

SACAGAWEA

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How will Sacagawea help Lewis and Clark on their long adventure?

Sacagawea (Sack-ah-jah-wee-ah) sat in the boat with her baby. She was on a long journey home. Sacagawea thought about her home. It was the beautiful land of the Shoshone (Show-show-nee) people. When Sacagawea was a child, there had been a war. She had been taken far from her home.

Now Sacagawea was going west with two explorers, Lewis and Clark. "Captain Lewis and Captain Clark need our help," Sacagawea's husband told her. Sacagawea helped in many ways.

She found meals of berries and nuts. In wild waters, Sacagawea saved the explorers' food and supplies. Lewis and Clark named a river for Sacagawea. They called it Birdwoman's River.

For weeks, Lewis and Clark raced down rushing rivers. Like a hawk, Sacagawea watched over them. One day, Sacagawea knew she was home. "Shoshone country," she told Lewis and Clark. At long last, Sacagawea would see her people. She danced with joy. The Shoshone chief welcomed her. When Sacagawea saw him, she burst into tears. It was her brother! Sacagawea spoke for Lewis and Clark. She told her brother about their great journey.

The chief gave horses to the explorers. He made sure that the Shoshone treated them well. Then Lewis and Clark went on with their journey.

They still needed Sacagawea's help. She went with them. Lewis and Clark went all the way to the Pacific Ocean Sacagawea was with them.

Together they had crossed the American West and soared into history