

NORTHWESTERN HISTORY SYLLABUS

[The aim of this department is to furnish outlines that will aid those who wish to study the subject systematically. It is expected that its greatest use will be as a guide for members of women's clubs, literary societies, and classes in colleges or high schools. It will be a form of university extension without the theses and examinations necessary for the earning of credits toward a degree.]

V. Explorations by Land

1. The Stoney or Shining Mountains.
 - a. Jonathan Carver's Book.
 - b. The Name of Oregon.
 - c. Bryant's Thanatopsis.
2. Alexander Mackenzie.
 - a. Discovery of the Mackenzie River, 1789.
 - b. Expedition to the Pacific, 1792-1793.
 - c. He finds but leaves a large river.
 - d. His inscription on a rock.
 - e. Humane treatment of his Indian guide.
 - f. Value of his exploration.
3. Lewis and Clark Expedition.
 - a. Its evolution
 - i. Jefferson's letter to George Rogers Clark, 1783.
 - ii. John Ledyard.
 - iii. Andre Michaux and Meriwether Lewis, 1792.
 - iv. Jefferson's personal activity.
 - b. Organization of the expedition.
 - c. Letter of unlimited credit from Jefferson.
 - d. Impulse added by Louisiana Purchase.
 - e. First winter on the Mississippi, 1803-1804.
 - f. Second winter at Mandan Indian village, 1804-05.
 - g. Sacajawea.
 - h. Crossing the mountains.
 - i. Descending to the Pacific.
 - j. Third winter at Fort Clatsop, 1805-1806.
 - k. Return trip.

- l. Value and extent of explorations.
 - m. Subsequent careers of explorers.
 - n. Account of the journals and their several editions.
4. Astoria.
- a. Experience of the Winship Brothers.
 - b. John Jacob Astor.
 - c. Pacific Fur Company organized.
 - d. Race with the Northwest Company.
 - e. Voyage of the Tonquin.
 - f. Fort Astoria begun, 12 April, 1811.
 - g. Loss of the Tonquin.
 - h. Expedition by Land.
 - i. Interior forts established.
 - j. Astoria sold to the Northwest Company.
 - k. Name changed to Fort George.
 - l. Presence of British sloop-of-war *Raccoon*.
 - m. Status of fort at end of war of 1812.

BIBLIOGRAPHY.—There is much literature bearing on the subjects included in this syllabus. Almost any library in the Pacific Northwest will be found to contain some helpful books. The following citations comprise a few suggestions as to the books most surely accessible.

BANCROFT, HUBERT HOWE. *Works of*. Vol. XXVII. (Northwest Coast, Vol. I.), Chapter XXI., pp. 666-703, on Mackenzie; Vol. XXVIII., pp. 1-254, on Lewis and Clark, and Astoria. The index in Vol. XXVIII. will lead to the topics as studied.

CARVER, JONATHAN. *Three Years' Travel Through the Interior Parts of North America*. One of the more frequent editions of this rather rare book was published by Key & Simpson in Philadelphia, 1796. On page v. the famous word he originated is spelled "Oregon."

COMAN, KATHARINE. *Economic Beginnings of the Far West*. This is a new work in two substantial volumes by the talented professor of Wellesley College. The books should find their way at once into every library of the Northwest. The ground covered by the above syllabus is adequately treated from the point of view of the economist. Consult the index, using such words as "Mackenzie," "Lewis," "Astor," "Astoria," or others as the needs arise. These books are published by The Macmillan Company, New York, at \$4.00 for the pair.

IRVING, WASHINGTON. *Astoria*. This American classic is found in almost every library. If access is also to be had to General H. M. Chittenden's authoritative work, "The American Fur Trade of the Far West," the reader will find, Vol. I., pp. 239-246, a splendid defense of Irving's book "Astoria."

LEWIS AND CLARK. *Journals of*. There are several standard editions of this primary source. And there are also a number of books about the expedition, in which are extracts from the original journals. The journals themselves will be found most helpful and interesting.

MACKENZIE, ALEXANDER. *Voyages from Montreal on the River St. Lawrence Through the Continent of North America to the Frozen and Pacific Oceans, in the Years 1789 and 1793*. Like the Carver book and the Lewis and Clark journals, this is a primary source book. It is to be found in a number of the libraries of the Northwest and should be consulted when available.

MEANY, EDMOND S. *History of the State of Washington*. Pages 45 to 54, and 80 to 86, will aid the student and the footnote citations will lead to other works for more extended researches where needed.

SCHAFFER, JOSEPH. *History of the Pacific Northwest*. A valuable treatise of the ground covered will be found in this book from page 43 to page 114.

WINSOR, JUSTIN. *Westward Movement*. The great librarian of Harvard has given us a fine book with this title. He quotes from Carver and other sources on the topics included in this syllabus.