

Mountain Men

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Period 3

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Mountain Men had quite the difficult job. They lived in the rocky mountains, trapping animals for their fur which they would then sell. That's how they got their name, by hunting in the mountains. Most Mountain Men were young American boys. Unfortunately, since this field of work was so hard, many died young from the bitter cold, animals they were trapping or just the mountains in general. The startup of the fur trade was in 1807.

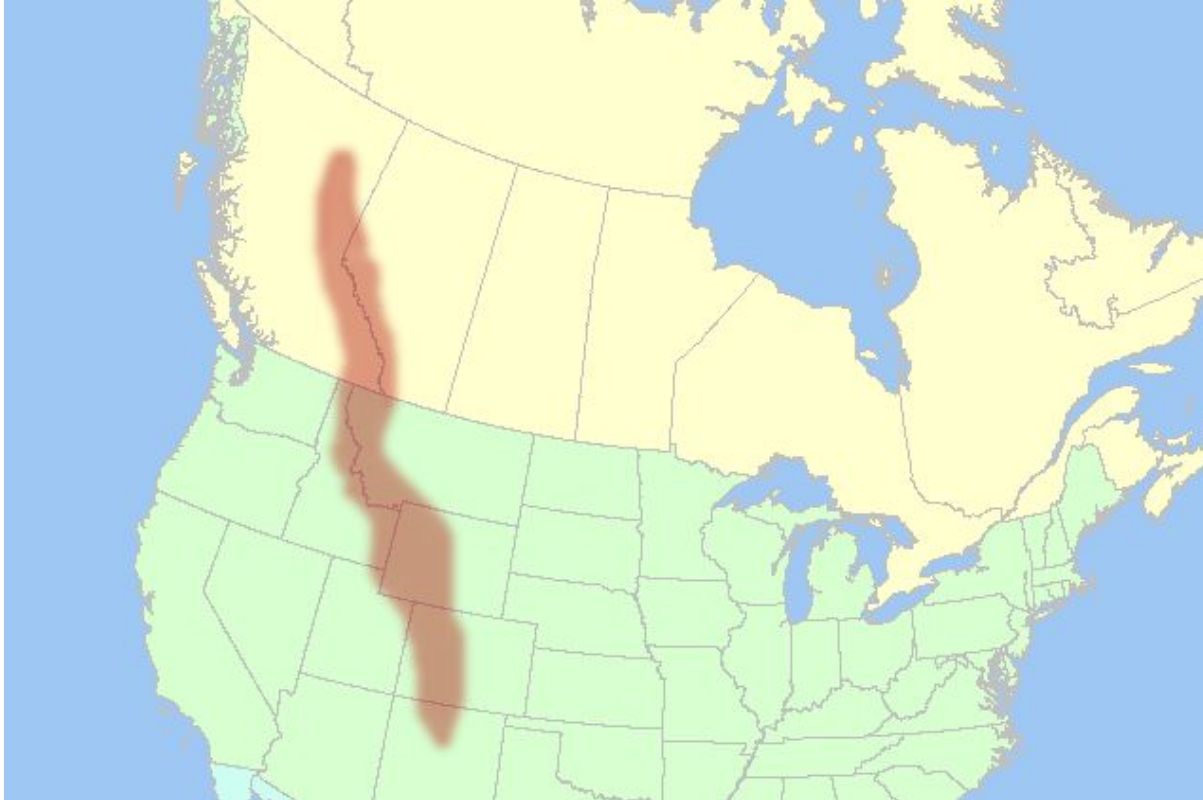


Manuel Lisa

- A Spanish trader by the name of Manuel Lisa was the start of the entire “business” as you could call it.
- The Lewis and Clark expedition sparked a rather new excitement towards the Mountain Men lifestyle (which is just trading fur).
- In 1807, Lisa brought 42 trappers to the Missouri, but the number of trappers grew to 350 by the next year when he led them into the Rockies.
- And from there, trappers went all over the West, searching for valuable fur.



Map



This is a map of the Rockies. It is highlighted. This is where Mountain Men lived and trapped animals.

Important Items/Inventions

Mountain Men didn't have very many inventions, but they did leave behind their personal journals - filled with stories of how they lived and braved the harsh climates and places they travelled through. Other than their journals, they created trails that helped other Mountain Men find their way. This cut them some slack. Not to mention, their trails became known as the Oregon and California Trails.

