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LEWIS & CLARK

LESSON 1 Student Activity Sheet

Section 1

- Think of a place where you'd like to explore. Write the name of this place here.
- What do you know about this place? Have other people been there?
- Now think of a place that no one who you can think of has visited. What is this place?
- Are we able to find information about this place? Where would you go for information about this place, or is information not available?
- Imagine that you are getting ready to explore this place.
 - What would you do to prepare for such a journey?
 - What would you do if you heard rumors about dangerous animals, people, or terrain? Would you be afraid, or would you become more curious? Why?

As a class, you will discuss the places that you and your classmates would like to visit and think about whether anyone in the world knows anything about these places. You will see that Lewis and Clark went to visit places that no one in the United States or Europe had explored, and that neither Lewis and Clark nor anyone else they had ever heard of knew anything about these areas. (The Native Americans had explored this land, but the United States had no information about these native explorations.)

Section 2

At PBS Online's Lewis and Clark Web site (<http://www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/>), read the section entitled "Circa 1803." Fill in the chart below to describe the lifestyle, geographical knowledge, and rumors about the Western part of the North American continent at the time of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Lifestyle in 1803 (especially for Lewis and Clark)	Geographical knowledge of the continent	Rumors about the West at this time