

TOPIC 4 – EXPLORERS

Topic Overview

Topic 4 highlights the contributions of early explorers in North Dakota. It includes primary sources that will help you understand why the work of these explorers was so important to the later settlement of North Dakota.

Topic Objectives

- As a result of the study of Topic 4, you will be able to
 - Analyze and interpret primary documents.
 - Scrutinize the positive and negative effects of the work of early explorers in North Dakota.

ND Content Standards

- 8.1.1
- 8.1.2
- 8.5.3
- 8.6.1

Common Core Standards

- RH 2
- RH 7
- WHST 2
- WHST 9

Topic Activities

- Organizing Data



Organizing Data

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The primary difference between traders and explorers was that traders came to this area mainly to do business, whereas explorers came to obtain geographical or biological knowledge.

Under each explorer named, write 1-2 things each accomplished, positive or negative, in North Dakota.

Lewis and Clark

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Stephen H. Long

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John Bradbury

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John James Audubon

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David Thompson

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Organizing Data (continued)

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Karl Bodmer

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Compare your findings with those of another person. Discuss what you learned about early explorers in North Dakota. Then, write a concluding paragraph on the contributions the explorers made toward the settlement of North Dakota.

Concluding paragraph:

