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Abstract

The Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition offers an opportunity to reconsider the journey of the Corps of Discovery as an emblematic moment in the history of the North American West. This essay examines the current popular fascination with Lewis and Clark, comments on key books in the revival of exploration studies, and suggests ways to expand the traditional story to include Native American voices.

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