

Lewis & Clark Expedition

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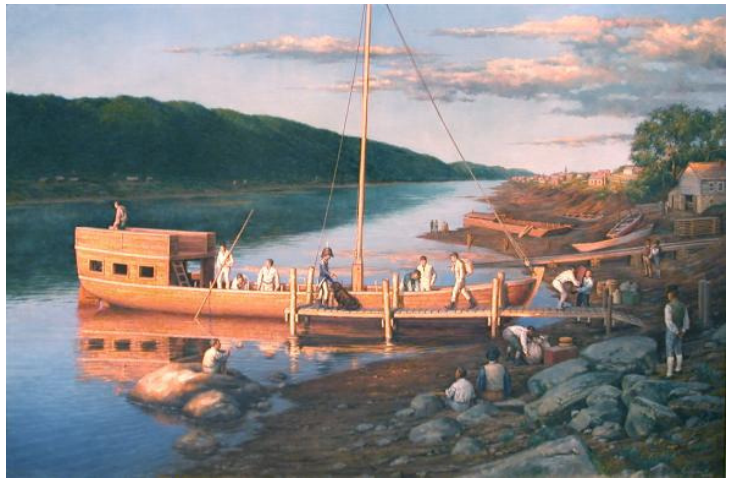
Many people think that the Lewis & Clark Expedition began on the Missouri River but it actually started at Pittsburgh on the Ohio River. The presentation begins with events leading up to the event and proceeds with their journey, beginning at Pittsburgh. Hay also shares some of the actual journals written by William Clark during the expedition. Following is an outline of the talk.

I. Why did they do it?

- A. William Clark's background
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. Louisiana Purchase

II. The expedition begins

- A. The boat
- B. Hazards of the Ohio River
- C. Louisville recruiting
- D. Fort Massac (present day Illinois)



The 55 foot keelboat

III. Winter over at Wood River, IL

- A. Training men
- B. Getting supplies
- C. Overcoming political obstacles

IV. Lower Missouri River

- A. Mosquitoes
- B. Meeting first Indians

V. Middle Missouri River

- A. Crew member dies
- B. Hostile Indians
- C. Cold Winter in North Dakota



VI. Upper Missouri River

- A. Confusing waterways
- B. Finding the headwaters

VII. The Mountains

- A. The portage
- B. Lack of food
- C. The helpful Indians

VIII. The divide

- A. Searching for a waterway
- B. Hazards encountered



IX. Waterways to the Sea

- A. Snake River
- B. Columbia River

X. The West Coast

- B. Reaching their goal
- C. The long winter

XI. The Return Trip

- A. Hostile encounters
- B. Side Journeys

XII. Arrival at St. Louis

- A. The Celebration
- B. The impact of the expedition
- C. Captain Clark's reflections



The Lewis & Clark Expedition was the greatest river journey ever recorded and had a huge impact on American History. Jerry Hay becomes Captain William Clark during his presentation and shares many of his personal insights that were taken from the journeys that he wrote.

