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LEWIS & CLARK



Lesson 7 Student Activity Page: Nez Perce

Directions: Your goal is to learn as much as you can about the role of the Nez Perce and their contributions to Lewis and Clark on their exploration of the West. Using Internet sites, videos, and library resources, complete the following fact sheet.

1. Describe at least 5 ways the Nez Perce assisted Lewis and Clark on the journey. Explain why each of these things was important.

The Nez Perce helped by:

This was important because:

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

2. Describe at least 3 risks the Nez Perce had to take in order to assist the expedition.

- A.
- B.
- C.

3. Explain why you think the Nez Perce were willing to take these risks to assist Lewis and Clark. Write a paragraph that explains your answer.

4. The Nez Perce also benefitted from their contact with Lewis and Clark. In a paragraph, explain what the Nez Perce gained from their interactions with Lewis and Clark. Give at least 3 specific examples.

5. Locate the following facts about the Nez Perce. Record the answers to each question below.

- A. What part of the U.S. was Nez Perce territory? Describe the area.
- B. What did the Nez Perce teach Lewis and Clark about making canoes? Describe the process.
- C. What were the Nez Perce villages like? Describe them.
- D. What was the Nez Perce's attitude toward the Lewis and Clark expedition? Explain.
- E. The Nez Perce could have been the most powerful tribe in America if they had killed Lewis and Clark and the other members of the expedition. What stopped them from doing this? Explain the situation.
- F. Describe the food eaten by the Nez Perce and why it made the members of the expedition sick.
- G. What happened to the Nez Perce after the expedition ended?
- H. Describe traditional Nez Perce dress in the space below.
- I. Describe traditional Nez Perce houses in the space below.
- J. Describe a Nez Perce custom or tradition in the space below.

6. In the space below, record any other interesting facts or information which will be useful in your project about the Nez Perce.