

# Lewis and Clark: Their Journals, Their Maps, and Their Dog

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**Lesson 5:** Using Journals to Share Information: Meeting Seaman - his purpose for trip.

Teacher will introduce the journals of Lewis and Clark, and how their journals were used to record data, sketch maps and communicate findings. Also in this lesson, Lewis's dog Seaman is introduced.

Before looking at the journal entries, students will predict why a dog was taken on the expedition.

[journalcover.jpg](#)

This is a photograph of a cover of one journal.

[dogbitbybeaver.JPG](#)

In this entry, Seaman is bitten by a beaver and nearly bleeds to death.

[dogkillingsquirrels.JPG](#)

One of Seaman's uses on the trip is to kill game or retrieve animals shot by the men of the expedition.

[dogfish2.JPG](#)

The first part of this entry mentions Indians attempting to trade for Seaman. Students will pair and share why Indians might want the dog, then share out.

[dogstolen1.JPG](#)

The middle section of this entry mentions that the War-Clel-Ars are "the greatest thieves and scoundrels we have met with."

[dogstolen2.JPG](#)

In this entry the War-Clel-Ars take the dog and the expedition party warns them of instant death should they attempt to take anything else.

**Assessment:** Students will write a draft of an article for their newsletter detailing Seaman's purpose and adventures during the expedition.