

# **FRONTIER HISTORY FLASH CARDS**

Use these flash cards to learn about and test yourself on major figures in frontier exploration and history!

(Answer keys are included)



Independence National Historical Park

**Captain William Clark (1770-1838)**

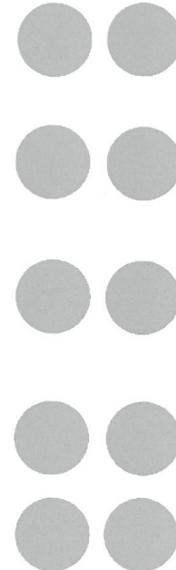
William Clark served, with Meriwether Lewis, as co-captain of the Corps of Discovery from 1804 to 1806. The 28-month expedition would explore western lands never before seen by Americans. Clark had many skills including being an excellent boatman. This was very important since more than 80 percent of the trip was spent on the water.

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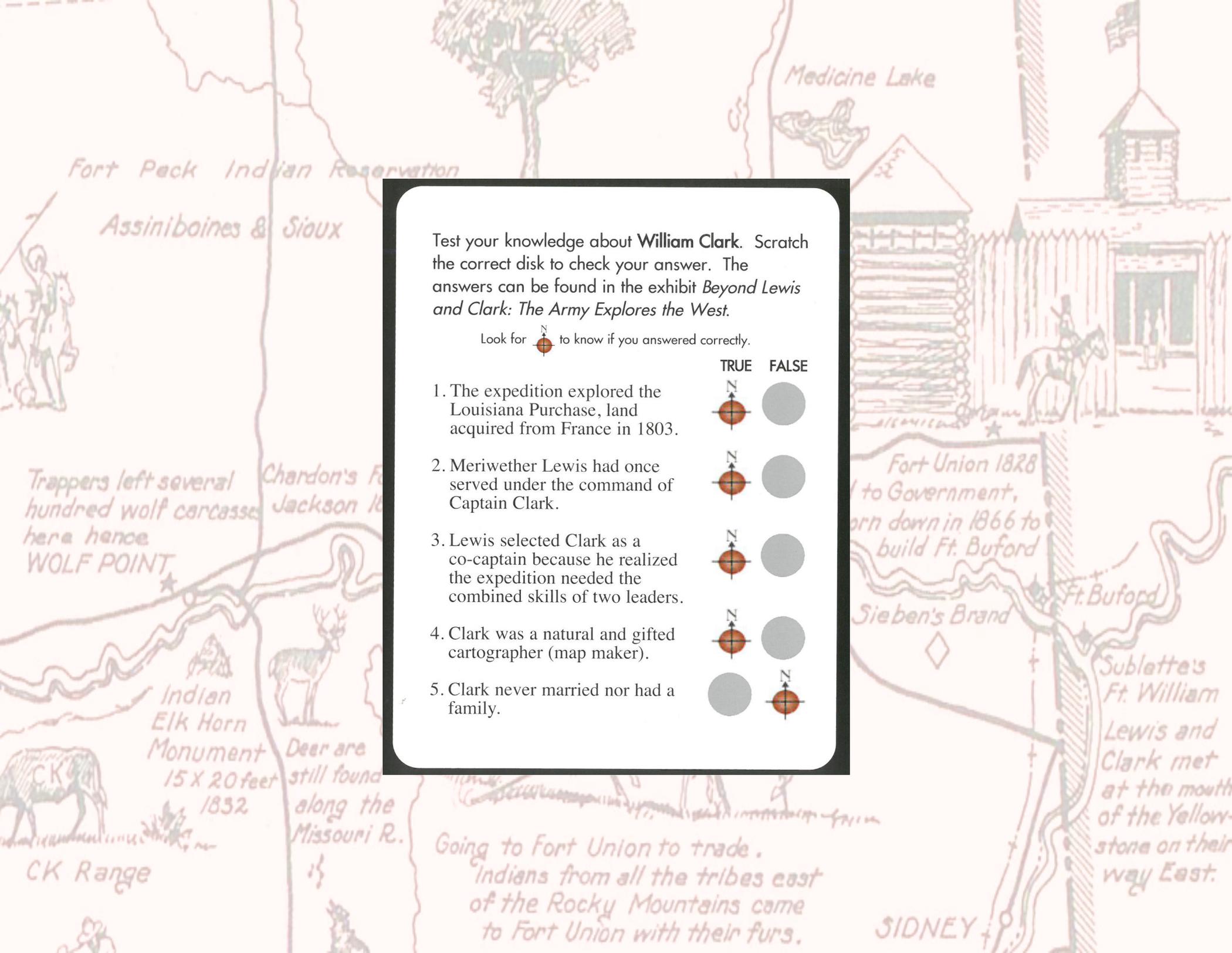
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- 4. Clark was a natural and gifted cartographer (map maker).
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Chardon's Fort Jackson 1806

