

Sacagawea's Leadership Answer Key

A strong paragraph should include:

- Sacagawea acted as a **guide** and **interpreter**
- She helped the group **communicate with Native tribes** and **gain horses and supplies**
- She **recognized plants** that helped with survival
- Her presence signaled **peace**, helping build trust
- Her **courage, calmness**, and **cultural knowledge** made her a key leader
- She remains important because her work helped the expedition succeed and she represents Native women's contributions to U.S. history

Sentences should be clear, logically ordered, and based on the information provided.

Teacher's Guide

- Model how to pull important facts from the overview before writing.
- Emphasize linking phrases: "This helped because...", "As a result..."
- Review paragraph structure: topic sentence, supporting details, concluding sentence.

Differentiation

- Provide a sentence starter bank for students who need support:
"One way Sacagawea helped was..."
"Her cultural knowledge was important because..."
- Challenge advanced learners to include two direct quotes from the overview.

Engagement and Extension Ideas

- Students create a mini-biography poster on Sacagawea.
- Compare roles: How did Sacagawea's contributions differ from Lewis and Clark's?
- Connect to geography: Identify where her Shoshone heritage played a vital role (crossing the Rockies).