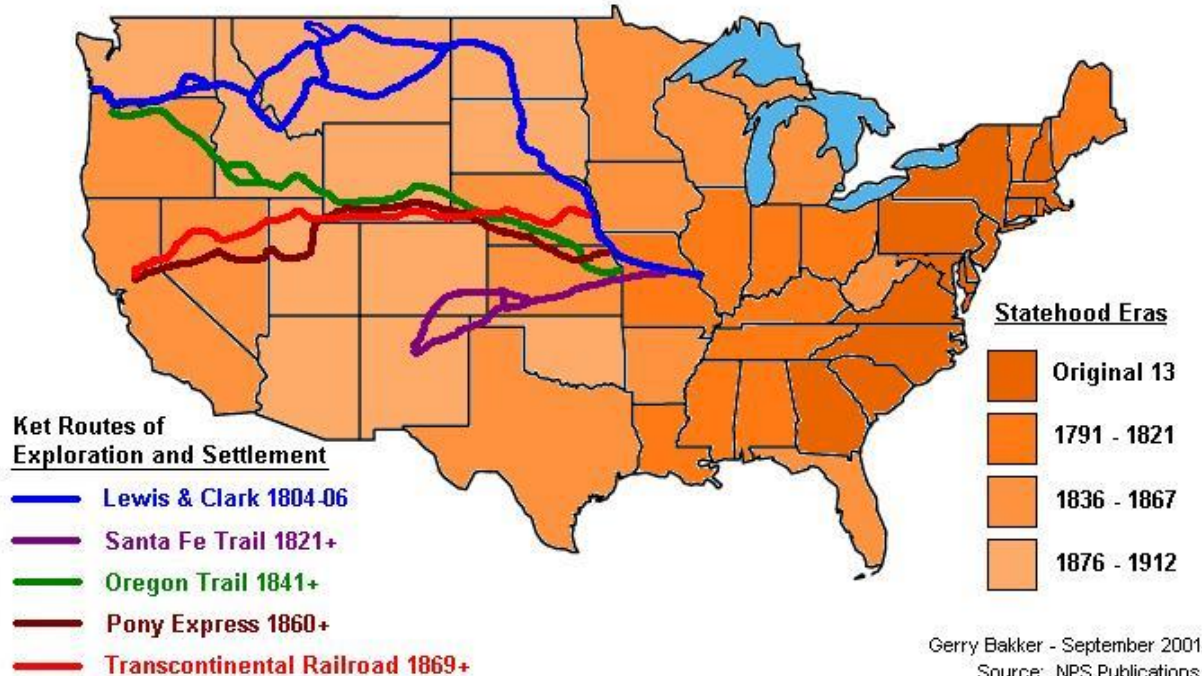


Westward Expansion

Westward Expansion of the United States



Gerry Bakker - September 2001
Source: NPS Publications

List 4 observations of this picture



Manifest Destiny

What does “destiny” mean?

- the hidden power believed to control what will happen in the future
- spiritual fate