Indian Elk Horn Monument 15 X 20 feet 1832

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SIDNEY

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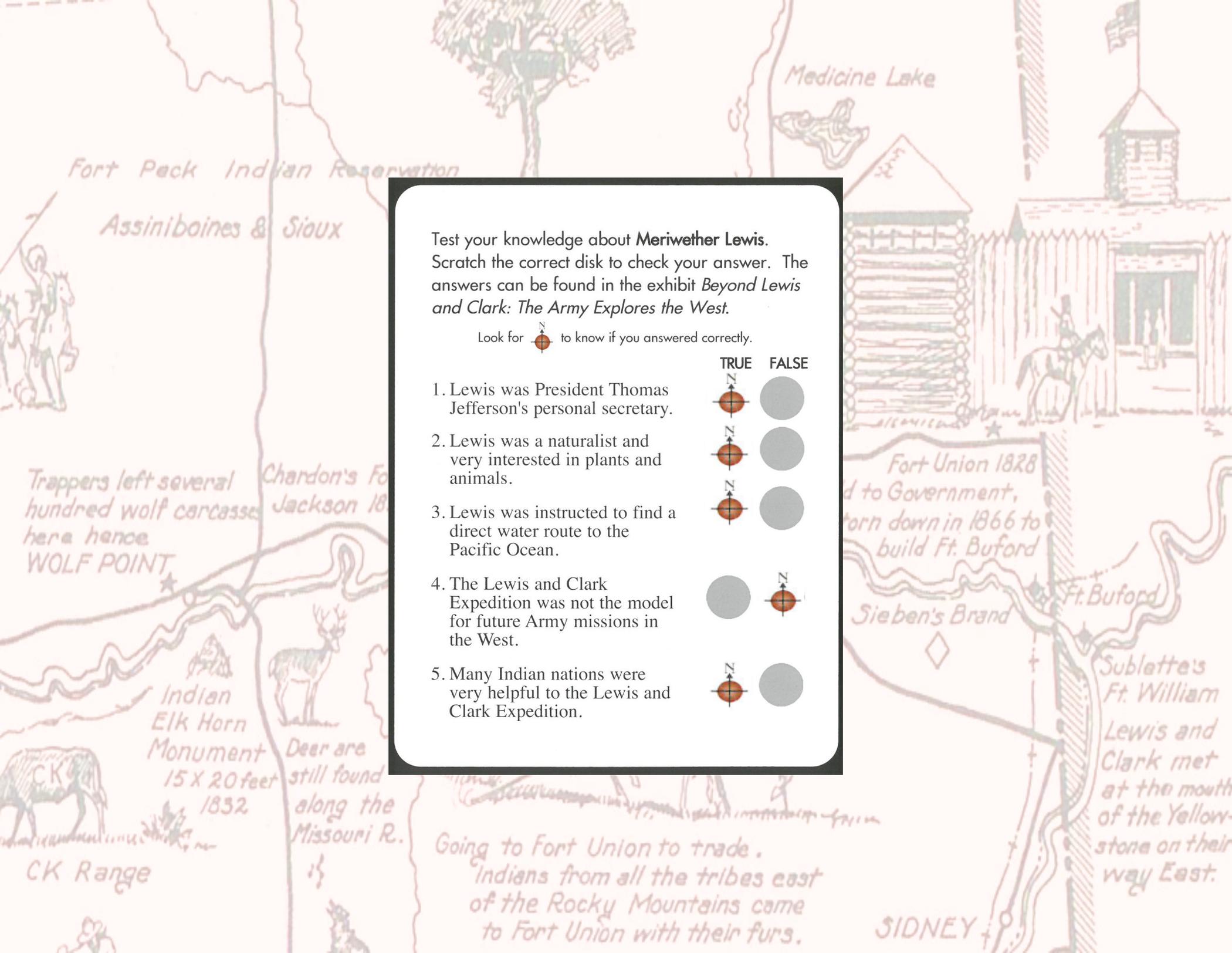
Captain Lewis, with Captain William Clark, led the Corps of Discovery on an 8,000-mile journey to the Pacific Ocean and back. Their journals would provide citizens and scientists with a wealth of new information about the West. Lewis was only 29 years old when he was directed by President Jefferson to lead the 1804 to 1806 expedition.

