

From *Undaunted Courage*



The Journey of Lewis and Clark

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Essential Question #1

This selection is an excerpt from the book *Undaunted Courage*, which is a nonfiction account of Lewis and Clark's journey to the Pacific Ocean. Therefore...

How can we learn from informative nonfiction?



Brief Review

What is informative nonfiction?

Think about informative nonfiction. Once we read the selection, be prepared to explain how we learn by reading these types of nonfiction selections—especially from informative nonfiction about historical events.



What do you know?

On your own sheet of notebook paper, complete a K-W-L chart based on your current knowledge of the Lewis and Clark expedition.





What would it be like...

What would it be like to explore a new country?

Briefly describe what you think it would be like to participate in an adventure like this.

Lewis and Clark traveled through the “Northwest Passage,” through states such as Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon on their way to the Pacific Ocean.

A Map of the Journey





Montana





Idaho





Washington





Oregon





Vocabulary Preview

delegation: (n.) a group of people selected as representatives

expedition: (n.) a group of people making a journey with a specific purpose

fauna: (n.) animals, especially those characteristic of a particular region

flora: (n.) plants, especially those characteristic of a particular region

perspective: (n.) a point of view from which things can be correctly understood or judged right

precedent: (n.) an event that serves as an example for later actions

prudence: (n.) the quality of behaving with caution and good judgment

quintessential: (adj.) most typical or characteristic

sovereignty: (n.) authority; rule

specimen: (n.) an individual that is taken to represent a group



Vocabulary Practice

1. Who would be more likely to study a specimen, a lawyer or a scientist?
2. Would having a precedent make you feel more or less confident about trying something new?
3. Would you expect to see a delegation in a video arcade or at a conference?
4. Would you expect to find flora in a forest or a library?
5. Would you expect to find fauna in a zoo or a hospital?
6. Would the people on an expedition be more likely to start a farm or make a discovery?
7. Was the buffalo the quintessential animal of North America because it appeared in large groups or because it was typical of animals on the Great Plains?
8. Would establishing America's sovereignty strengthen or weaken the country?
9. Would you expect a person of prudence to rush off on a journey or prepare for it carefully?
10. Does perspective help you understand a situation or make it more complicated?



Essential Question #2

Now open your textbooks to page 723 and look at the “Focus Your Reading” section.

EQ: How do primary sources differ from secondary sources?

Primary sources are first-hand accounts, and secondary sources are based on other sources.



Fact vs. Opinion

When studying primary and secondary sources, a reader must be able to distinguish between a fact and an opinion.

Remember:

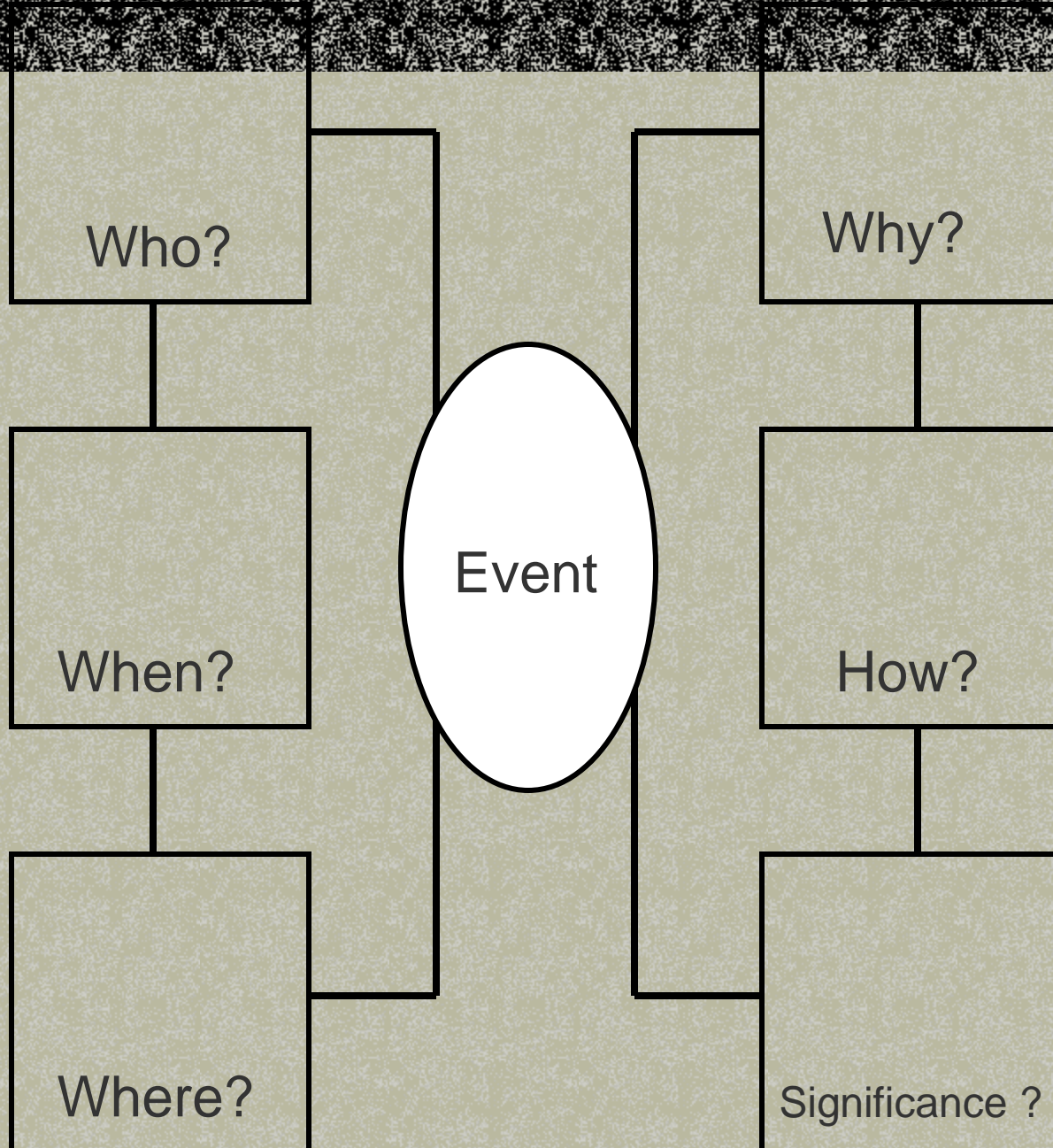
A **fact** is a statement that can be proven.

An **opinion** includes the writer's feelings and beliefs.



Describing an Event

The next slide contains a graphic organizer to help you describe the event from the selection *Undaunted Courage*. Draw it on your own notebook paper, and then complete the boxes with the appropriate information.





Post-Reading Activity

First, answer this lesson's main essential question: **How can we learn from informative nonfiction?** Write your answer in your notes.

Then, in three or four sentences, explain how the Lewis and Clark expedition illustrated patriotism? Think about...

- What led to the expedition
- The commitment of Lewis and Clark
- President Jefferson's requests and expectations
- The overall impact of the expedition—both immediately and years later



Summary: Plus, Minus, Intriguing

- Then, to summarize the lesson, let's complete a Plus, Minus, Intriguing chart in your notes.

Plus (+)	Minus (-)	Intriguing (?)



Documentary Film Trailer

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyP-Hm29CeA>