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North America

The Lewis and Clark expedition was an early exploration of the vast wilderness of the northwestern United States. It was sponsored by the U.S. government and led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The expedition began in May 1804, and returned in September 1806.

Lewis and Clark traveled a total of about 8,000 miles. Starting from St. Louis, Missouri, they journeyed up the Missouri River, across the Rocky Mountains, and along the Columbia River to the Pacific coast. They returned with maps of their route and the surrounding regions. They brought specimens and descriptions of plant, animal, and mineral resources.



The success of the expedition enabled the United States to claim the region, which included what are now the states of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Write the definition for each word. Then write a sentence using the word.

1a. **expedition** _____

1b. _____

2a. **route** _____

2b. _____



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Northwest and Northeast Passages

In the early 1800's, the British Navy sent expeditions to find a Northwest Passage in Arctic waters north of Canada. William Edward Parry, found an entrance to the Northwest Passage in the Canadian Arctic in 1819. He was unable to go any further.



After many tries, a ship finally made the entire passage in 1906 when Roald Amundsen, a Norwegian explorer, sailed from the Atlantic Ocean to the Bering Strait.

Meanwhile, Nils Adolf Erik Nordenskjold, a Swedish explorer, completed the Northeast Passage from Europe to Asia. In July 1878, he sailed east from Norway, and reached the Pacific Ocean a year later.



A U.S. Coast Guard cutter, the Spar, made the west to east trip in 1957. The Spar was the first ship to sail completely around North America on a continuous voyage. It started in Rhode Island, went to the Panama Canal, up the Pacific Coast, through the Northwest Passage, and back to Rhode Island.

If you were an explorer. What country would you explore in either Asia or South America?
Write a little about what you would do to explore it.



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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

chronometer
botany

steam
seas

south
north

ice
space

