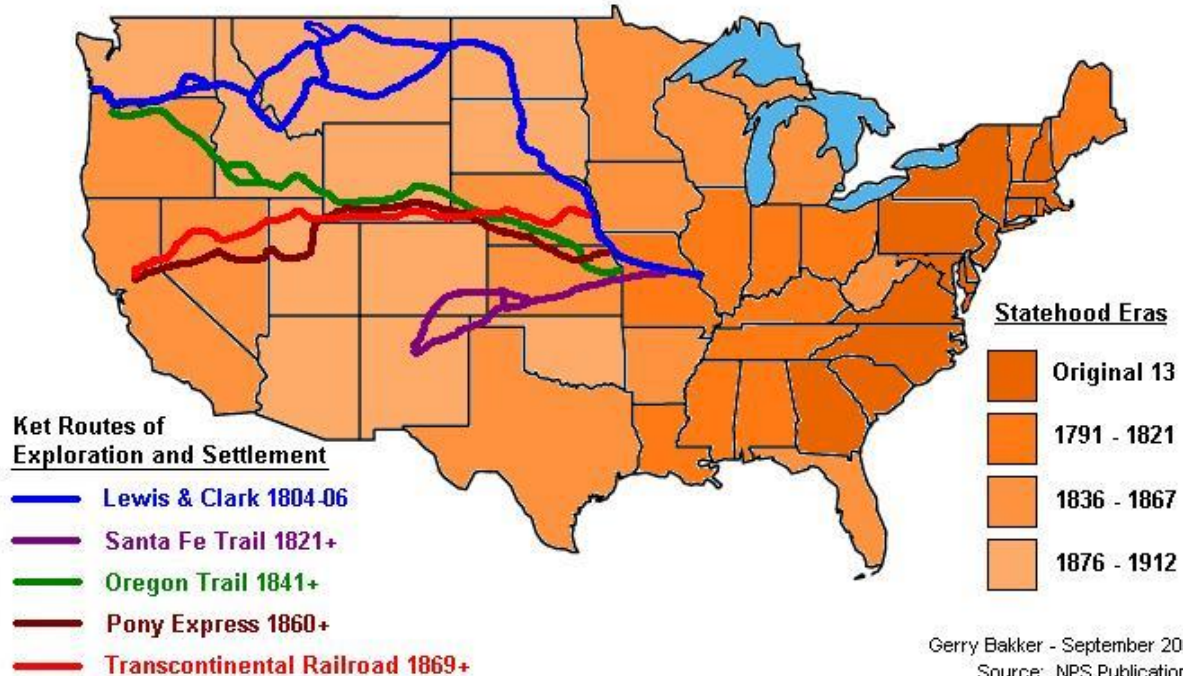


Westward Expansion

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



Land Acquisitions-Louisiana

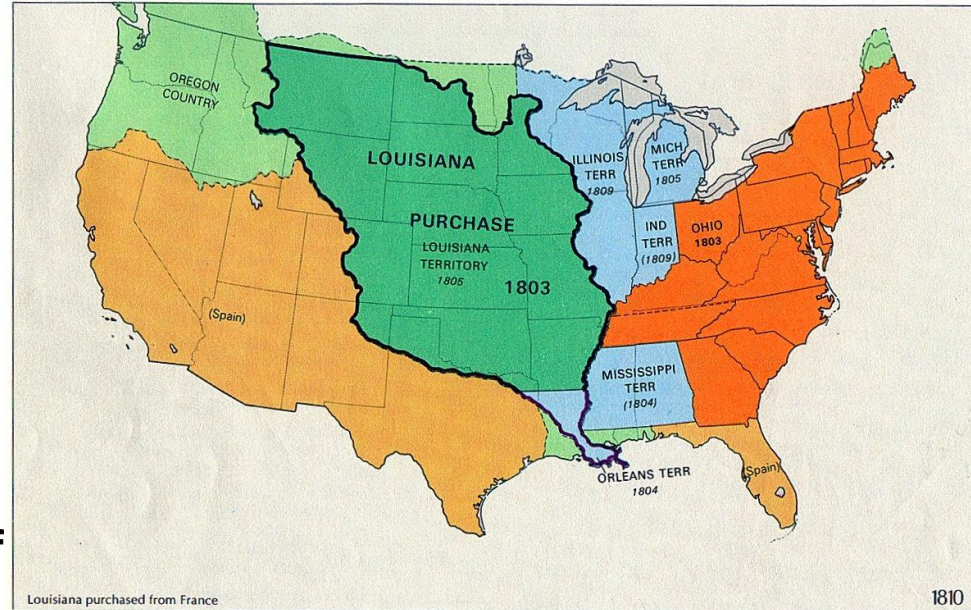
Purchase

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



Mountain Men

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

Land Acquisitions-Oregon Territory

1848-1859(Statehood)

