

Sacagawea

“Amazing the things you find when you bother to search for them.”

Sacagawea is best known for being the only women on the Lewis and Clark expedition into the American west. She helped translate the Shoshone Indian language during their journey of discovering new land.

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Discover

1. Sacagawea was only 16 when she embarked on the Lewis and Clark expedition. She was a wife and a mother and she often carried her newborn baby on her back during their journey. Could you imagine walking hundreds of miles to discover unknown wilderness with people you don't know? What do you think this was like for Sacagawea? Take a moment to picture yourself in her shoes. Discuss with your troop how Sacagawea might have been feeling before she went on this big journey. What personality traits do you think Sacagawea must have had to enable her to do what she did?
2. During Lewis and Clark's expedition they discovered many new animals such as grizzly bears, coyotes, and mountain beavers. What other

animals live out west? What kind of area would you find them in? The mountains? The prairie? Do some research and find out!

3. Did you know that Sacagawea has a dollar coin in her honor? The first Sacagawea gold dollar coin was minted in 2000. The head of the coin, shows Sacagawea carrying her infant son, who was born early in the journey of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The tail of the coin, originally showed a soaring eagle encircled by 17 stars—one for each state in the Union, at the time of the 1804 Lewis and Clark expedition. Since 2009, the reverse design has changed each year to honor Native American heritage. Check out pictures of the Sacagawea coin by visiting the [United States Mint website](#)
4. Thomas Jefferson, our third President, had dreamed of exploring the west. It was because of his letter to congress asking them to fund the expedition, that Lewis and Clark were able to take their journey. They brought back knowledge of what the west contained, such as land, natural resources and animals. This catapulted the United States' purchase of the Louisiana territory; otherwise known as the Louisiana Purchase. What do you already know about the Louisiana Purchase? Why was this so important to American history? Explore a map of the territory the United States purchased. How much did we buy the land for? Discover more about the Louisiana Purchase and why Lewis and Clark were so influential in this historical land deal.

Connect

5. Sacagawea's name means "bird woman" or "boat puller." Find out what your name means. If you can't find what your name means, what do you wish your name meant? Would you base it off your favorite hobby or favorite animal? You decide!

6. Sacagawea serves as a symbol of peace. Design your own symbol of peace. What do you think of when you think of peace? Draw your symbol of peace and discuss in your troop how your symbol compares and contrasts to others in your troop.
7. Lewis and Clark kept journals about the details of their expedition; that is why we know so much about Sacagawea during this time in her life. She was mentioned in their journals. Start keeping your own journal. It can be easy to forget what happened a month, 6 months, a year ago, so it's nice to have a written reminder. Design your own journal cover and write your first entry! Maybe you and your troop could even discuss each other's journal entries at your next troop meeting!

Take Action

8. Go on a nature hike! Take in the beauty of the outdoors by going on a nature hike with your troop, your friends or your family. What kind of nature and animals did you come across? If you have a compass on hand practice using it to find out what direction you are traveling. This is knowledge that Sacagawea would have had to find out to keep her and Lewis and Clark traveling in the right direction while on the expedition.
9. Sacagawea used her unique skills such as language interpreter and guide to help Lewis and Clark on their journey. Come up with a list of your unique skills. List how your unique skills be used to make a positive change in the world or to help someone else do something worthwhile. Your unique skills matter! Find what makes you unique and discover ways to put those skills to work to make a difference.