

SYNERGY

LEWIS AND CLARK PROCEED ON! The Commemorative Lewis and Clark Expedition continues the re-enactment of their Voyage of Discovery.

After a winter in quarters last year at Fort DuBois near St. Louis, the crew made their way up the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers to Fort Mandan, where they will spend their second winter.

“FLAT LEWIS”

PRCST is working to have a “Flat Lewis” travel parts of the Lewis and Clark trail during this commemoration. This summer Flat Lewis found his way to the Bonneville Dam in Oregon by the Colorado River;



If you or anyone you know plans to follow part of the trail, please contact Jane Konrad and arrange to take “Flat Lewis” along on the trip.

Have you visited the PRCST Lewis and Clark website?

The Lewis and Clark Commemoration (2003-2006) expedition carries on, following the original trail westward as the explorers hunted for a viable waterway west. While this was not possible, there were many valuable resources and much information discovered and/or documented by this expedition. Integrating this study into the curriculum provides a venue for linking the natural and historical environments. This engages students through current, relevant, and exciting events in the news of the day. Many academic standards and assessment anchors can be addressed as the re-enactment continues.

PRCST Advisory Board member Dr. Charles B. Greenberg maintains the website and serves as the primary author. DO go online at: <http://lewisandclark.com>
And let us know how you can use this in your classroom.

This website focuses on providing accurate (cited) information about the scientific aspects of this expedition, as educators work to include scientific literacy in the classroom.

Use of the original journals of Lewis and Clark offers access to primary historical information, and helps to integrate a literacy connection in the curriculum – aligning with the reading anchors.

INTERACTIVE SITE COMING

Thanks to a grant from the Laurel Foundation, a core of teachers is working to help develop an interactive component for the Lewis and Clark website. This site is planned for submitting teacher developed lesson plans, student engagement activities (webquests, games, puzzles etc.), and additional information about Native Americans .

PRCST has been collecting feedback from educators about what is wanted and needed in this website. If you have ideas, suggestions, or classroom plans to share, contact Jane Konrad.



Wendy Sink and her Mother, Mackey, review some materials utilized by Mackey when she taught at Fort Berthold (Three Bears Reservation) schools. Ms. Mackey shared her work with teachers in 2003 while here in Pittsburgh. Plans are to include their videos of Native American dances and pow-wows in the website.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

A new PRCST project will focus on the critical years following the French and Indian War. We are now observing the 250th Anniversary of this time. Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania pivotal areas with primary war sites, exhibits and displays. Some of these are:

Fort Pitt hosts a large and rich exhibit

Fort Ligonier, Fort Necessity, Bushy Run and other sites offer tours, programs and Information

Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center and Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania are developing an extensive exhibit and programming.

The PRCST program will build on the relevance and excitement of this observation with a focus on the use of land following the war years, the cultural interactions, and the impact on the environment, again linking the natural and historical environments.

If you are interest in participating in this project and teach at the middle levels (social studies, science, history) contact Jane Konrad at konrad@pitt.edu or call 412/648-7315.