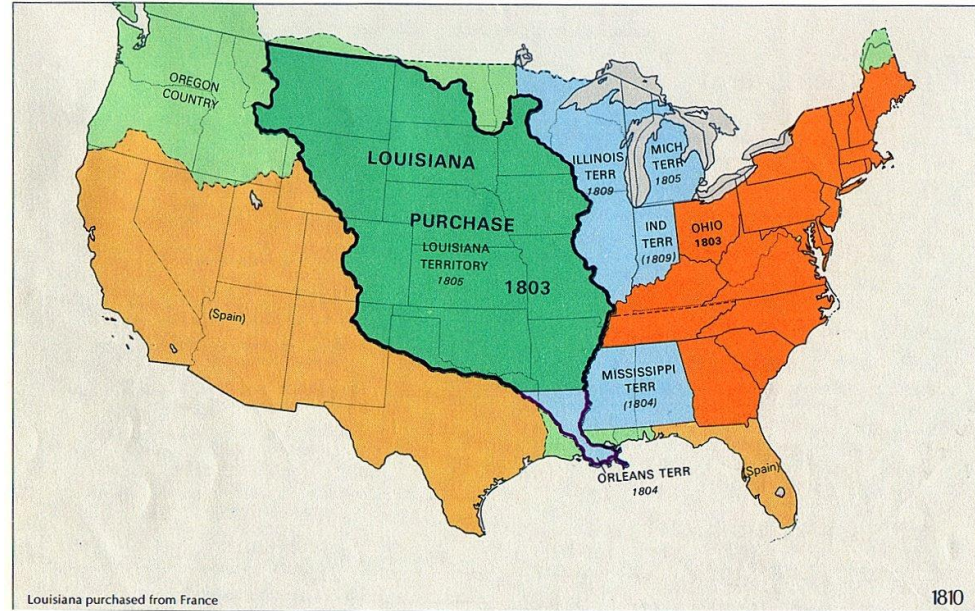
Manifest Destiny

- It is fate to extend the borders of the nation to the shores of the Pacific
- Americans were a “chosen” people to spread democracy



Louisiana Purchase

- 1803-Jefferson wanted to expand the U.S.
- Took advantage of France's Napoleon by offering to purchase the land from France so Napoleon could have more money to fight his wars
- Jefferson bought this land for \$ 15 million
- **This purchase doubled the size of America**

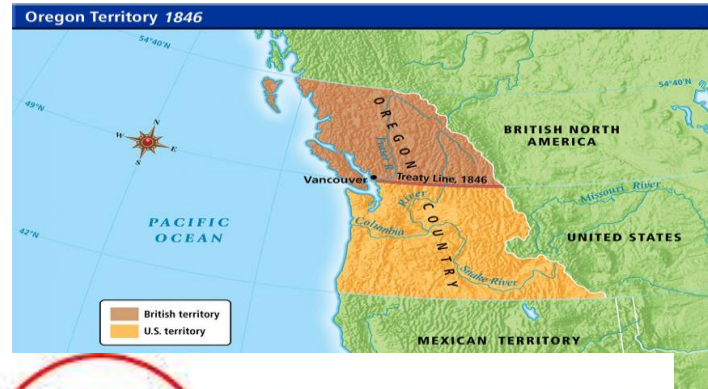


Land Acquisitions-Oregon Territory

1848-1859(Statehood)

Adams-Onis Treaty

- New land borders for Spain-they give up territory in the Pacific Northwest
- England agrees to joint occupation of territory



Land Acquisitions-Oregon Territory



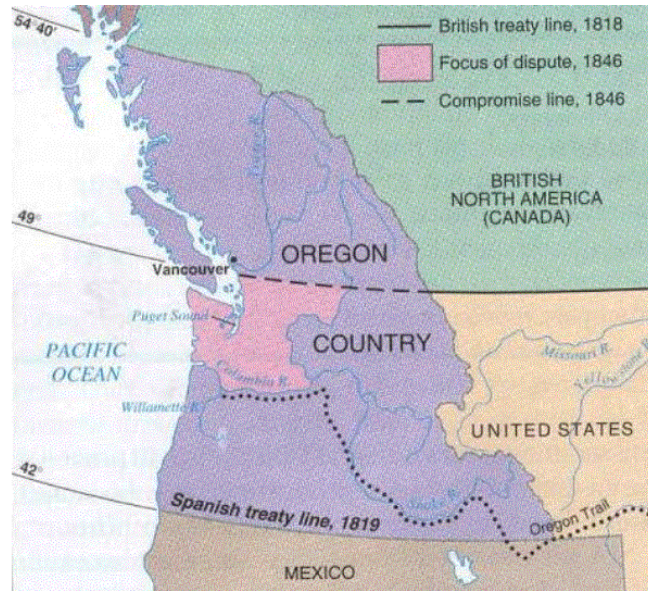
Mountain Men

- A male trapper and explorer who lives in the wilderness
- most common in the North American Rocky Mountains

Land Acquisitions-Oregon Territory

“Fifty-Four-Forty or Fight”

