

Connect to Writing

Lewis and Clark
Grammar:
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Good writers avoid double negatives. When you use a contraction with **not**, do not include another “no” word, such as **no, neither, none, or never**. Avoid using the contraction **ain't**.

Good word choice: He doesn't have any maps.
 He has no maps.

Poor word choice: He doesn't have no maps.
 He ain't got none.
 He doesn't have none.

Activity If the sentence is incorrect, rewrite it correctly. If it is correct, write *correct* on the line.

1. Sacagawea couldn't never have known how famous she would become.
2. We don't have no information on her early childhood.
3. But there is no doubt that when she was about 12 years old,
 Sacagawea was kidnapped.
4. Haven't you never heard about how she was sold to a fur trader?
5. When Lewis and Clark met Sacagawea, they didn't want her for a guide.
6. The explorers hadn't wanted the young woman to do nothing more
 than act as a translator with Indians.
7. Sacagawea never went nowhere without her baby.