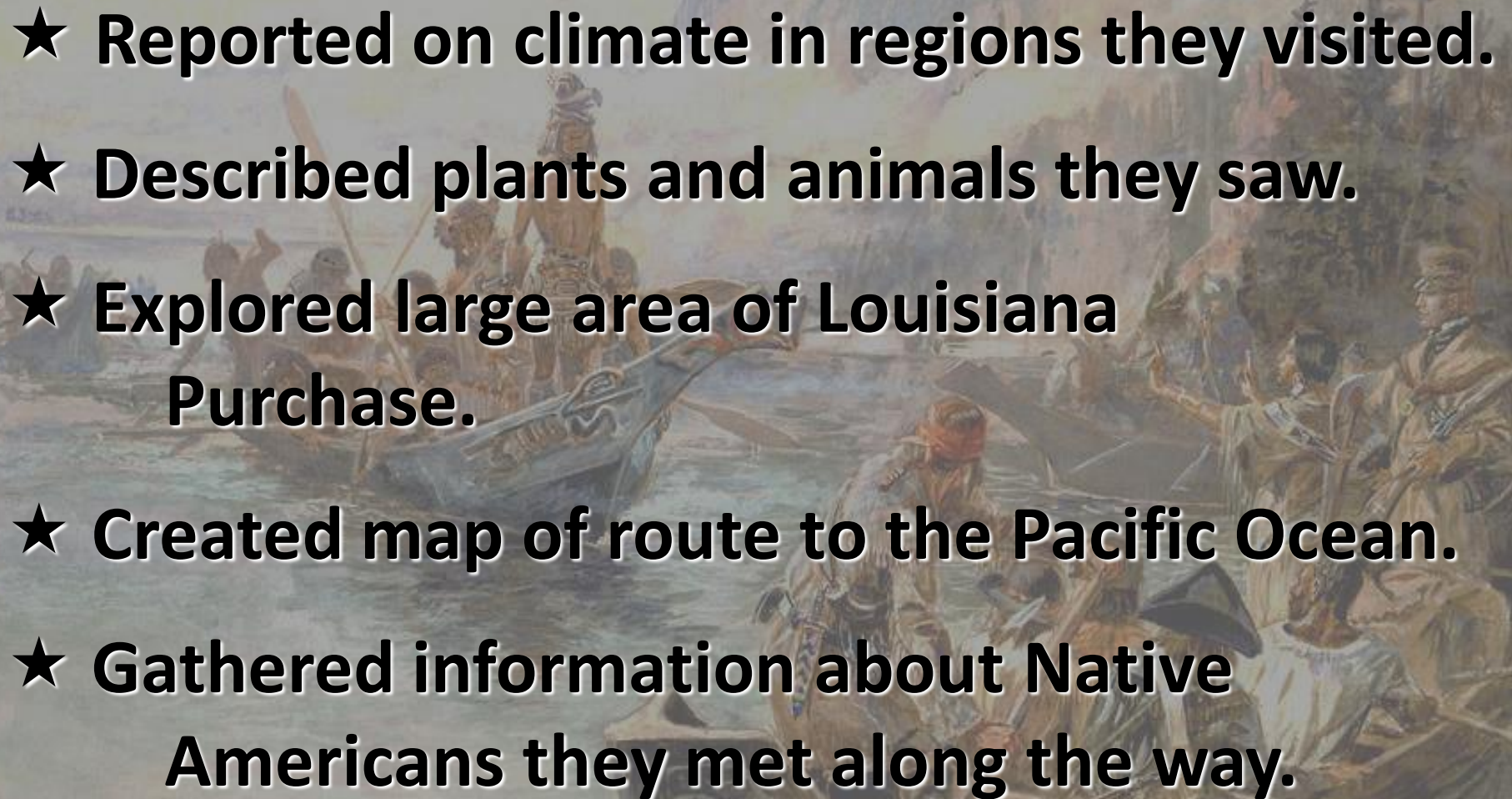
Think About It:

The presence of Sacagawea and her baby showed Native Americans in the region that the explorers were friendly.

What challenges might the expedition have faced without her?



Achievements of the Lewis and Clark Expedition:

- ★ Reported on climate in regions they visited.
 - ★ Described plants and animals they saw.
 - ★ Explored large area of Louisiana Purchase.
 - ★ Created map of route to the Pacific Ocean.
 - ★ Gathered information about Native Americans they met along the way.
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THE PALLADIUM.

FRANKFORT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1806.

WE congratulate the public at large and the particular friends of Messrs. Lewis and Clark and their enterprising companions, on the happy termination of an expedition, which will, doubtless, be productive of incalculable commercial advantages to the Western Country, at no very distant period—improve our geographical knowledge of those hitherto unexplored regions—and assist the government of the Union, in estimating the true value of those boundaries which we claim by the purchase of Louisiana. Whatever differences of opinion may exist on this point, we are persuaded all think and feel alike, on the courage, perseverance, and prudent deportment displayed by this adventurous party. They are entitled to, and will receive the plaudits of their countrymen.

