

Captain William Clark

...when I got a letter from an old friend named Meriwether Lewis. Funny name, Meriwether, but he was a good man. President Thomas Jefferson had asked him to take a little trip up the Missouri River, do some exploring. Our country had just paid 15 million dollars for a bunch of land, called the Louisiana Purchase. He wanted someone to explore, scout, survey and map this new territory...I guess he wanted to see what he bought.

Abraham Lincoln

I was born in a simple log cabin in Kentucky on February 12, 1809. That was almost 200 years ago...can any of you imagine what the world was like 200 years ago? There were no cars, no phones or computers... certainly no electronic toys! I did have a toy whistle but it was hand-carved out of wood and quite simple. My parents were hard-working pioneers who never had much schooling. They probably didn't see anything different or amazing about their son, except that I grew unusually fast. My father's ambition, his dream, was to...

Anne Sullivan

...cool Fall day like today. I was standing on her porch and heard strange loud noises coming from inside the house. Suddenly the door burst open and out ran the wildest girl I had ever seen. Her hair was a big tangled mess, her dress was torn; she was covered from top to bottom in food and dirt. And this was my new student. I thought to myself...