

On the Trail with Lewis and Clark

Standards

Social Studies:

Kansas History: KH4B411 The student describes the experiences of explorers who came to Kansas before statehood.

Others:

Reading: comprehension of expository text (5B113,12 and 5B413,5)

Writing: keeping notes and writing journal entries (5B811)

Science: observing and measuring properties (4S2B111)

Objectives

Knowledge:

- Recalls 2 or 3 main instructions Lewis and Clark were given for exploring the West.
- Understands the contributions Lewis and Clark made to the recorded history of early "Kansas."

Skills:

- Observation
- Inference
- Note keeping
- Journal writing
- Using a primary source

Focus Questions

- Why do people explore new frontiers?
- How does what we observe help us make decisions?
- What impact did Lewis and Clark have on the future of the United States?

Assessment

- Using data gathered on the "Journal Notes" worksheet, students will write a journal entry in the style of Lewis and Clark.

Lesson Plan Outline

A Classroom Activities

1. Review with class the "Explorers in Kansas" timeline to place Lewis and Clark in an historical context.
2. Read "Lewis and Clark Explore Kansas" to the class or make copies for each student to read then complete the worksheet.
3. Read "William Clark's Journal," a primary source, and complete the worksheet on making observations and inferences.

B Tour Activities

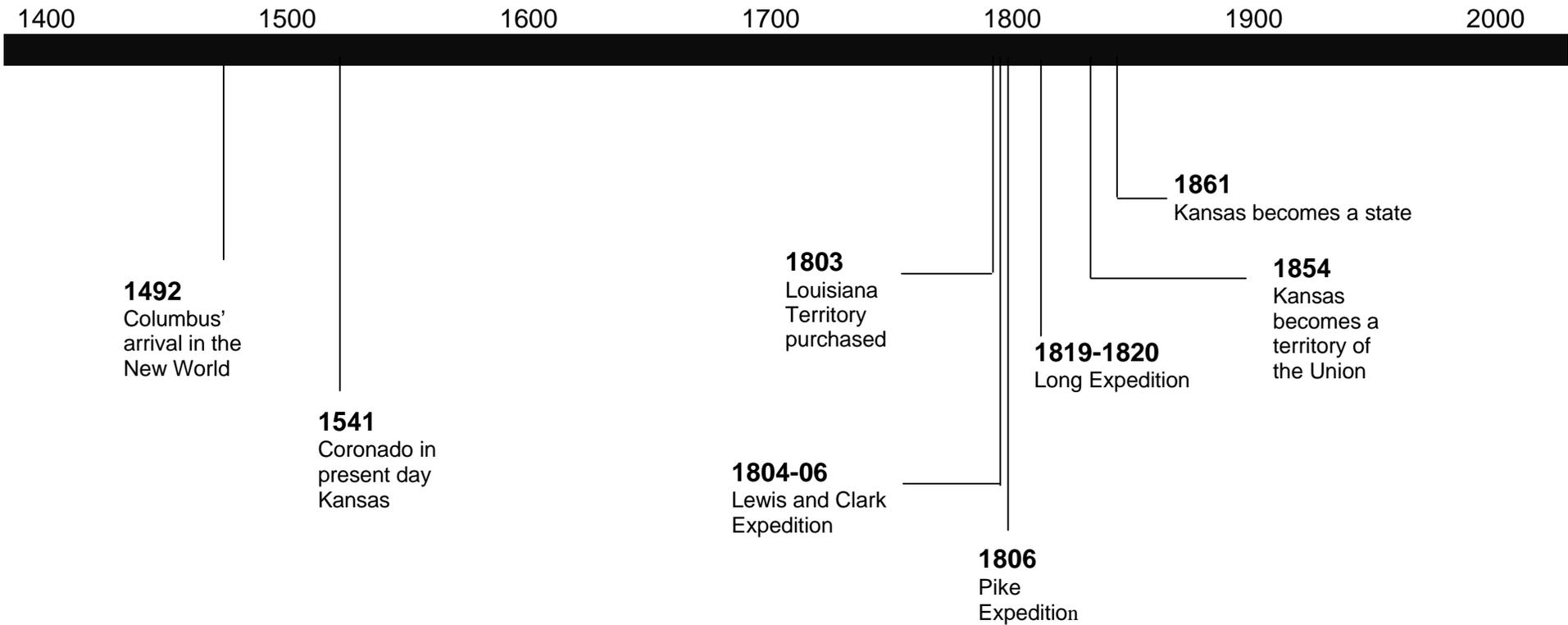
1. Locate a park or nature trail to explore. Provide students with the following tools to use for observing nature: Binoculars, Tape measures, Thermometers, Field guides to birds and plants
2. Provide each student with a copy of the "Journal Notes" worksheet to use for recording observations.

