

# STUDENT VOCABULARY

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## KEY VOCABULARY GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

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### EXPLORATION & ADVENTURE WORDS



**Corp of Discovery** - The expedition led by Lewis, Clark, York and Sacagawea from 1804-1806 to explore the Louisiana Purchase and find a route to the Pacific Ocean.

**Explorer** - A person who travels to unknown places to discover new things and learn about the world

**Expedition** - A journey or trip taken for a specific purpose, like discovering new lands or studying nature

**Discovery** - Finding something new or learning something that wasn't known before

**Adventure** - An exciting experience that often involves some risk or the unknown

**Pioneer** - A person who is among the first to explore or settle in a new area

**Navigation** - The skill of finding your way from one place to another, often using maps, compasses, or the stars

**Compass** - A tool that shows direction, with a needle that always points north

**Territory** - An area of land, especially one that belongs to someone or hasn't been fully explored yet

## **CHARACTER & PERSONALITY WORDS**

**Courage** - Being brave even when you're scared; facing danger or difficulties without giving up

**Determination** - The quality of being firm in your purpose; not giving up even when things get hard

**Curiosity** - Being eager to learn or know more about something; asking questions and wanting to explore

**Perseverance** - Continuing to try even when something is difficult or takes a long time

**Resourceful** - Being clever and creative in solving problems, especially when you don't have much to work with

**Resilient**- Being able to recover quickly from difficulties or setbacks; bouncing back from challenges

## **JOURNEY & NATURE WORDS**

**Wilderness**- Wild, natural areas where few or no people live; untamed land with forests, mountains, or deserts

**Terrain** - The physical features of an area of land (rocky, hilly, flat, swampy, etc.)

**Landmark**- An important or easily recognized feature of the landscape that helps with navigation

**Specimen** - A sample of something (like a plant, rock, or animal) collected for study

**Habitat**- The natural home or environment where animals and plants live

**Indigenous** - Native to a particular place; people or things that originally come from that area



## **HISTORICAL & CULTURAL WORDS**

**Frontier** - The edge of settled or known territory; the border between known and unknown lands

**Settlement** - A place where people come to live permanently, often in a previously uninhabited area

**Trade Route**- A path regularly used by merchants to transport and sell goods between different places

**Cultural Exchange** - When people from different backgrounds share their customs, ideas, and ways of life

**Legacy** - Something important that is passed down from the past; what someone leaves behind for future generations

**Enslaved** - Someone held involuntarily and forced under threat of violence or death to work without pay for the profit of another

## **PERFORMANCE & THEATER / OPERA WORDS**

**Narrator**- A character or voice that tells the story and guides the audience through events

**Aria**- A song by one character, often sharing their thoughts or feelings

**Recitative** - Sung dialogue amongst characters

**Ensemble/CAST**- A group of performers working together as a team

**Protagonist** - The main character of a story; the hero whose journey we follow

**Setting** - Where and when the story takes place