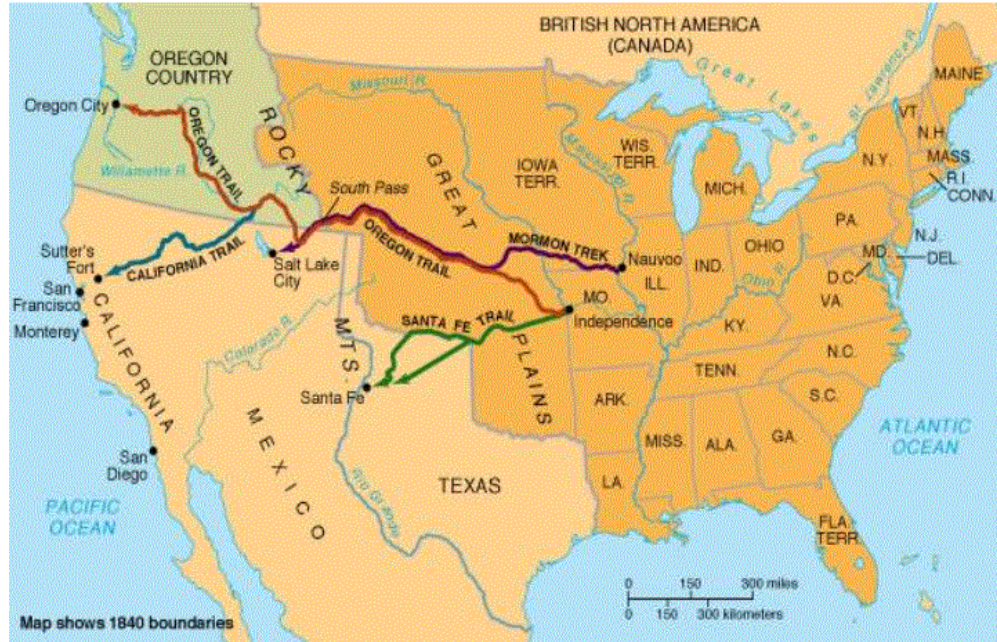
- Many Americans wanted the U.S. to take over all of Oregon
- Democrats used this term to signify latitude and longitude border between the U.S. and England
- Eventually Great Britain compromised
- (Reflection Question)



Land Acquisitions-Oregon Territory

Oregon and Santa Fe Trails

- Like cars on a highways today, people traveled on Prairie schooners on these trails to get out west



Land Acquisitions-Florida Territory

- The U.S. bought Florida from Spain in 1821 through the Adams-Onís Treaty
- 1845-Florida entered the union as a slave state because Iowa entered as a free state
- What is significant about this fact?
- This kept the balance



Land Acquisitions-Texas Annexation

- 1821-Mexico won its independence from Spain
- Mexico encouraged Americans to settle on Mexican land if they adopted the Mexican culture
- Mexico regretted it later due to Americans outnumbering Mexicans in Texas
- War broke out, eventually Texas won its independence
- 1845-America annexed the state only after the Northerns favored adding Oregon territory into the U.S.
- Why was this territory acquisition controversial?
- This kept the balance
- (Recalling and Application questions)



End of Lesson One

Handout “Letter From Oregon” Activity

Which era or time period would this picture be most closely associated with?

Westward Expansion or early 1800s

They are traveling toward the Pacific Northwest. Which territory are they most likely traveling to? Oregon Country



War with Mexico

- Territory surrounding the Santa Fe Trail was very busy
- People began to think it was America's "destiny" to acquire that land
- Mexico owned that territory which included California and New Mexico



War with Mexico

- President James Polk offered to buy the land from Mexico
- Mexico refused to sell
- Border disputes eventually led to war
- Americans won and signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- Mexico sold 500,000 sq. miles of land to the U.S. for \$15 million
- Both sides agreed that the Rio Grande would separate the two countries



Land Acquisitions-New Mexico

- Part of the the Mexican Cession
- This area was originally a missionary settlement for Spain
- The Santa Fe Trail's destination was originally located in New Mexico

