

Westward Expansion

Matching Vocabulary Activity



Manifest
Destiny

the belief that the US
had the right and duty
to control all of the
land between the
Atlantic and Pacific
Oceans

annexation

to add land to
a country

territory

an area of land that is
under the authority of a
government but is not
given the power of self
government

treaty

an agreement
between two
nations

Oregon
Trail

a route from Independence,
Missouri, to Oregon City,
Oregon, used by pioneers
traveling to the Oregon
Territory

frontier

the edge of a
country or
settled region

cession

to give land
to another
country

boomtown

communities
that quickly
grow in
population

pioneer

someone who
went to an area
before it was
settled

forty-
niner

people who went
to California
during the Gold
Rush of 1849

Native
Americans

the first people
to live in
North America

Trail of
Tears

American Indians were
forced by the United
State Army to make
the 1,000 mile trip to
Indian Territory

settlers

people who
move to a new
land

Louisiana
Purchase

The 1803 land deal that
doubled the area of our
new country. It was
purchased from France
for 15 million dollars.

Lewis and
Clark

a journey to explore the
American Northwest,
newly purchased from
France, and some
territories beyond

California
Gold Rush

The 1849 discovery of
gold in the Sacramento,
California area that
inspired the mass
migration to the gold
fields.

flatboat

a large,
rectangular boat
partly covered
by a roof

wagon
train

a line of covered
wagons that
moved together

Indian
Removal
Act

law that ordered all
the Indian nations
east of the Mississippi
River to move west of
that river

Mexican-
American
War

1846 - 1848 -
President Polk
declared war on Mexico
over the dispute of
land in Texas.

Industrial
Revolution

a period of time
marked by changes
in manufacturing
and transportation

Eli Whitney

invented the cotton
gin and the idea of
using
interchangeable
parts

canal

waterway built
for travel and
shipping

Indian
Territory

the area of land
that American
Indians were
forced to move to



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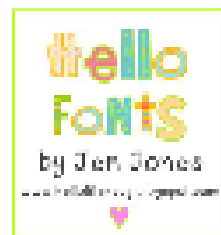
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