

English Literature

Grade 4

Lesson: Lewis and Clark and Me

By Laurie Myers

Illustrated by Michael Dooling

A. Write the meaning of the following words.

1. yearn – have an intense feeling of longing for something
2. swift- happening quickly or promptly
3. sleek –to make something smooth and glossy
4. spring - move or jump suddenly
5. steer –to be moved or guided in a particular direction
6. scrawny-unattractively thin and bony
7. stride-walk with long steps in a specified direction
8. migrate- move from one region or habitat to another according to the seasons

B. Answer the following questions briefly.

1. What special characteristics does Newfoundland have?

Ans. Newfoundlands are quite large dogs weighing up to 150 pounds. They have webbed feet and dense double coat which help them to swim in rough water.

2. What did the Indians think when they saw Seaman?

Ans. The Indians had never seen such a huge dog before; therefore they thought him to be a bear.

3. How is the story “Lewis and Clark and me” a historical fiction?

Ans. The story “Lewis and Clark and me” is based on real event in the past, and it is written by a dog which can never happen in real life. That’s why it is historical fiction.

4. How did the crew help Seaman in hunting the squirrels?

Ans. The crew had stopped rowing the boat and drifted it slowly toward the mass of squirrels. They collected the squirrels from Seaman and cheered and praised him for his hunting skills.

C. Answer the following questions in detail.

1. How do you know Seaman and Lewis were special to each other?
Explain with example from the story?

Ans. Lewis and Seaman both fit together in such a way that their separation was unthinkable, when the Indians offered three beaver skins, Seaman stepped closer to Lewis showing that he didn't want to leave Lewis. The feelings were mutual that's why Lewis also said "No trade. Bear -dog special."

2. When did hunting come alive for Seaman and how was it?

Ans. Seaman caught fish at docks and chased animals in the woods, but hunting came alive for him at the Ohio River when several squirrels were crossing. On seeing this unusual sight Seaman felt a strong urge to hunt. As soon as Lewis ordered, he sprang off the boat and hunted for hours until he was exhausted.

3. How did Seaman hunt the squirrel on the Ohio River?

Ans. Seaman sprang off the boat and hit the water by swimming he was going to get every squirrel for Lewis. He reached the first squirrel in just minutes. In one swift move Seaman grabbed it by its neck, killed it and carried it back to the boat. Seaman went over and over until he was exhausted. There was a pile of squirrels when finished.