

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