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Trade Book

Title: *Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President*

Author's name: Shirley Raye Redmond

Illustrator: John Manders

Publisher: Scholastic Inc.

Copyright year: 2003

Reading level: Third grade

Genre: Historical Fiction

Synopsis of Story: Lewis and Clark agree to explore the American West for President Thomas Jefferson. Lewis and Clark were gone for two years exploring the West.

On their journey they were suppose to explore rivers, make maps, collect plants, and draw animals for the president. They tried to catch some of the animals to send back to the president as a present, but a buffalo was too big, etc. Then one day they came upon what they referred to as prairie dogs which were just the right size to send to the president, but they needed to catch one.

Theme: Exploration of the American West

Activity One:

Source: Original

Objective: Given a blank map of the American West, the students will mark out Lewis and Clark's journey which is discussed in the book.

Description of activity: The students will be sure to indicate where Lewis and Clark started their journey and where it ended. They will mark all of places they traveled in between. The students will write in the names of the states they explored.

Activity Two:

Source: Original

Objective: After reading *Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for President*, the students will write a diary entry for either Lewis or Clark.

Description of activity: Each student will complete a diary entry for the explorer of their chose. The students will pretend to be that person. The diary entry should be at least four sentences long.