

# Women



# History



*Statue of  
Sacagawea with  
her son*



*Statue of  
Sacagawea with  
Lewis and Clark*

## Sacagawea

Sacagawea was born about 1788. She was a member of the Shoshone tribe of Native Americans in Idaho.

When she was young, Sacagawea was kidnapped by a war party of Hidatsa Indians who were enemies of her people. While she was captive in South Dakota, a fur trader named Toussaint Charbonneau took Sacagawea as his wife.

In the winter of 1804, the Lewis and Clark Expedition came to the area where Sacagawea and her husband lived. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was a group of American explorers, led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. They had been sent by President Jefferson to explore the large western lands. The U.S. had bought the land in 1803 from the French. The land, called the Louisiana Purchase, contained parts of 15 states, including Louisiana, Missouri and Montana.

Lewis and Clark hired Toussaint as a guide for their journey. Sacagawea went also, because she could speak the Shoshone language. Beginning in 1805, the expedition went west to the Pacific Ocean, exploring the rivers and mountains and meeting the Native Americans who lived there.

They returned to North Dakota in August 1806. Many historians believe Sacagawea died there in 1812.

Sacagawea faced hardships to help Lewis and Clark explore the new lands. She is remembered for her courage and strength.



*Sacagawea exploring with  
Lewis and Clark*

What year did Sacagawea start her journey with the Lewis and Clark Expedition?

**1805**

What was the large land purchase from France in 1803 called?

**Louisiana Purchase**

When Sacagawea was born, what tribe did she belong to?

**Shoshone**