



# Highs & Lows on the Trail

Newspapers in Education is celebrating *The Monumental Return of Lewis & Clark* with Explore St. Louis in this four-part classroom series.

**FUN FACT #2:** Approximately a year and a half after leaving St. Louis, the expedition reached the Pacific Ocean in November 1805. They stayed that winter near the ocean and started home again in March of 1806. The journey home only took around six months.

**Watch Episode 2 – Highs & Lows** ([explorestlouis.com/lewisandclark](http://explorestlouis.com/lewisandclark))

**ACTIVITY:** After watching the video, have students explore milestones along Lewis and Clark’s expedition by creating a timeline of important events. Give students the dates below, events below, or a combination of both and have them fill in the missing information. Students can use both online and print resources to learn about these events.

**ACTIVITY EXTENSION:** Create a timeline and hang it in the classroom. Mark each month on the timeline with a strip of paper about a foot long. Start the timeline by marking the events on the “Important Dates” table below. As students do additional reading, add other important events on the timeline.

**WRITING CONNECTION:** If you were an explorer, where would you explore and why? What tools would you need to take along on your expedition?

Date	Event
February 28, 1803	Congress provides money for expedition.
December 1803	Expedition members set up a camp where the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers meet.
May 14, 1804	Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery set off on their expedition.
August 3, 1804	The Corps of Discovery has their first encounter with Native people.
August 20, 1804	Sgt. Charles Floyd is the first Corps member to die.
September 25, 1804	In an encounter with Teton Sioux, Native Americans demand one of the boats belonging to the explorers as a toll to proceed up the river.
October 24, 1804	Corps members discover the Mandan Village and build their winter shelter for nearby.
November 4, 1804	The Corps hires Toussaint Charbonneau, a fur trapper, as an interpreter.
April 29, 1805	Lewis and another hunter kill a never-before see animal – a grizzly bear!
June 2, 1805	Lewis and Clark decide to head south when they come to a fork in the Missouri River.
August 17, 1805	The expedition discovers a village of Shoshones led by Sacajawea’s brother.
October 16, 1805	The expedition reaches the Columbia River.
November 18, 1805	Clark sees Mount Hood and determines they must be near the ocean.