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

(Answer keys are included)
**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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2. Meriwether Lewis had once served under the command of Captain Clark.  
   - TRUE  
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3. Lewis selected Clark as a co-captain because he realized the expedition needed the combined skills of two leaders.  
   - TRUE  
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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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1. Lewis was President Thomas Jefferson's personal secretary.  
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2. Lewis was a naturalist and very interested in plants and animals.  
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3. Lewis was instructed to find a direct water route to the Pacific Ocean.  
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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.

Test your knowledge about York. 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.

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1. York was a childhood companion of William Clark.

2. York made the entire trip with the Corps of Discovery.

3. York made valuable contributions to the expedition as a boatman and hunter.

4. York was granted his freedom upon completing the expedition.

5. York was the first black man ever seen by many western Indians.

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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.”

Test your knowledge about Sacagawea. 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.

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1. Sacagawea was captured by the Hidatsas as a child.
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2. Sacagawea was the only woman member of the Corps of Discovery.
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3. Her son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, was born in February 1805, just two months before she and the Corps of Discovery left their winter quarters at Fort Mandan.
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4. Her brother, Cameahwait, greatly assisted the expedition by providing much-needed horses for crossing the Rocky Mountains.
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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.

3. Frémont brought a howitzer (specialized cannon) with him on this 1842-1843 expedition to California.

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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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1. Jessie Benton Frémont secretly married her husband against her father’s wishes.

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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.

Test your knowledge about William H. Emory.

1. Emory created and published the first accurate map of the Southwest.
   - True  
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2. Emory was sent to survey the Southwest during and after the Mexican War, 1846-1848.
   - True  
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3. Emory was a member of the Army’s elite “Corps of Topographic Engineers.”
   - True  
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4. Emory completed the first comprehensive scientific survey of the Southwest.
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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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2. In 1853 Stevens was also the Indian Agent for the Northwest. (FALSE)
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The Artists
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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.

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