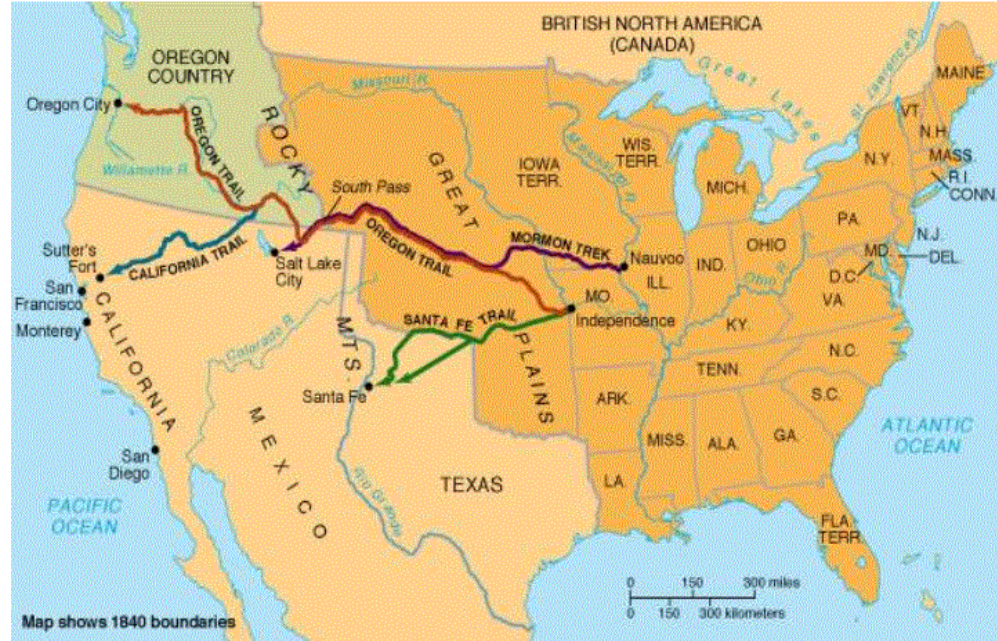




FIGURE 2

Describe what is happening in this quote?

“In March 1853 a miner from Connecticut, Edward Matteson, and his partners fashioned a three-foot tapered metal funnel to which they clamped a canvas hose. They pumped water through the hose and pointed it at the hillside from which they were trying to extract Gold.”

-“The Gold Rush’s Impact on California’s Landscape

Sediment

- **Sediment** is solid material that is moved and deposited in a new location. It can consist of rocks and minerals, as well as the remains of plants and animals. It can be as small as a grain of sand or as large as a boulder

What effect does Gold mining have on the local environment?

