

Challenge On The Trail Answer Key

Examples of strong ideas:

1. Storm
 - Move to shore and wait out the storm; protect supplies from rain and wind.
2. Food shortage
 - Hunt in a new area, fish, gather berries, or trade with Native peoples.
3. New tribe
 - Show peaceful intentions; use Sacagawea as interpreter; offer gifts.
4. Damaged canoe
 - Repair with available materials or build a new one from local wood.
5. Unknown plant
 - Study it first; have Lewis examine it; avoid eating unknown plants for safety.

Note: Student responses may vary but must be reasonable and historically grounded.

Teacher's Guide

- Briefly review known hardships of the journey before students begin.
- Encourage students to include teamwork and safety considerations in responses.
- Allow students to discuss thoughts in pairs or small groups before writing.

Differentiation

- Provide a word bank with helpful terms such as: supplies, trade, interpreter, shelter, canoe, explore, observe.
- Offer graphic organizers for students who need structured planning.
- Challenge advanced learners: "Rank the dilemmas from easiest to hardest and justify your order."