

# The Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration

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### THE LEWIS & CLARK BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

The Lewis & Clark Expedition looms large in the American imagination. It is an unsurpassed tale of adventure and endurance, yet the Bicentennial events must be more than a commemoration of a long-ago adventure. This is an opportunity for all of us to evaluate the long chain of cause and effect that links past, present and future.

From the perspective of American Indians, the explorers were not discoverers and describers of an unknown land, but rather sightseeing foreign visitors whose experiences depended on the good will and assistance of strangers. Indeed, without American Indian help, Lewis & Clark and their party might have become lost or died from starvation.

The expedition itself acknowledged that it had to be a cooperative venture with the people who inhabited the land and that survival depended on American Indian willingness to share knowledge about the land, its resources and practical routes across it. During the journey, Lewis & Clark learned to see the land through American Indian eyes. The Bicentennial Commemoration is an opportunity for us as a nation to learn about the expedition, enhance cultural awareness and acknowledge the traditions and sacredness of the land.



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