

Reading Comprehension

Read the article “Lewis and Clark in Kansas” on page nine of the bicentennial issue of *Kansas Kaleidoscope* and answer the questions below.

1. How many miles long was Lewis and Clark’s trail in Kansas?

123 miles

2. Which two rivers meet at Kaw Point?

The Missouri and Kansas Rivers

3. Why did the Corps of Discovery have difficulty traveling up the Missouri River?

Because they were going against the current.

4. Why did Lewis and Clark keep careful notes of their discoveries?

What types of things did they see along the trail?

President Jefferson wanted them to keep careful notes as information for future settlers. They saw animals and plants (grapes and raspberries, deer and turkeys.)

5. How did the Corps of Discovery celebrate the first Independence Day west of the Mississippi River? What are the names of the two creeks they named on July 4, 1804?

They wore their dress uniforms for the morning and evening ceremonies and fired the keelboat’s bow gun. They named Independence Creek and Fourth of July 1804 Creek

6. What is the name of the last specimen collected and recorded by Lewis on the journey?

Raccoon Grape leaf

