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Use Multiple Sources

Practice

Your assignment is to write a report about Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's trip through the Rockies. You decide to start finding out about Lewis and Clark's trip, using both firsthand and secondhand accounts.

Suppose that you have found three different sources about Lewis and Clark's trip. Read each source. Write your answers on the lines and then print this page.

Source A

Lewis and Clark's Trip

In the early 1800s, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark took their famous trip through the West. Lewis and Clark crossed the Rockies and reached the Pacific Ocean. Along the way, they made maps and kept records of animals and plants they saw.

A Shoshone woman named Sacagawea accompanied Lewis and Clark and their group. She was very helpful in getting the explorers safely through Native American territory and across the mountains.

Lewis and Clark saw the Rocky Mountains for the first time, from a distance, on May 26, 1805.

1. What You Learn from Source A:

**Part 2 READING:
INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

2.3 Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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Source B

Passages from Meriwether Lewis’s journal, May 26, 1805

“these points of the Rocky Mountains were covered with snow and the sun shone on it in such manner as to give me the most plain and satisfactory view.”

Lewis also noted:

“the joy I . . . felt in the first moments in which I gazed on them.”

2. What You Learn from Source B:

**Part 2 READING:
INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

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Source C

Summary of an original journal entry kept by a member of Lewis and Clark’s group, May 4–28, 1805

“By now Lewis and Clark were growing ever more anxious to catch sight of the Rockies, the mountain barrier they knew they would have to cross. In the last week of May, Lewis saw the mountains for the first time. He was filled with joy, immediately tempered by a realization of the challenge that lay ahead.

The captains were eager to reach the Rockies, but progress was slow along the frequently bending river, which was now shallow and filled with jutting rocks.”

3. What You Learn from Source C:

4. What information in Sources A, B, and C is related and could be used in a report?

5. What is the focus of your report on “Lewis and Clark’s Trip through the Rockies”?