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| 2. Lewis was a naturalist and very interested in plants and animals.                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Lewis was instructed to find a direct water route to the Pacific Ocean.                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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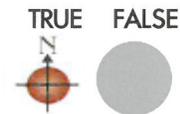
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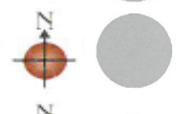
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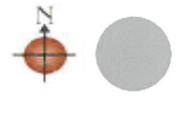
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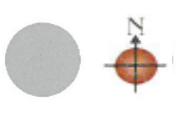
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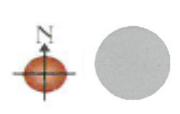
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### York (c. 1770-c. 1832)

York was Captain William Clark's slave. They had been together since childhood. During the expedition, York was given the same treatment as the other members of the Corps. What Clark didn't realize was the sensation York's dark skin would cause among the Native Americans. They considered him very special because of his color and strength.

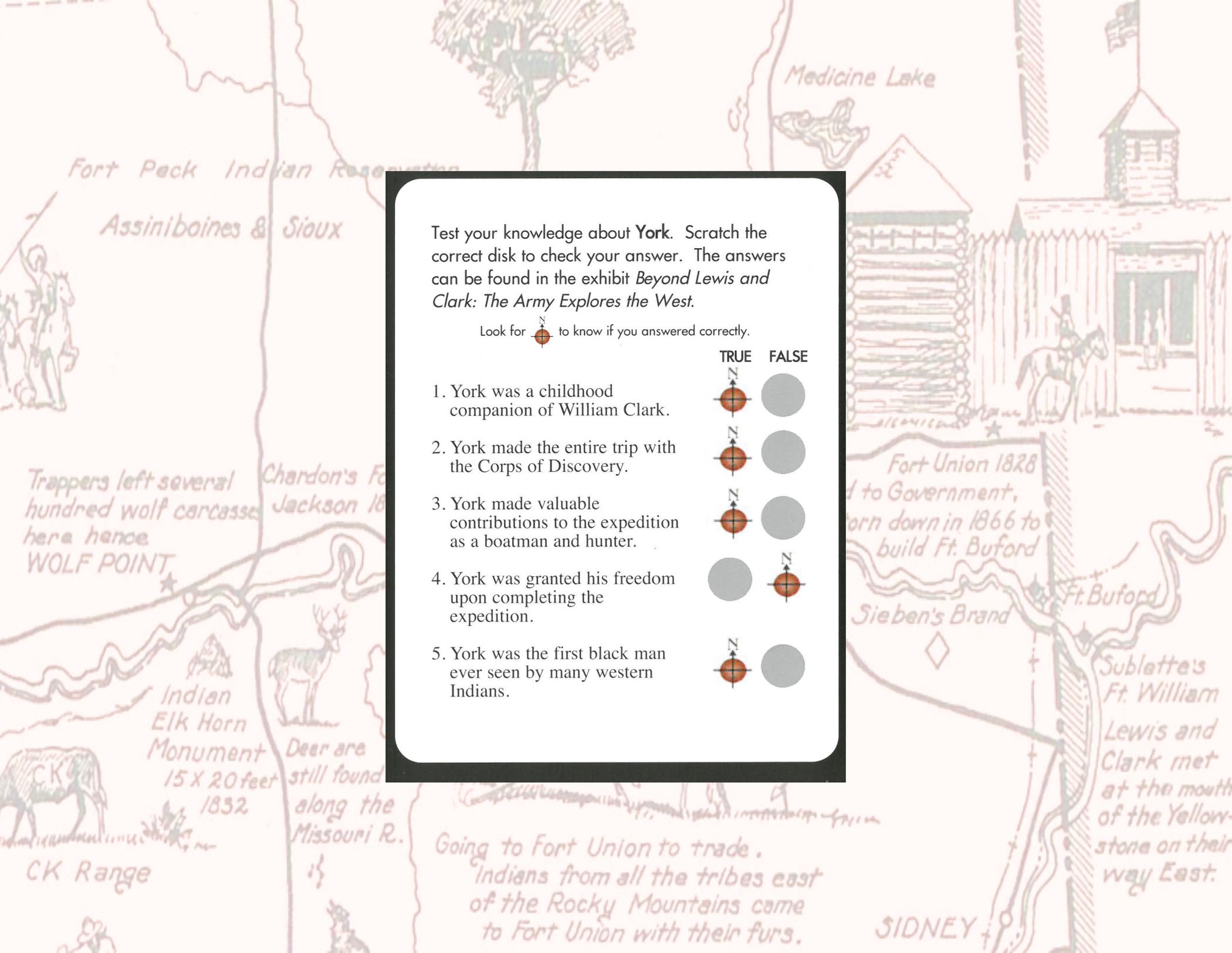
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### Sacagawea (c. 1788-1812)