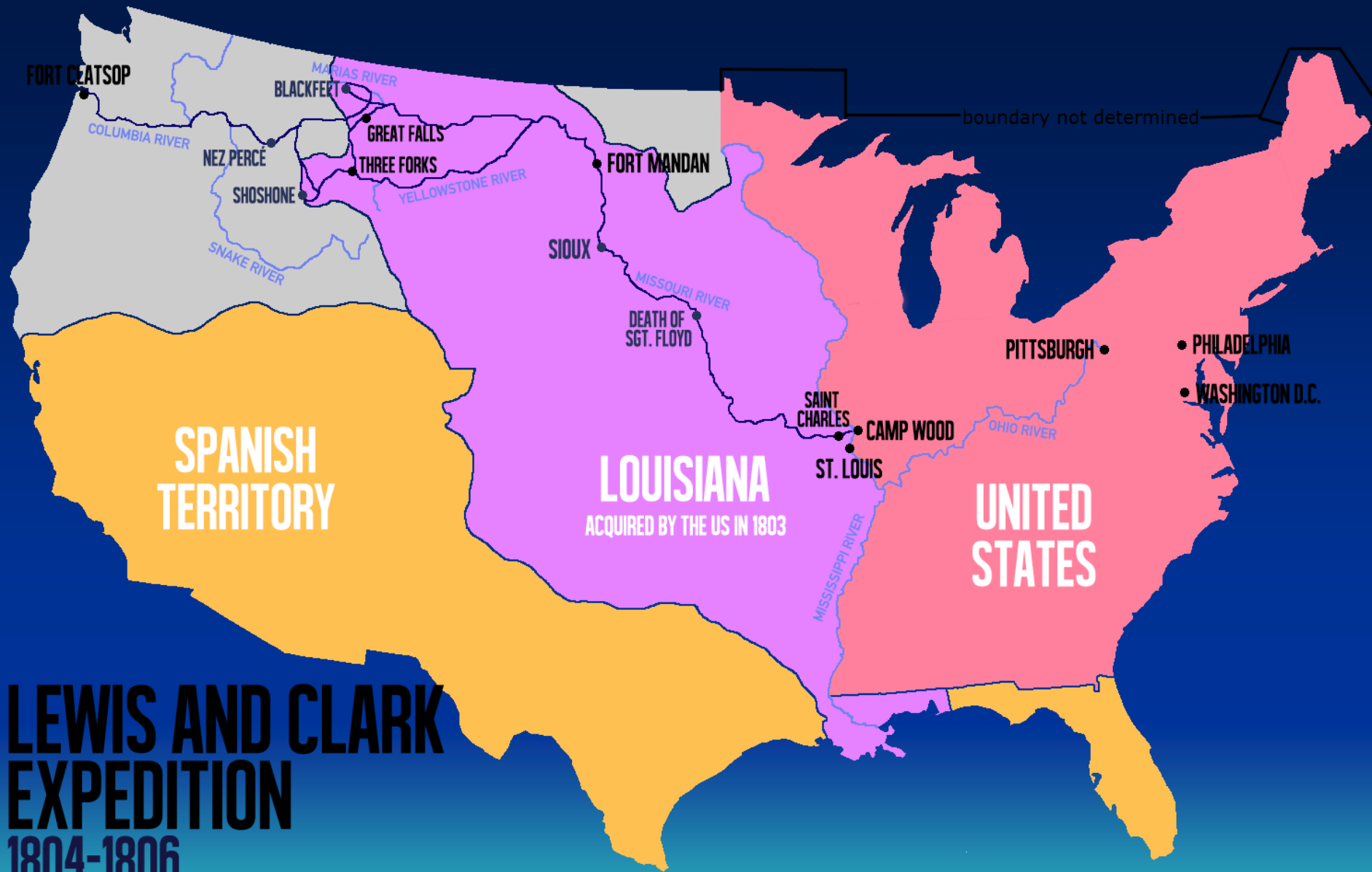
First report of their successful return
in the Frankfort (KY) *Palladium*
9 October 1806

