

C. Westward Expansion

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Unit Overview

Essential Questions

What was the Northwest Territory?

Why did American pioneers travel west?

What forms of transportation assisted with pioneer travel?

Why was the Louisiana Purchase significant?

Why was the Gold Rush of 1849 important?

What was made easier because of the Transcontinental Railroad?

What is Manifest Destiny?

What was the point of view of the Native Americans during Expansionism?

Who were Lewis and Clark?

What happened because of the Indian Removal Act?

What are the causes and effects of the War of 1812?

What was the importance of the Monroe Doctrine?

What were the causes and effects of the Mexican American War and the annexation of Texas?

Content

The Northwest Territory

American pioneers and their travel west

Forms of transportation for early Americans

The Louisiana Purchase

The Gold Rush of 1849

The Transcontinental Railroad

Manifest Destiny

Impact on Native Americans

The Lewis and Clark Expedition

Results of the Indian Removal Act

What are the causes and effects of the War of 1812?

Explain the Monroe Doctrine

Mexican American War and the annexation of Texas

Skills

Identify the Northwest Territory

Explain why American pioneers traveled west

List forms of transportation for early Americans

Tell why the Louisiana Purchase was important

Understand the impact of the Gold Rush of 1849 on westward expansion

Identify the key elements of the building of the Transcontinental Railroad and its impact on the US

Understand the concept of Manifest Destiny

Explain the impact of westward expansion and The Indian Removal Act on Native Americans

Map and understand the results of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Explain the causes and effects of the War of 1812

Explain the Monroe Doctrine

Map the area of the US once controlled by Mexico before Texas became a state

Assessments

worksheets

maps and student group activity maps

quizzes

test

Lessons/Learning Scenarios

Lessons and materials:

Safari Montage-Westward Expansion

Brain Pop with quiz for notes~Westward Expansion

Nystrom Atlas lesson 23 a-c

Our Nation text pp 346-349; Wilderness Road and ws 75

Our Nation Text pp 342-345 "Ways of Travel"

Louisiana Territory-*Nystom* Atlas p 38-39; text p 351-352; color map of Louisiana Purchase, write paragraph telling of its importance

Deep reading of text "Exploring Western Waters" Lewis and Clark Expedition

View Brain Pop Lewis and Clsrk Expedition and complete quiz for a grade

Oregon Trail;preview, discuss and complete deep reading of text Kids Discover; complete graphic organizer to determine most important information

View Brain Pop~ Gold Rush as a class; complete Gold Rush text and complete deep reading of text, assigned passages; complete crossword for grade

Notes of War with Mexico together; mapping of the land owned by Mexico before it became the US; assign Mexican War puzzle

Standards

SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.3.a	Examine the ideals found in the Declaration of Independence, and assess the extent to which they were fulfilled for women, African Americans, and Native Americans during this time period.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.4.a	Explain the changes in America's relationships with other nations by analyzing policies, treaties, tariffs, and agreements.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.4.b	Analyze how the concept of Manifest Destiny influenced the acquisition of land through annexation, diplomacy, and war.

SOC.5-8.6.1.8.A.4.c	Assess the extent to which voting rights were expanded during the Jacksonian period.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.B.3.a	Assess how conflicts and alliances among European countries and Native American groups impacted the expansion of the American colonies.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.B.4.a	Assess the impact of the Louisiana Purchase and western exploration on the expansion and economic development of the United States.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.B.4.b	Map territorial expansion and settlement, as well as the locations of conflicts with and removal of Native Americans.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.C.4.b	Explain how major technological developments revolutionized land and water transportation, as well as the economy, in New Jersey and nation.
SOC.5-8.6.1.8.C.4.c	Analyze how technological innovations affected the status and social class of different groups of people, and explain the outcomes that resulted.

Resources

Mapping US History

Our Nation

Safari Montage

Brain Pop

Kids Discover

Scholastic News

Atlas and Activity Map

Assorted worksheets and supplemental materials