

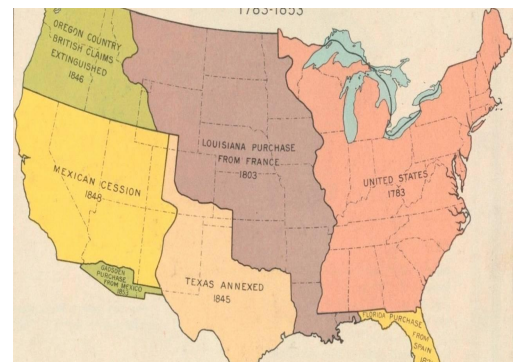
WESTWARD EXPANSION

Westward Expansion Overview

When the United States was originally founded, it was comprised of land on the _____.

Gradually, the U.S. gained territory and its citizens moved Westward from the land between the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. Fueled by the belief in **Manifest Destiny**, Americans moved Westward for _____ for land and hope of wealth.

However, often life for these settlers was very difficult. Additionally, to make room for the settlers, _____ lost their land and were forced to lose much of their culture and way of life.



Manifest Destiny

The belief that the expansion of the US throughout the American continents was both _____ and _____ to expand from coast to coast.

“GOD GIVEN RIGHTS”

“From sea to shining sea”

This is also understood as:

The idea that white Americans were _____ to settle the entire continent of North America. The ideology of Manifest Destiny inspired a variety of measures designed to remove or destroy the native population.



Gold Rushes

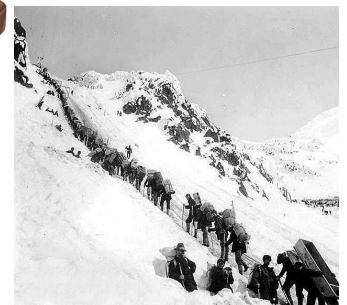
California Gold Rush

- Sparked in 1848 in Sacramento, CA
- As news spread of the discovery, thousands of prospective _____ traveled by sea or over land to San Francisco



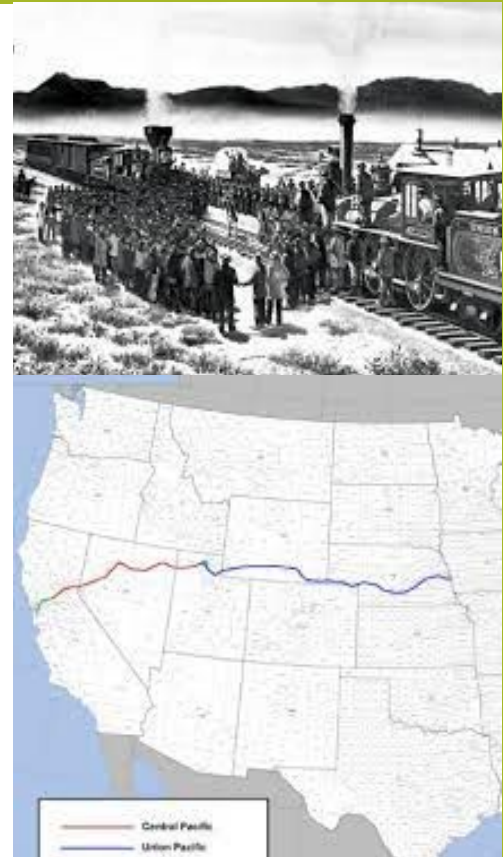
Klondike Gold Rush

- Found in 1896 in Alaska and Canada
- The idea of striking it rich led over 100,000 people from all walks of life to _____ their homes and _____ on an extended, life-threatening journey across treacherous, icy valleys and harrowing rocky terrain.



Transcontinental Railroad

Completed in 1869, the Transcontinental Railroad connected the Eastern and Western United States. Railroads started on _____ and _____ in the middle.



Transcontinental Railroad

Before the Civil War, the North and South could _____ on a route for a Transcontinental Railroad

- After the South succeeded, it was clear it would run through the _____.



- 2 separate crews of engineers and crews
 - California worked eastward
 - Nebraska worked westward
- The 2 halves met in 1869 in Utah
 - New rail lines were laid to bring Americans closer together
- The labors on Cali's side were made up of Chinese immigrants
 - They made just \$26 - \$35 a MONTH for a 12 hour a day, 6 day work week
- The journey from coast to coast was reduced from months to WEEKS!

Impact of the RR

- More people moved out west and the demand for _____ increased
- A national market _____ (farmers loved this, they could sell their products across country)
- The creation of time _____
- Increased settlement of the Great Plains
- New methods of _____
- Disappearance of the _____

New agricultural _____ allowed farmers to increase crop yields with less labor, but falling prices (surplus) and rising expenses (railroad costs) left them in _____.

