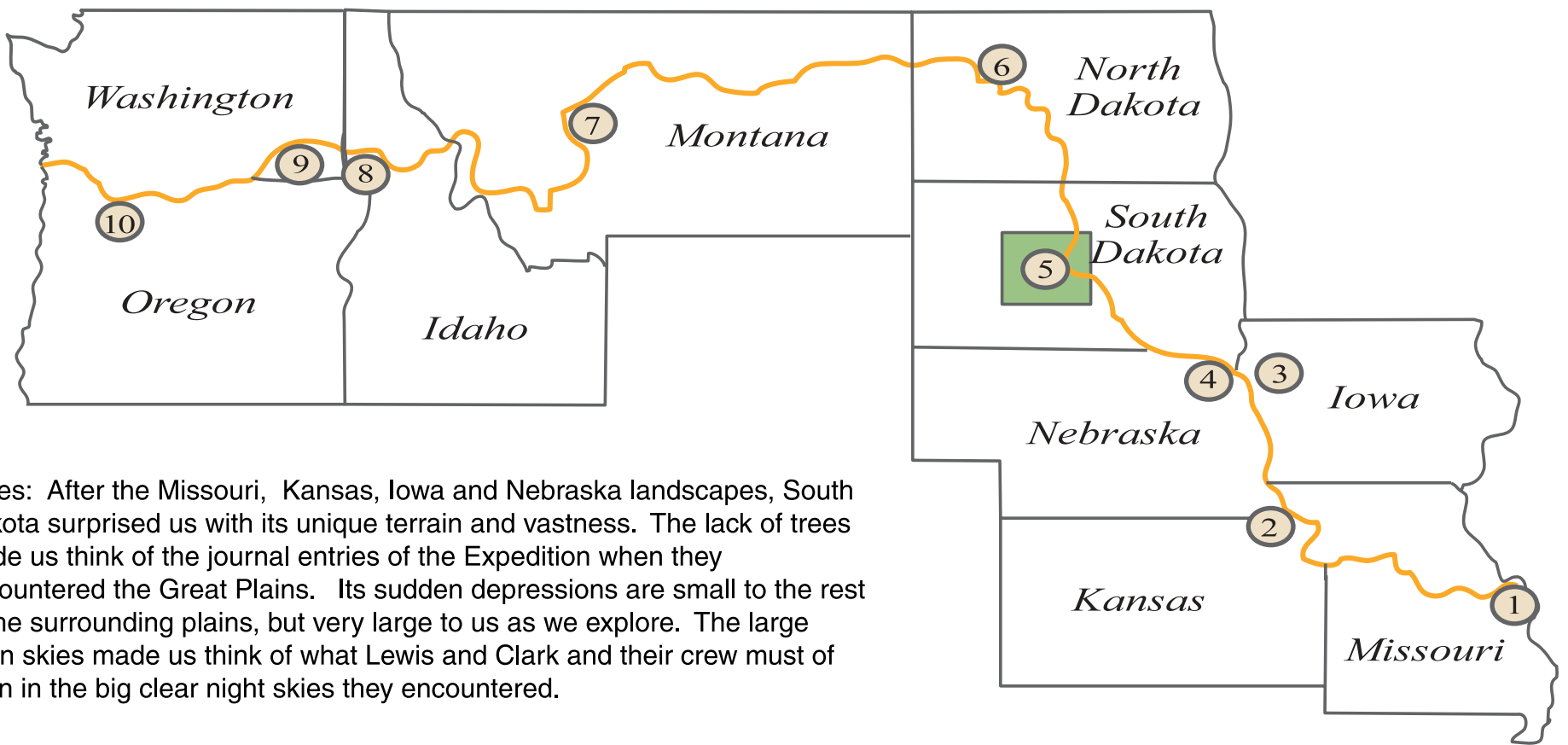


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Notes: After the Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska landscapes, South Dakota surprised us with its unique terrain and vastness. The lack of trees made us think of the journal entries of the Expedition when they encountered the Great Plains. Its sudden depressions are small to the rest of the surrounding plains, but very large to us as we explore. The large open skies made us think of what Lewis and Clark and their crew must of seen in the big clear night skies they encountered.



The timeless landscape gives a feeling of being on a vast flat plain that has intimate ravine environments that hold life. The large river seems swallowed up by this immense rolling dune-like environment, ultimately emerging as a ribbon of blue in a field of tan prairie grasses. The scene is similar to what was noted 200 years earlier by Lewis and Clark for the incredible absence of trees. This view north of Pierre looks across to the large farms that are almost indiscernible in the dynamics of the landscape.

