

Webquest: The Journeys and Journals of John Lederer

A Worksheet Prepared for Use with *North Carolina Maps*: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/dc/ncmaps/>

For the first section, access the [map](#) of John Lederer's travels.

1. View the map, looking carefully at the borders and compass orientation. Now, find a recent map of North Carolina. What area of North Carolina do you believe John Lederer explored? Name three present day cities that exist in this area of exploration.
2. Look carefully at the trails that John Lederer travelled. What geographical feature did he try to follow during each one? Why do you think this is so?
3. Name two villages that John Lederer discovered on his first trail.
4. Look at the third trail, where the rest of the "English left him," according to the map. What about this area do you think caused him to be abandoned by the rest of his group?
5. What tribe of Indians "dwelt beyond these mountains"?
6. What geographical feature did John Lederer believe lay to the south of the mountain range? What drawn clues give you the answer?

For the next questions, read the condensed version of [Lederer's journals](#), written by William Talbot.

7. How was John Lederer greeted by the English upon his return? Why?
8. Review your answer to question #6. What feature does Lederer say lies beyond the mountain range? Were you correct in your assumption?
9. How long are Lederer's journeys in total?
10. What is the name that Lederer calls the mountains he travels through? What is the Indian name? What do we call these mountains today?
11. Name three Indian tribes Lederer encounters on his journey. Name three practices of these tribes that Lederer finds unusual.
12. Describe how one Indian saved John Lederer's life.
13. How does Lederer explain the way Indian's communicate, given they have no alphabet or written language?

In this final question, you will need to explore other colonial maps using NC Maps.

There are drawings of Indians on many other maps in this collection. Find a map with a drawing that is closest to Lederer's descriptions. Give the title and date of the map as well as three **quotes** from Lederer's journals that you believe match the drawings.