Trek Like Lewis and Clark

Name ________________________________________________ Date ______________

Plan a one-week trip on the Upper Mississippi River. Review the materials Lewis and Clark took on their two-year journey to help you brainstorm the supplies needed for your trip. Some items Lewis and Clark took:

- **Provisions:** rifles, writing books, dried and salted rations, fishing tackle, axes, clothes, medicine, cloth tent, mosquito netting, cooking pots, blacksmith's tools, lead for bullets

- **Trade goods:** glass beads, mirrors, blankets, needles, scissors, thread, knives, and trinkets

Where will YOU go and how will you get to the launch site?

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What kind and how much food do you need to take? (Remember you need enough for the whole class and the chaperones.) How much will you carry? How will you get more on the trip?

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What kinds of equipment do you need (for canoeing, cooking, sleeping, wearing etc.)? What other things should you take?


What will it cost? Remember Lewis and Clark started with $2,500 and ended up spending almost $39,000.


Resource: Across America: The Story of Lewis and Clark by Jacqueline Morley