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Each reader's part is highlighted in color.

List of Characters

(in order of appearance)

All: Red
Group 1: Green
Group 2: Blue
Group 3: Orange
Lewis: Light Blue
Clark: Light Green
Sacagawea: Purple

When the characters speak in unison,
it is noted as **All**.



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Group 3: Lewis and Clark accomplished so much on their voyage. They made new maps and described many plants and animals. They met many native people. But they could not have succeeded without Sacagawea's help.

Group 1: Today, we honor Sacagawea in a special way. Her face is on a one-dollar coin.

Group 2: If you look closely, you will see little Pomp, too!

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Group 1: Around the year 1788, a Native American girl was born in what is now Idaho.

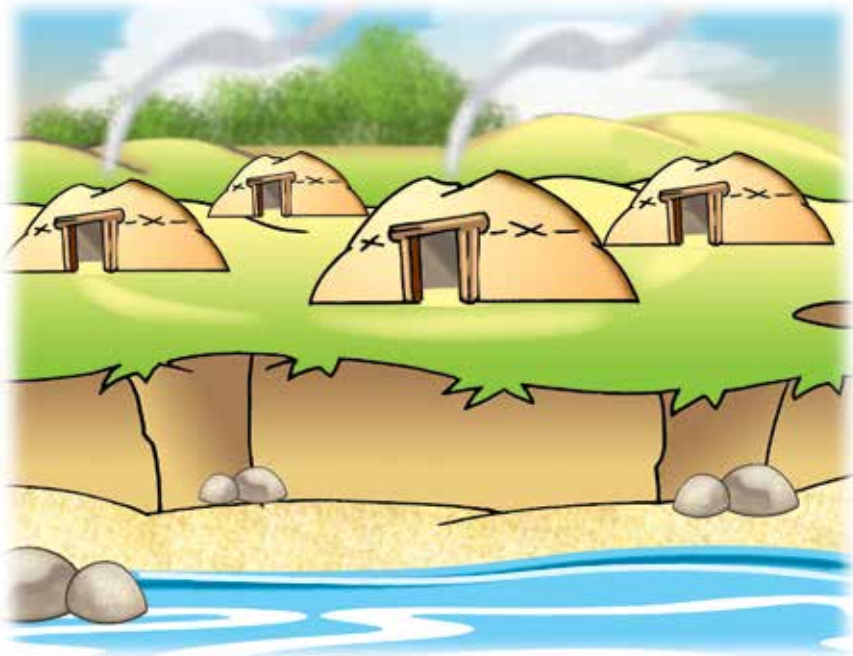
Group 2: Her name was Sacagawea.



Group 3: Her father was a leader of the Shoshone. They sometimes fought with the Hidatsa.

Group 1: In 1800, the Hidatsa kidnapped Sacagawea. They took her to their village in what is now South Dakota.

Group 2: Soon after, Sacagawea became the wife of a fur trader who lived near the Hidatsa.



Group 1: On November 24, 1805, the explorers finally reached the Pacific Ocean.

Sacagawea: It was the first time my baby and I ever saw the sea! We saw a stranded whale on the beach, too!

Group 2: During the journey home, Sacagawea guided Lewis and Clark along the Shoshone trails of her childhood.



Group 2: On August 12, 1805, the explorers met some Shoshone in what is now Montana.

Sacagawea: I yelled with joy! Their leader was my brother. I had not seen him in five years!

Group 3: This meeting was very lucky for Lewis and Clark. In exchange for tools and trinkets, Sacagawea's brother gave them horses to travel over the Rocky Mountains.

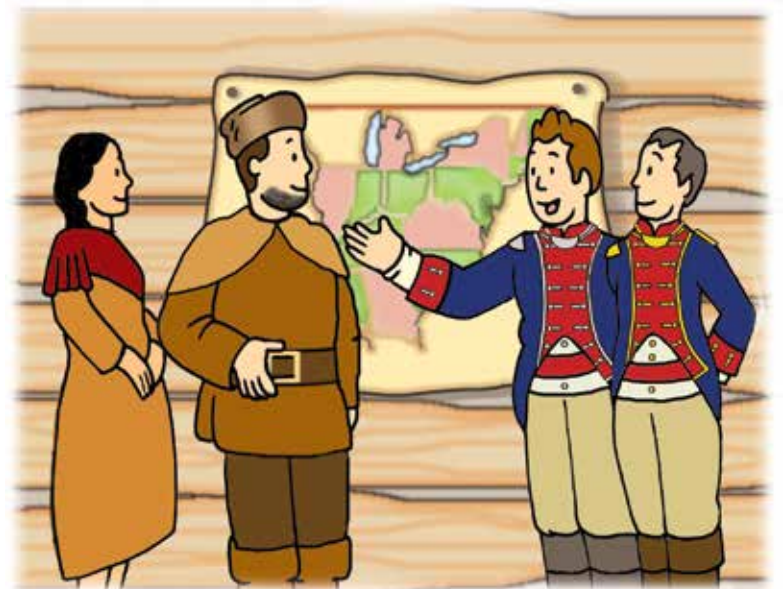


Group 3: In November 1804, Captain Meriwether Lewis and Captain William Clark arrived in Sacagawea's village.

Lewis: We work for President Thomas Jefferson. He wants us to explore the lands all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Clark: Do you think you can help us?

Group 2: Sacagawea and her husband said yes.



Group 3: During the winter, Lewis and Clark built a fort near Sacagawea's village.

Group 1: On February 11, 1805, Sacagawea gave birth to a son.

Sacagawea: I named my son Jean-Baptiste.

Clark: But I gave him the nickname Pomp. It means "little dancing boy."



Group 3: On May 14, 1805, high winds hit the boat carrying Sacagawea and Pomp. The boat nearly flipped over.

Sacagawea: I stayed calm. I rescued many papers and supplies that fell out of the boat.

Group 1: Lewis and Clark were grateful.

Lewis: We will name this stream of water the Sacagawea River in your honor!



Sacagawea: Along the way, I dug for roots, collected plants, and picked berries. Sometimes, I made medicine from the plants and berries.

Group 1: Sacagawea was also able to speak to some of the native people in their own language.

Group 2: She helped Lewis and Clark understand what the native people were saying.

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Group 2: In the spring, Lewis and Clark left the fort and began their journey of exploration. Sacagawea was the only woman in the group.

Group 3: Sacagawea carried Pomp on her back. Sometimes, they walked. Sometimes, they took boats. Pomp was America's youngest explorer.

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Group 1: Lewis and Clark met many native people on their journey. Many of these native people had never seen white men before.

Group 2: But when they saw Sacagawea and Pomp, they were not afraid.

Group 3: War parties never traveled with a woman, especially a woman with a baby.

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