

# Faces of Westward Expansion

Meriwether Lewis



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Read the paragraph below to help you fill in Meriwether Lewis's stats:

Born \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

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Meriwether Lewis was born on August 18, 1774 in Albemarle County, Virginia. At the age of 21, he joined the U.S. Army. His skill as a soldier and his grasp of politics impressed President Thomas Jefferson, and in 1803, Jefferson chose Lewis to lead a grand expedition across the unknown lands of the West. Lewis recruited fellow soldier William Clark to help him lead. Their expedition, called the Corps of Discovery, lasted over two years. In that time, Lewis formed relationships with native tribes, identified new species of plants and animals, and successfully reached the Pacific Ocean. Upon his return, Jefferson rewarded him by declaring him Governor of Upper Louisiana. Lewis died on October 11, 1809.