C Post-Tour Assessment

1. Using the data they gathered on the "Journal Notes" worksheet, have students write their own journal entry like that of Lewis and Clark. Be sure to have them include inferences as well as observations.



Explorers in Kansas



Lewis and Clark in Kansas

Why were Lewis and Clark chosen for the expedition?

- 1.
- 2.

What were the three instructions given to them by President Jefferson?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Who did they take with them?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What were the results of their exploration?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List some experiences they had in Kansas.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



Lewis and Clark in Kansas

Why were Lewis and Clark chosen for the expedition?

1. *Lewis knew about plants and animals*
2. *Clark knew how to make maps*

What were the three instructions given to them by President Jefferson?

1. *Follow Missouri River in hopes of finding a water route to the Pacific Ocean*
2. *Learn about Native Americans*
3. *Record new information about the soil, minerals, plants, animals, and climate.*

Who did they take with them?

1. *York, a slave*
2. *Sacagawea, a Shoshoni interpreter*
3. *30 crew men*

What were the results of their exploration?

1. *Traveled 8,000 miles*
2. *Mapped the route*
3. *Met 50 Indian tribes*
4. *Discovered 178 new plants*
5. *Discovered 122 new animals*
6. *Opened the West for settlers*

List some experiences they had in Kansas.

1. *Saw buffalo for the first time*
2. *Celebrated the first 4th of July in the West*
3. *Named two creeks*
4. *Visited a Kansa village*
5. *Collected their last specimen*



Name: _____

William Clark's Journal Worksheet

Observations made by William Clark on July 4, 1804

Plants	Animals	Land

Inference made by William Clark on July 4, 1804



Name: _____

William Clark's Journal Worksheet

Observations made by William Clark on July 4, 1804

Plants	Animals	Land
<i>Prairie grass</i> <i>Trees</i>	<i>Great quantities of goslings, geese, and fish</i>	<i>Creek 12 yards wide, named it 4th of July 1804 Creek</i> <i>Creek 20 yards wide, named it Creek Independence</i> <i>Hills and valleys</i> <i>Abandoned Kansa Indian village</i>

Inference made by William Clark on July 4, 1804

Clark infers that the Kansa Indian village must have been a large group of people. He does not observe the Kansa Indians because they have left the village; he is making an educated guess from his observation of the abandoned village.



Journal Notes

Each day, Lewis and Clark recorded everything they saw on their journey. Be an explorer like Lewis and Clark. Describe or draw the things you observe in nature.

Name: _____

Date: _____ Temperature: _____

Location: _____

Weather Conditions: _____
(cloudy, sunny, windy, calm)

<p>Birds (Color, size, nest or box, location—flying, in a tree)</p>	<p>Animals, Animal Tracks, and Animal Signs (Mammal, reptile, amphibian, tracks, rubs, scat, trails, homes)</p>	<p>Flowers and Grasses (Color, shape, size, location)</p>
<p>Trees (Tree shape and size, leaf color, shape and size, bark smooth or rough, seeds, fruit or nuts, thorns)</p>	<p>Insects and Spiders (Color, shape of body, with or without wings, number of legs)</p>	
<p>Make one inference from your observations:</p>		

