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Lewis and Clark Cipher writing assignment

Directions: Before Lewis and Clark embarked on their expedition, President Jefferson wrote a letter to Lewis instructing him to use a secret cipher or code to communicate with him if Lewis and Clark got into grave danger where for example they would be captured. Jefferson wanted to have this cipher in place because if Lewis and Clark were captured he did not want to have all of their documented findings lost.

YOUR TASK: Answer the following question based on the journal entries you have read on Lewis and Clark. **Was Jefferson's cipher for Lewis and Clark necessary?**

You will be answering this question in a written response. You must include the following....

1. State a claim - yes, it was necessary to have the cipher, no it wasn't necessary.
2. Use evidence from **at least** TWO of the journal excerpts of Lewis and Clark to support your response
3. Must be 5-7 sentences