Sacagawea, a young Shoshone woman, was a guide and interpreter for the Corps of Discovery. She joined the expedition at Ft. Mandan in 1805 when Lewis and Clark hired her husband, Toussaint Charbonneau, as an interpreter. Her name translates to “Bird Woman.”

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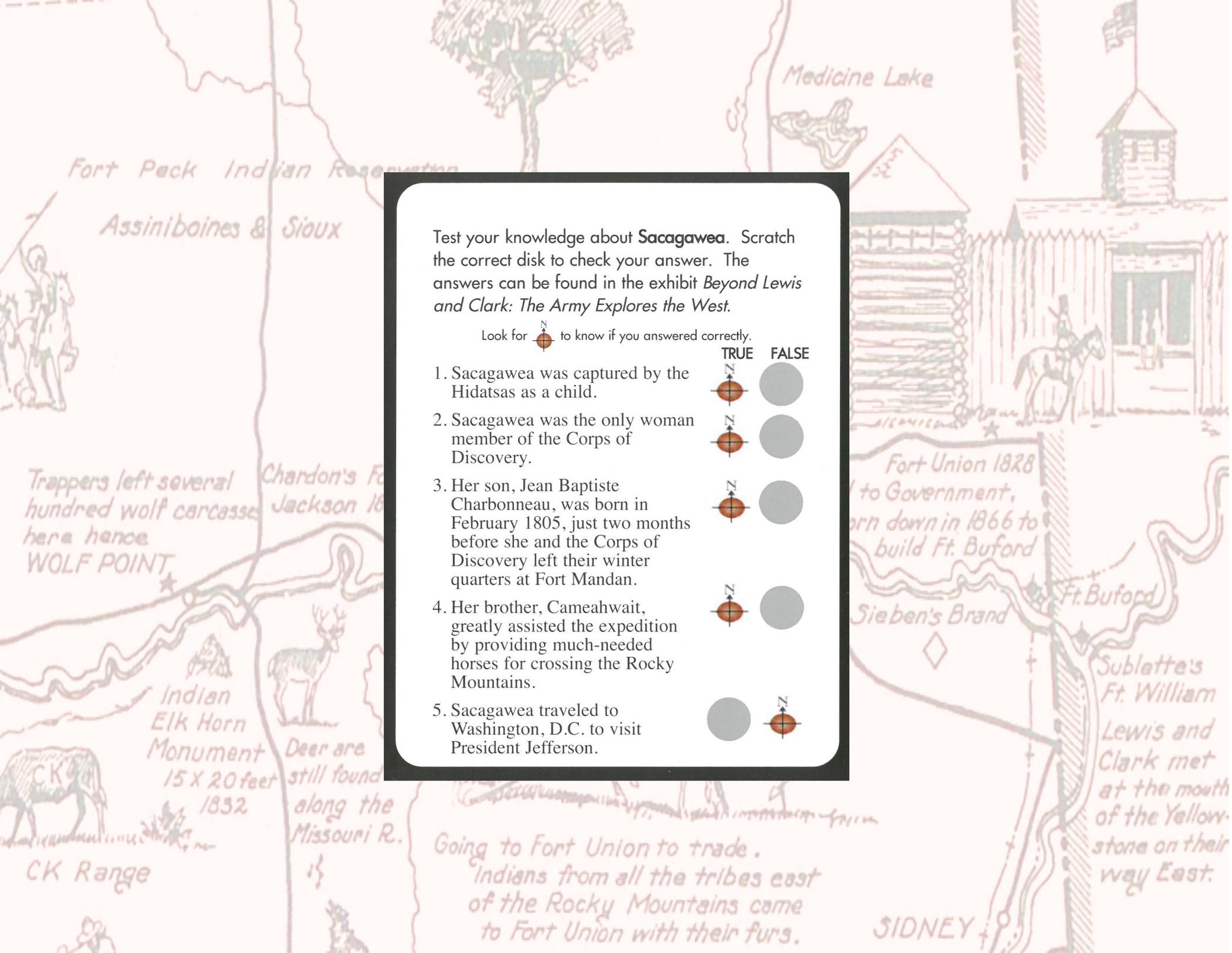
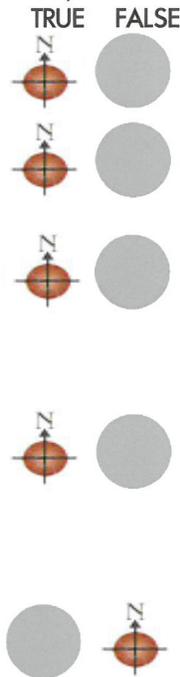
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### John C. Frémont (1813-1890)

