

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
<b>TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS</b>	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
<b>TASK 2: VOCABULARY</b>	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
<b>TASK 3: RESPOND</b>	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
<b>TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE</b>	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
<b>TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE</b>	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
<b>TASK 6: WORD SEARCH</b>	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
<b>FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)</b>	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

# TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

EARN THIS!

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

plants	Missouri	William Clark
gifts	\$15 million	west
French	29	1803

In \_\_\_\_\_, the United States purchased 827,000 square miles of land now known as the Louisiana Purchase from the \_\_\_\_\_. President Thomas Jefferson bought the land for \_\_\_\_\_. If that purchase were made today, it would be equivalent to over \$350 million!

President Jefferson wanted to know what was in the \_\_\_\_\_, so he put his trusted friend in charge of the expedition. Meriwether Lewis was just \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he was put in charge of exploring the land of the Louisiana Purchase. Lewis asked his long-time army friend \_\_\_\_\_ to accompany him on the journey and both men spent time researching and preparing for the trip. Jefferson had set aside \$2,500 for the expedition but in the end it cost \$38,000.

Lewis and Clark studied \_\_\_\_\_ and animals they might come across along the way as well as maps and star charts to help them journey west. They also learned a lot about medicine and herbs they might be able to use for their health and food on the trip.

Finally, Lewis and Clark were on their way. They loaded their boat with equipment like compasses and telescopes, and things they would need for everyday life like camping and cooking supplies, fishing equipment, clothes, maps, and journals to record their journey. Lewis and Clark also packed \_\_\_\_\_ to give to the Native Americans they might meet on their journey. They had beads, knives, tobacco, mirrors, ribbons, and brightly colored cloth.

In 1804, the Corps of Discovery set off from St. Charles, \_\_\_\_\_ with Lewis and Clark, and a crew of over 40 men. A dog named Seaman joined the group as well. They had a rough plan to head west and stay on the Missouri River as long as possible, but otherwise, no one had ever really set out into this territory with the purpose of mapping it and coming back to tell the rest of the country what was

# TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE



EARN THIS!

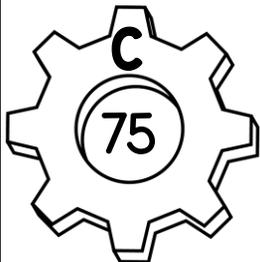
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



**A.** The expedition finally reached the Atlantic Ocean in 1805.

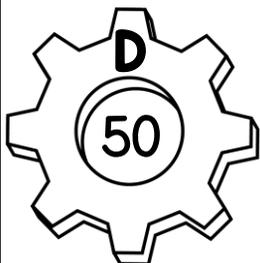


**B.** In September 1826, Lewis and Clark and their men returned to Omaha.

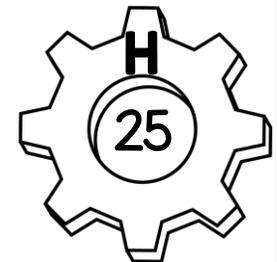


**C.** Meriwether Lewis was just 19 when he was chosen to lead the expedition.

**D.** Fort Mandan is in present day North Dakota.



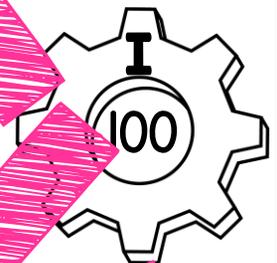
**E.** The Lewis and Clark expedition covered over 7,000 miles.



**F.** The Corps of Discovery set off from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



**G.** Sacagawea led the expedition by foot and horseback through the Rocky Mountains.



**H.** The expedition lasted 2 years.

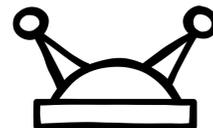
**I.** Lewis and Clark had a crew of over 40 men.



**J.** The Louisiana Purchase occurred in 1803.

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

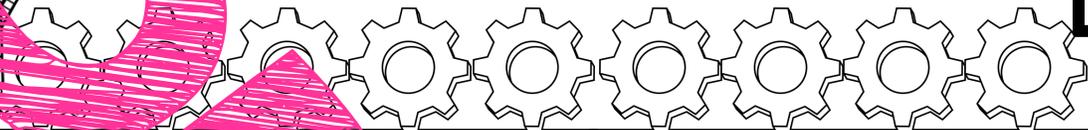
# TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. How much was the Louisiana Purchase?

- A. \$5 million
- B. \$15 million
- C. \$20 million
- D. \$10 million

2. What gifts did the crew bring to give to the Native Americans?

- A. Knives
- B. Beads
- C. Tobacco
- D. All of the above

3. What president made the Louisiana Purchase from France?

- A. Jefferson
- B. Madison
- C. Monroe
- D. Adams

4. How many maps of the region did Lewis and Clark bring back?

- A. 27
- B. 60
- C. 99
- D. 140

5. What made the journey difficult?

- A. Animals
- B. Mountains
- C. Raging rapids
- D. All of the above

6. Fort Clatsop is in present-day \_\_\_\_.

- A. Missouri
- B. Utah
- C. Oregon
- D. Mississippi

7. The Lewis and Clark expedition was known as the \_\_\_\_.

- A. Corps of Discovery
- B. Discovery Quest
- C. Corps of Adventure
- D. Western Discovery

8. Jefferson had set aside \$2,500 for the expedition but in the end it cost \_\_\_\_.

- A. \$8,000
- B. \$18,000
- C. \$25,000
- D. \$50,000

9. What did the expedition discover?

- A. New plants
- B. New animals
- C. Buffalo
- D. All of the above

10. The crew had a rough plan to head west and stay on the \_\_\_\_ as long as possible.

- A. Rocky Mountains
- B. Missouri River
- C. Potomac River
- D. Lake Erie

# BOT CARDS

Complete all 6 tasks correctly, then color and assemble your robot.



# Brilliant Bot Builder



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*For successfully  
completing 6 reading  
comprehension tasks.*

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