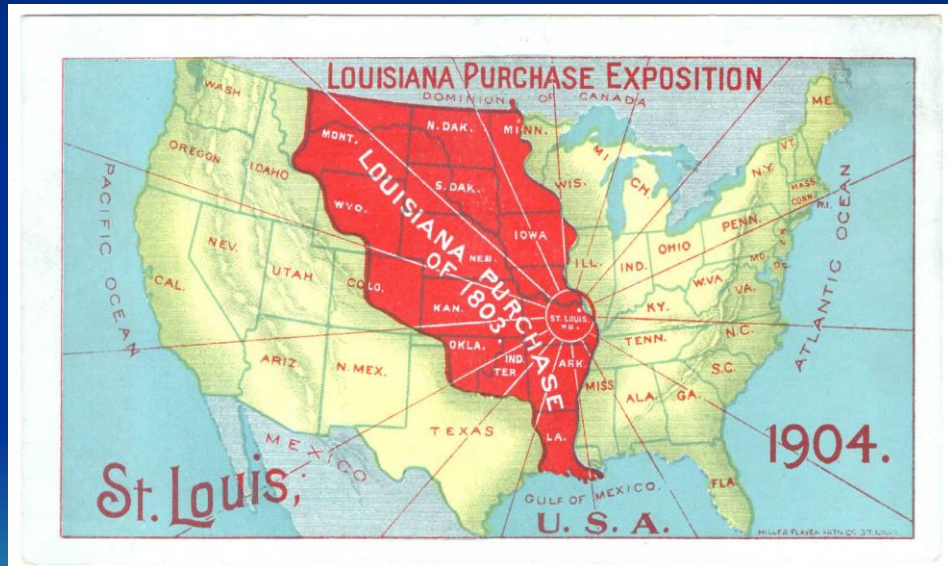
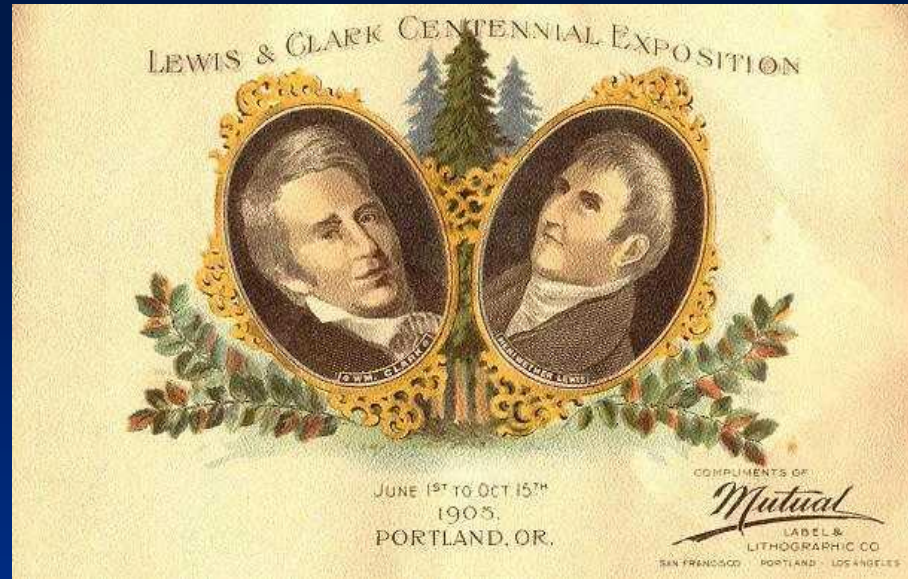
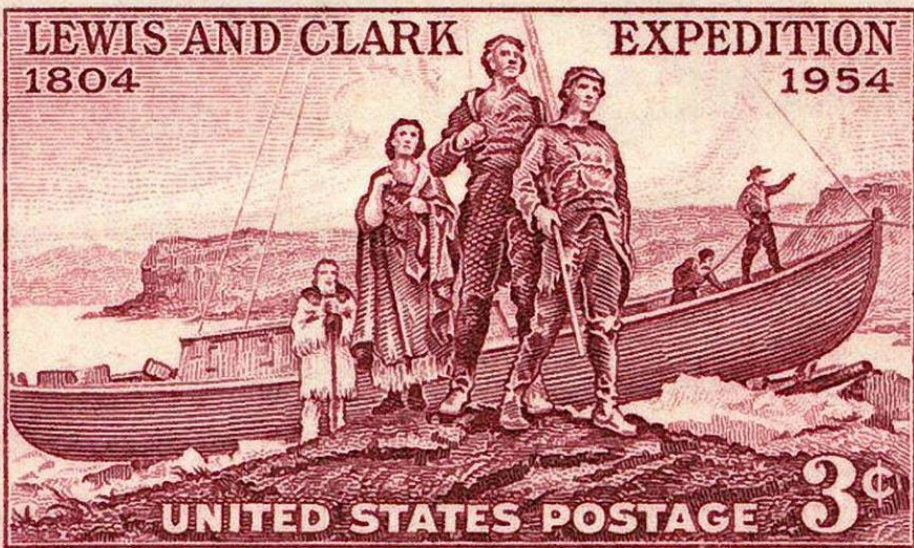


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Also, Zebulon Pike explored the upper Mississippi River and the Southwest region of the continent. Both expeditions made further exploration and settlement of the West and Southwest possible.







For Your Consideration:

President Jefferson's commitment in 1803 to explore the Louisiana Territory is often compared to President Kennedy's challenge in 1961 to land a man on the moon.

Why was Lewis & Clark's expedition GREATER than the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969?

