

Lesson 2: The Challenges Ahead
Student Activity Sheet

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Section 1

As a group, look at a pre-expedition map and a map of the Corps of Discovery route. Using the maps, and what you what you already know about U.S. geography, list obstacles the Lewis and Clark expedition may have encountered on its journey. Here are some questions to guide your thinking:

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- What landforms were in the regions the expedition visited?
- What directions did the rivers flow?
- What type of vegetation grew in these areas (based on the regions' particular geographic features)?
- What type of weather conditions existed (based on the regions' particular geographic features)?

Now that you have listed the possible obstacles, think about and list challenges these conditions may have presented. For example, how would the expedition manage to journey over high mountains or large bodies of water? How would they have treated an injured or sick team member? How might they have protected themselves from animals?

Section 2

As you view the film, list the actual obstacles the Corps of Discovery faced. Use the chart below to log this information chronologically (by date).

Obstacle	Where faced	Date