

Lewis and Clark Essay Test

Directions: You will be writing an essay that will assess your knowledge and understanding of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Following is an outline of the essay you should write. Use the textbooks and time in class to write the rough draft of your essay. The essay must be turned in typed/word-processed. The test will be worth 30 points (total points multiplied by two).

Essay Topic: Describe the reasons for, details of, and accomplishments of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Paragraph 1 (2 points): Introduction:

- A. Provide a primary source quote so you have an interesting opening
- B. Describe what your essay is going to be about (turn the essay topic into your Thesis statement)

Paragraph 2 (3 points): Describe the reasons for purchasing the Louisiana Territory.

- A. Why did Thomas Jefferson want to buy New Orleans?
- B. Why did Napoleon sell all of the Louisiana Territory?
- C. Why were some Americans against the sale?

Paragraph 3 (3 points): Describe the details of the sale.

- A. When did it occur?
- B. How much did it cost?
- C. What were its borders?

Paragraph 4 (4 points): Describe the expedition of Lewis and Clark.

- A. What did Jefferson instruct Lewis and Clark to do?
- B. What means of transportation did they use to travel across the country?
- C. Who helped them during their journey? (Hint: name different people and tribes)
- D. What geographic features did they explore? (Hint: name different rivers, mountains, oceans, etc.)

Paragraph 5 (3 points): Describe the accomplishments of the expedition.

- A. What things did Lewis and Clark do on their journey that provided information for people back in America?
- B. Why do you think their expedition was important?
- C. Conclusion – describe what your essay was about

Note: Your parent or guardian must sign your essay acknowledging that the essay was written by you alone. Tests without this signature will not be accepted. Tests that are not typed will not be accepted.