Lt. John C. Frémont's exploring earned him the name "The Pathfinder." Between 1842 and 1846 he led three major expeditions into the West. His reports contained important scientific information but they also read like adventure stories. His books were very popular reading and they made Frémont a hero of westward expansion. His fame led to a political career as one of the first U.S. Senators from California and the 1856 Republican Party candidate for President.

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| 2. Frémont identified the geographic feature called the Great Basin, an area between the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada Mountains. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Frémont brought a howitzer (specialized cannon) with him on this 1842-1843 expedition to California.                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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### Jessie Benton Frémont (1824-1902)

Jessie Benton Frémont was the strong-willed daughter of the expansionist U. S. Senator, Thomas Hart Benton. She was only 16 years old when she married explorer John C. Frémont. Jessie Frémont spent much of her life promoting her husband's military and political career and helped him write his memoirs.

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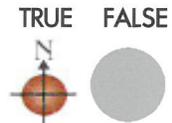
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3. Her father, Thomas Hart Benton, was a U. S. Senator from Missouri.  TRUE  FALSE
4. Jessie Benton Frémont went with her husband on his expeditions.  TRUE  FALSE
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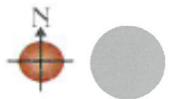
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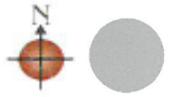
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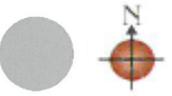
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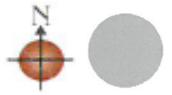
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West Point Library, Special Collections

**Major William H. Emory (1811-1887)**

Major William H. Emory was never a well-known explorer but his work is among the best of the soldier-explorers. A graduate of West Point, he earned the respect of his troops as a fighting officer in two major wars. He was also an excellent scientist and scholar, working in the Southwest. His maps and expedition reports resulted in the creation of the current Mexico-U.S. boundary.

