

## **SACAGAWEA**

Sacagawea was a Shoshone Indian. She lived in what now is called Idaho in the Shoshone nation. When she was only eleven years old, she got captured by the Hidatsa Indians and was sold to a French-Canadian man who took her for his wife. Her husband, named Toussaint Charbonneau, heard about Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, two adventurers who were looking for a Shoshone woman to help them on a journey. They picked Sacagawea, and she led them on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Sacagawea was a hero.

First of all, Sacagawea was smart. She knew the way to go on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. She also knew which plants were poison or not. She learned lots of different things from her tribe. She was able to tell Lewis and Clark all these things.

Also, Sacagawea was caring. She was a loving mother for her baby boy that she had on the expedition. She risked a lot because the expedition was hard and dangerous. She would have died to keep her baby alive even though she didn't. She also cared for Lewis and Clark even though Lewis traded her favorite possession, a blue beaded belt for an Indian's seal fur cape on their journey just because he wanted it.

Lastly, she was brave. Sacagawea led the Lewis and Clark Expedition which discovered a route to the Pacific Ocean. Also, she did not know how the white people would treat her. She survived diseases and sicknesses, bad weather like rain and snow, and survived being hungry for about one month. Sacagawea was away from her tribe, Shoshone for over five years.

Sacagawea was smart, caring, and brave which makes her a hero. If Sacagawea wasn't there many states in the USA would not have been found including California. If she was alive today she would be over 200 years old. Sacagawea is my hero.

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SACAGAWEA AND HER BABY BOY NICKNAMED "POMP". SACAGAWEA WAS BORN IN THE YEAR 1787 AND DIED ON DECEMBER 20, 1812.