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## Sacagawea's Leadership

**Directions:** Read the background overview about Sacagawea. Then write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) summarizing her leadership and cultural importance to the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

### Sacagawea's Key Contributions

Sacagawea, a young Shoshone woman, joined the Corps of Discovery as a guide and interpreter. She helped the expedition communicate with Native tribes, especially the Shoshone, which allowed the group to obtain horses and supplies needed for crossing the Rocky Mountains. Sacagawea identified useful plants for food and medicine. Her presence with her baby son showed the expedition came in peace, not war. She helped the group stay calm in dangerous situations, including when a canoe full of supplies almost tipped over. Her knowledge, courage, and cultural understanding were essential to the success of the journey.

Write a paragraph explaining:

- How Sacagawea showed leadership
- How her cultural knowledge supported the expedition
- Why she is remembered today

Use complete sentences and strong evidence from the overview.

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