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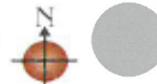
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Washington State Historical Society

**Isaac I. Stevens (1818-1862)**

In 1853, Isaac Stevens was chosen to lead the military survey crew mapping a route for the transcontinental railroad. A graduate of West Point, Stevens distinguished himself as an explorer as well as a politician. His adventurous life ended on the battlefield leading a charge in the Battle of Chantilly (VA) during the Civil War.

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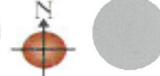
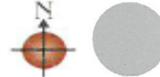
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### Major Stephen Long (1784-1864)

Major Stephen Long's 1819-1820 expedition developed out of U. S. concern over British interest in the Northern Plains. His expedition eventually was redirected to map the central plains to the Rocky Mountains. Long was the first Army explorer to include professional scientists as part of his survey team. He also was the first to use a steamboat for exploration purposes.

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| 3. Deserters took some of Major Long's field notes and lost them.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. The name of Major Long's steamboat was the <i>Western Engineer</i> .  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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U.S. Army Military History Institute

**General George Armstrong Custer (1839-1876)**

General George A. Custer was a Civil War veteran who gained national attention with his command of troops on the Western frontier. He was killed at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in 1876, when the U.S. government waged war against the Sioux and other Plains Indian tribes.

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| 2. The Sioux considered the Black Hills sacred.   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. The advance of prospectors into the Black Hills violated the Laramie Peace Treaty of 1868 and led to violence. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Gen. Custer's wife, Libbie Custer, helped create and then preserve the image of her husband as a hero.         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
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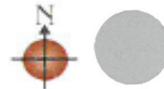
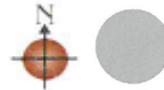
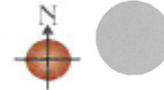
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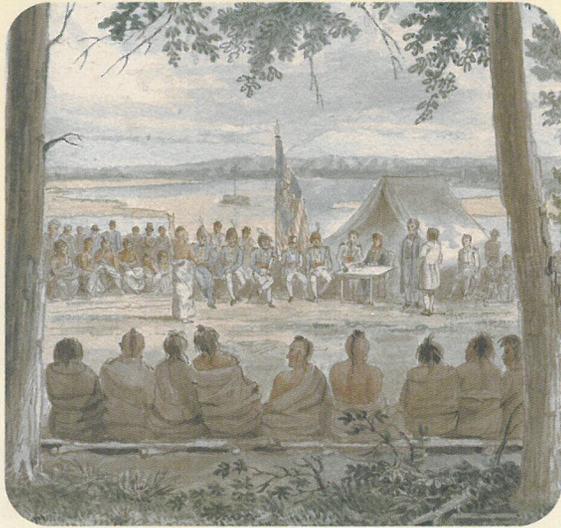
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Yale Collection of Western Americana,  
Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library

“Pawnee Council” by Samuel Seymour (1819)

### The Artists

Beginning with Major Stephen Long’s expedition, artists became important members of the military expeditions. They were employed to create a realistic record of the terrain, flora, fauna, and Native people. Their paintings also captured the beauty and grandeur of the West and the attention of the American public.

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| 1. Landscape artist Samuel Seymour provided Americans with their first view of the Rocky Mountains.          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Gustav Sohon was a private in the Army when he created his illustrations for the Pacific Railroad Survey. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. The Pacific Railroad Survey employed fewer artists than previous expeditions.                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Artist John Mix Stanley painted Indians because he knew that their culture was changing.                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. The work of the expedition artist was eventually replaced by that of the photographer.                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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National Archives Records Administration,  
Still Pictures Division

“Inyan Kara” by William Illingworth (1874)

### The Photographers

The development of photography coincided with the era of Westward Expansion. Invented in the 1830s, photography became a critical part of military expeditions, eventually replacing artistic renderings. The photographic images, however, served the same dual role of paintings—documentation and promotion. In this image of the Black Hills, the presence of William Illingworth, his camera, and tripod was forever captured on film.

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\* Answers are found in our museum exhibits, but can be found through online and printed research for students at home.

Test your knowledge about the **photographers**.  
Scratch the correct disk to check your answer. The  
answers can be found in the exhibit *Beyond Lewis  
and Clark: The Army Explores the West*.

Look for  to know if you answered correctly.

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