

Merriweather Lewis and **William Clark** were famous American explorers. They wanted to explore America and to learn more about the country. In 1804, they took a crew of men and travelled across America from Missouri to the Pacific Ocean and back again. Lewis and Clark travelled for two years, four months and ten days.

They travelled through forests and desert areas. They sailed along rivers in boats and they explored mountains and caves. They met lots of different groups of people in small villages on their journey. They discovered species of fish, birds and animals, such as the grizzly bear, and they discovered volcanoes, such as Mount Adams and Mount Hood.

Lewis and Clark gave names to the places they found. They wrote about all the things they saw and they sent the information back to President Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson wanted to know about the geography, plants and animals in America. Lewis and Clark sent him lots of maps of the country and they sent him some new species of plants.

Lewis and Clark were the first people to learn so much about America. They became American heroes and people still remember them today.

Complete the sentences according to the text.

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1. Lewis and Clark _____.
2. _____ across the country.
3. They discovered _____.
4. _____ caves and mountains.
5. They wrote about _____.
6. _____ heroes in their country.

True or False?

1. Lewis and Clark were from America.
2. They started their journey in 1904.
3. Their journey lasted for more than two years.
4. They didn't meet any people on their journey.
5. They sent maps to the president.
6. They didn't travel by boat.