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Truth Of The Trail Answer Key

Statement	Classification	Accurate Correction (if Myth)
1	Myth	Sacagawea helped as a guide and interpreter but Lewis and Clark were the leaders.
2	Historical Fact	Many plants and animals became documented for the first time by U.S. scientists.
3	Historical Fact	A major goal was to find a Northwest Passage water route to the Pacific.
4	Myth	The expedition marked the beginning of major changes and disruptions for many Native nations.
5	Historical Fact	The Corps depended on tribal knowledge, trade, and support throughout the journey.
6	Myth	The Rocky Mountains could not be crossed by canoe; they carried boats on land and got horses from the Shoshone.

A fully correct response includes accurate historical reasoning and details.

Teacher's Guide

- Review what constitutes **reliable evidence**: journals, maps, documented interactions.
- Have students cite a source from class readings or notes when correcting myths.
- Encourage students to explain why some myths became popular.

Engagement and Extension Ideas

- Class discussion: Why do myths form around famous events and figures?
- Small-group document analysis: Compare myths to excerpts from Lewis's journals.
- Media literacy connection: Evaluate modern portrayals of Sacagawea or the expedition.