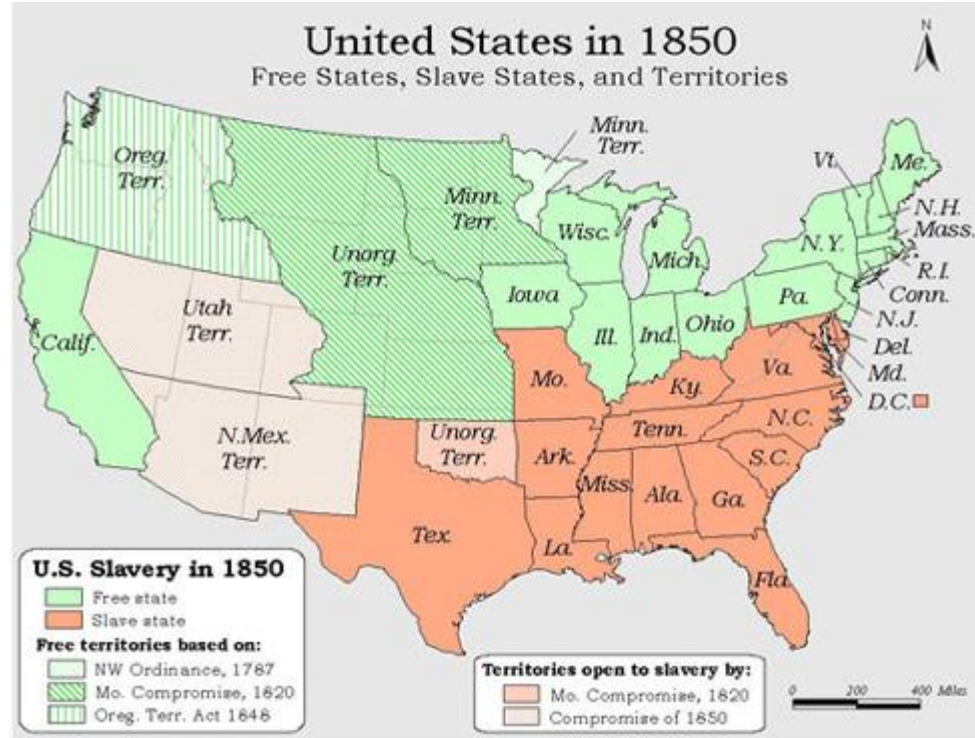




similarities among
these pictures

Land Acquisitions-California

- California was a part of the Mexican Cession
- Gold was discovered in 1849
- The many people who rushed out to California to find gold were called the “forty-niners”
- San Francisco became a boomtown
- How did the California Gold Rush lead to the expansion of cities?
- [Gold Rush](#) (video)



Exit Ticket: use your own sheet of paper and include 2 ideas

The Gold Rush video taught me...

End of Lesson Two

List 2 observations (Think/Write)

Many immigrants wanted to work during California's growth period

Why would foreigners want to work in the U.S.?

What type of Push/Pull factors might have affected the desire for immigrants to work in America?
(Pair/Think/Write/Share)



Analyze the political cartoon

- Based on this political cartoon, what can you conclude about how people felt about the immigrants in America?(Think/Write/Share)
- How does a late- 1800s Pacific Northwest or California town have in common with today's immigration debate?(Pair/Think/Write/Share)



Land Acquisitions-Utah

- Gained in the Mexican Cession
- Known for a religious refuge for the Mormons
- Joseph Smith was their leader
- Believed that property should be held by everyone, not an individual
- Believed a man could have more than one wife
- Many people disapproved of his religious beliefs, so he orchestrated a moved over 12,000 people to Utah
- Moved to very harsh terrain (desert)
- It was difficult at first to live; however, they worked hard
- Carefully planned towns, built irrigation canals, taxed property, and regulated the use of water, timber, and other sources
- Founders of Salt Lake City



Land Acquisitions-Gadsden Purchase

- 1853-United States completed its expansion in the Southwest
- Small slice of territory was purchased from Mexico for \$10 million
- Business oriented Southerners wanted a railroad that would run from the South all the way to the Pacific
- Why do you believe they wanted a railroad? (Think/Write/Share)



Compromise of 1850

- After the Mexican-American War, the issue of slavery came up again
- The Mexican Cession admitted many new territories
- California was the first state to have enough people to apply for statehood
- Henry Clay proposed a new compromise
- Compromise: If the South agreed to admit California as a free state, the North would agree to enforce stricter Fugitive Slave Laws

Fugitive Slave Laws included:

- Cash rewards for Northerners who returned slaves
- More strict punishments for those who didn't report runaway slaves

\$100 Reward!



Runaway from the subscriber, living in Independence, Mo., on Tuesday the 10th inst., one negro man named

NELSON,

about 21 years of age, five feet 10 inches high, copper color, mustache and whiskers, had on when he left a suit of white felted cloth, a brown wool hat.

I will pay \$25 reward if taken in the county, \$50 if taken in the State, and one hundred dollars if taken out of the State, and secured so that I can get him.

HENRY J. BROWN.

Independence, Mo., December 12, 1841.

\$150 REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the subscriber, on the night of Monday the 11th July, a negro man named

TOM,

about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; of dark color; heavy in the chest; several of his jaw teeth out; and upon his body are several old marks of the whip, one of them straight down the back. He took with him a quantity of clothing, and several hats.

A reward of \$150 will be paid for his apprehension and security, if taken out of the State of Kentucky; \$100 if taken in any county bordering on the Ohio river; \$50 if taken in any of the interior counties except Fayette; or \$20 if taken in the latter county.

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End of Lesson Three

- Complete Territory Chart
- Handout “Territorial Acquisition” Activity
Part 1 & 2