

MANIFEST DESTINY AND WESTWARD EXPANSION IN THE 1840S

MANIFEST DESTINY

In the 1840s, _____ led Americans to acquire all lands from the Atlantic to _____ in a movement called Manifest Destiny

- Americans flooded into the West for new _____ opportunities
- The U.S. gained _____, _____, _____, and other territories through treaty or war

MOTIVATIONS FOR WESTWARD EXPANSION

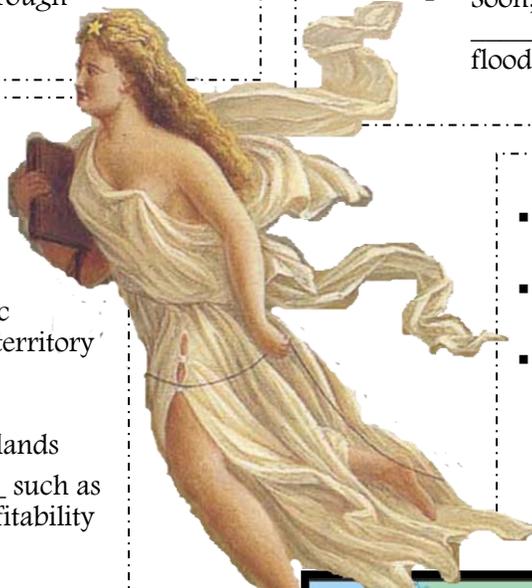
The journey West was _____ and unpredictable, yet thousands of Americans traveled along the Oregon, Santa Fe, and Mormon Trails

- The earliest pioneers were _____ traders, land speculators, and poor farmers looking for _____
- Soon, _____, miners, _____, and religious groups flooded West

REASONS FOR MANIFEST DESTINY

Changes in the early antebellum era (1800-1840), encouraged westward expansion in the 1840s

- Jefferson's _____ doubled the size of the USA
- Lewis and Clark's exploration confirmed the economic _____ of the western territory
- The growth of "_____ " and commercial farming led to a desire for more western lands
- Improved _____ such as canals, steamboats, & railroads increased speed & profitability
- The U.S. population grew _____%
- The number of U.S. states grew from 13 to _____
- Western state populations exploded (Ohio's population grew from 50,000 to _____)

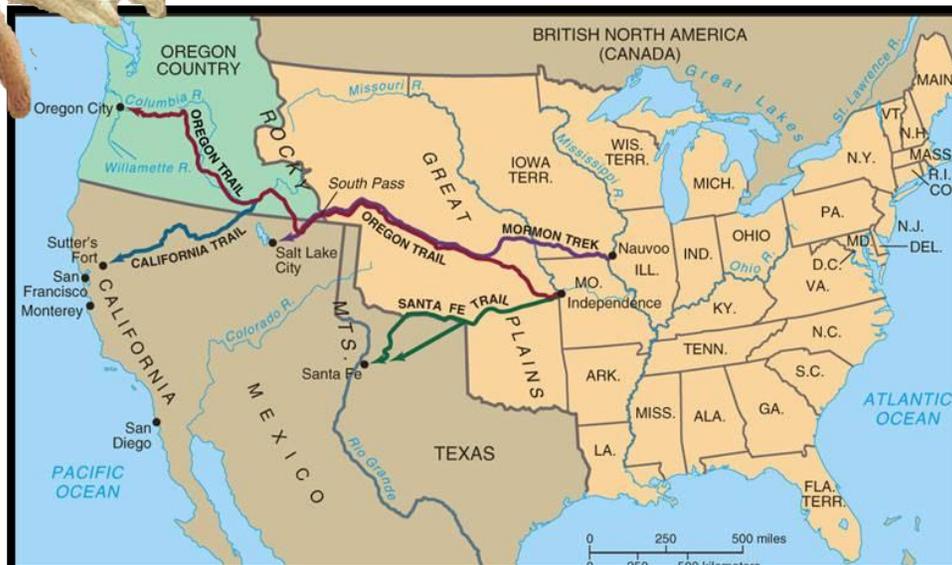


WESTWARD TRAILS

- The Oregon Trail led thousands of _____ to the fertile lands of Oregon in the 1840s
- The Santa Fe Trail allowed the U.S. to sell goods to _____
- The Mormon Trail—After Joseph Smith's murder in Illinois, _____ led the _____ to create a new settlement in Utah

INDIAN RELATIONS

- Westward expansion brought conflict with Indians, such as the _____ War, as trails disrupted _____ grounds & violated previous treaty agreements
- The Treaty of _____ created a vast Indian Territory but was repeatedly ignored by whites expanding West



MANIFEST DESTINY DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

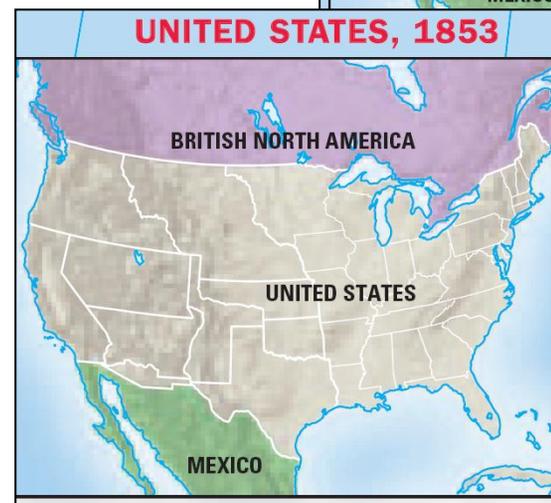
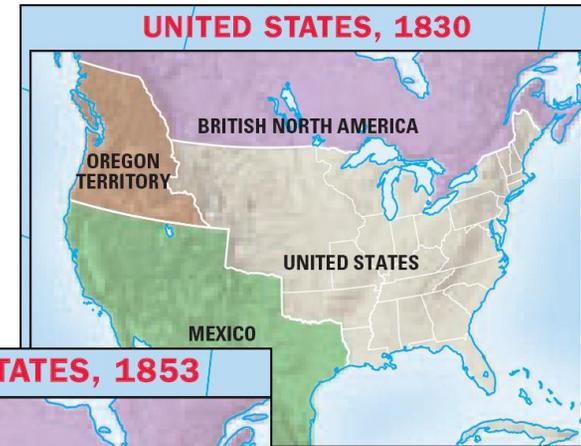
1. WHAT DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS SAY ABOUT WESTWARD EXPANSION?

- A. *"It is confidently believed that our system may be safely extended to the utmost bounds of our territorial limits, and that as it shall be extended the bonds of our Union, so far from being weakened, will become stronger."*
Inaugural address, President James K. Polk (1845-49)
- B. *"The American claim is by the right of our manifest destiny to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federative self-government entrusted to us. It is a right such as that of the tree to the space of air and earth suitable for the full expansion of its principle and destiny of growth...It is in our future far more than in the past history of Spanish exploration or French colonial rights, that our True Title is to be found."*
Journalist John L. O' Sullivan, New York Morning News (1845)



1. Using the above image, identify three reasons Americans moved West.
2. Identify three consequences of American westward expansion
3. What does the woman in the center of the image represent?
4. What point is the artist trying to make with his use of light?

2. HOW DOES EACH DOCUMENT JUSTIFY AMERICAN EXPANSION INTO THE WEST?



← YES! YOU NEED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS!!