Questions to Consider

- What kinds of things were known about the West before the Louisiana Purchase?
- What would have stimulated President Jefferson to make the Louisiana Purchase?
- Why send a force of only three dozen men into such a vast expanse of uncharted territory?
- What kinds of dangers/problems might this expedition encounter?

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- New Orleans — store goods for export
- Napoleon needs some cash
- Purchase = Jefferson wants to beat British to West
- (Sec. to Jeff)
  - Send corps to negotiate with natives (before purchase)

- Lewis requests co-commander
  - write/observe things
  - men, cartography
- Jefferson's Desire for Discovery
  - Scientific standpoint — ecosystem, animals
  - Commercial standpoint — cross-continental water route
  - Extend authority of US Govt
- Civilize, Christianize
- Yeoman farmland & Native tribal corner

You and your men are going upriver against the current of the Missouri. The current is flowing against you at approx. 6 miles per hour, and you have almost a thousand miles to go. What is the best way to move up river?
One of your men, Sergeant Charles Floyd, has taken ill with intense stomach pain. What should you do to help him?

You just encountered the last “civilized” spot on the Missouri, a trading hub of 4,500 Great Plains Indians called the Mandans. You need some assistance as you trek into unknown territory. What might you ask of the Indian peoples and the white fur traders living with them?
After spending the winter in Fort Clatsop, the Corps is ready to start the return journey; however, the trip so far has taken far longer than planned, and there is much area yet undiscovered. You decide the best plan might be to divide the Corps of Discovery between Lewis and Clark and reunite at the Mandan Villages. How would you vote?

You are Lewis, and while sleeping near the campfire, 8 Blackfeet warriors tried to steal your horses. A fight broke out in which you killed 2 of the warriors, and you realize you are in hostile Blackfeet territory. What do you do now?

You are Clark and Sacagawea, the Crow Indian Tribe did not take kindly to a recent speech that you made to them about how America is now their new father. They decided to steal all of your horses. What do you do now?
- After the Journey:
  - Lewis as Governor
  - Clark publishes the journals & adopts Pomp
  - York gets uppity
- What is one new fact that you learned about the Corps of Discovery that you found the most interesting?
- What is the most important legacy of the Lewis & Clark Expedition?