

## Map Comparisons

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Compare *Today's Map of the Lower Columbia River* and *Clark's Map of the Lower Columbia River* and answer the questions below.

- 1) What is Point William called today?
- 2) What did Clark name the group of islands east of Point William?  
Are they named on the modern map?
- 3) On the modern map, the large bay on the north side of the Columbia River across from Tongue Point is called Grays Bay. What did Clark name it?
- 4) From November 15th to the 25th, the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped on a point of land on the north side of the Columbia River. What is this point of land called on the modern map?
- 5) There is a small creek in Cannon Beach. It is where some of the expedition members went to see the skeleton of a large whale. What did Clark name this creek and what is its official name today?
- 6) What do you think the small triangles on Clark's map indicate? Hint: look near the answer to question #5 or at the #8, #31 or #32 on Clark's map.
- 7) Name two kinds of information on Clark's map, but not on the modern map?
- 8) Would it be difficult for people today to use Clark's map to get from place to place?  
Why or why not?

### Discussion Questions

- Why do you think the mouth of the Columbia River on the *Today's Map of the Lower Columbia River* looks so different from *Clark's Map of the Lower Columbia River*?
- The Salt Works site on *Clark's Map of the Lower Columbia River* is almost fifteen miles southwest of Fort Clatsop. Why do you think the explorers went so far down the coast to establish a salt-making camp?
- Clark had to take measurements all along the way, recording the distances and compass readings, and making sketches before he could draw a final map. What do you think are some of the ways map making is different today than in 1805-06?
- William Clark didn't have access to what kinds of modern equipment used by today's mapmakers?