

SACAGAWEA

Lesson Plan

Map Practice

Lesson Plan for *Sacagawea*
Grade 3

Objective

To help students practice using maps to answer questions involving cardinal directions and keys.

Things Needed

- *Sacagawea* book
- Map Practice worksheet (attached)
- US map, atlas, or globe

Before the Activity

Have students read the *Sacagawea* book. Print a Map Practice worksheet for each student.

Activity

Sacagawea helped the Lewis and Clark Expedition explore North America. Members of the expedition made maps of the land they explored. Open the book to page 8 and have students look at the map that shows their journey. Point out the map's main features:

- the compass rose, which shows the cardinal directions
- the key, which tells what the lines and symbols on the map represent
- the colored areas, which show the country or territory the land was part of

Pass out the Map Practice worksheets. Each worksheet has several questions about the map. Some answers can be found in the *Sacagawea* book. For other questions, students will need to consult a US map, atlas, or globe.

Evaluation

Use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 3 (RI 3.7).



Map Practice

1. Which of the three colored territories on the map reaches the farthest south?
2. The map shows four lakes just north of the United States. What are their names?
3. How many modern states does the Louisiana Territory overlap with?
4. How many modern states does the Spanish Territory overlap with?
5. Five modern states have parts of both these territories. What are their names?
6. What river did the explorers follow when they began their journey west?
7. In what modern US state did the explorers build Fort Mandan?
8. On the coast of what ocean did the explorers build Fort Clatsop?
9. What river did the explorers follow when they started traveling back to St. Louis?
10. What river runs along the eastern edge of the Louisiana Territory?
11. Which river on the map reaches the farthest to the east?
12. What body of water is just south of the US coast?



Map Practice ANSWER KEY

1. Which of the three colored territories on the map reaches the farthest south?

Spanish Territory

2. The map shows four lakes just north of the United States. What are their names?

Lake Erie, Lake Superior, Lake Ontario, and Lake Michigan

3. How many modern states does the Louisiana Territory overlap with?

17 (Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama)

4. How many modern states does the Spanish Territory overlap with?

10 (California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Florida)

5. Five modern states have parts of both these territories. What are their names?

Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana

6. What river did the explorers follow when they began their journey west?

the Missouri River

7. In what modern US state did the explorers build Fort Mandan?

North Dakota

8. On the coast of what ocean did the explorers build Fort Clatsop?

the Pacific Ocean

9. What river did the explorers follow when they started traveling back to St. Louis?

the Columbia River

10. What river runs along the eastern edge of the Louisiana Territory?

the Mississippi River

11. Which river on the map reaches the farthest to the east?

the Ohio River

12. What body of water is just south of the US coast?

the Gulf of Mexico