Adams-Onis Treaty

Spain gives up territory in the Pacific Northwest

England agrees to a joint occupation of this territory with America



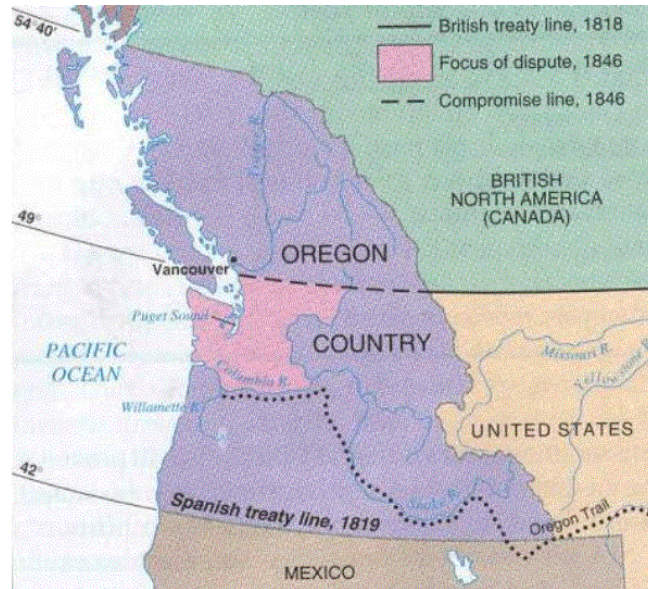
Land Acquisitions-Oregon Territory

“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

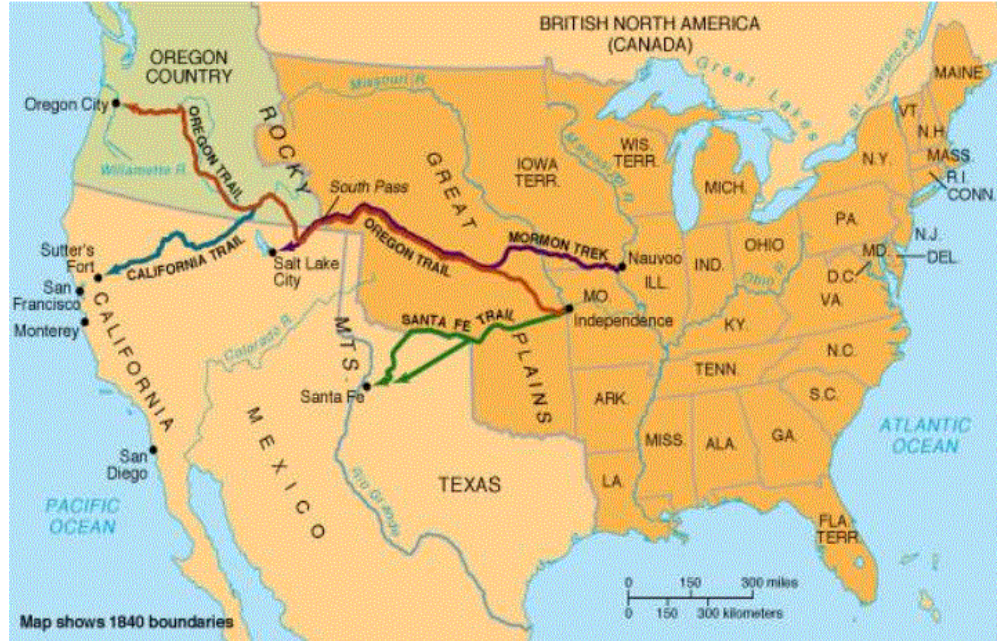
Eventually Great Britain compromised on new borders
(Reflection Question)



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 Adam-Onis 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



End of Lesson One

What are some push/pull factors that may be contributing to their migration?

Look at you Map Handout. If this family was traveling to the Pacific Northwest, which territory are they most likely traveling to?

Oregon Country



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 Northerners favored adding Oregon territory into the U.S.

This kept the balance



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
The U.S. wins 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

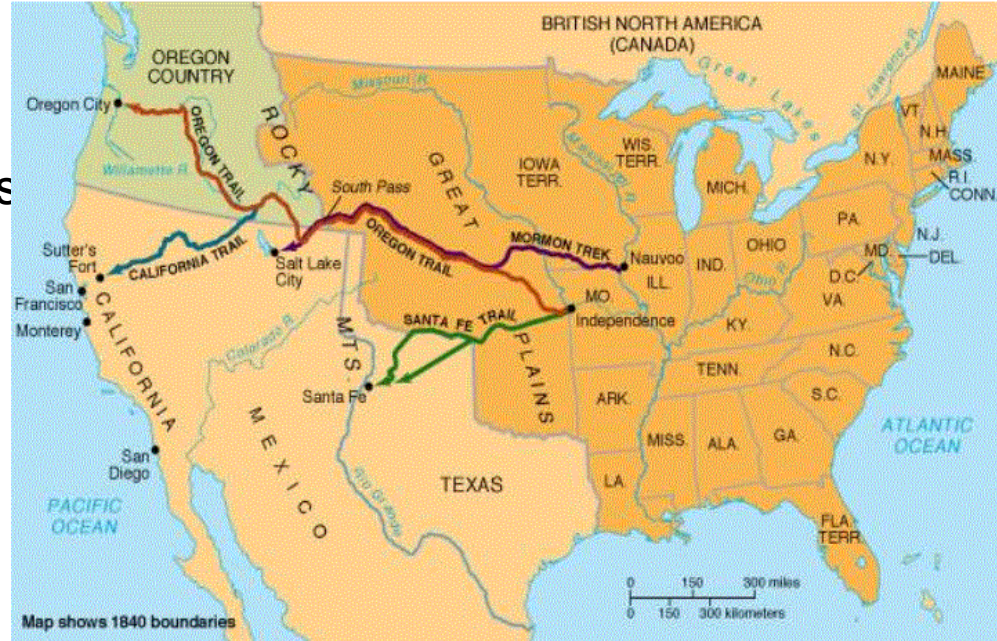


Land Acquisitions-New Mexico

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



End of Lesson Two



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

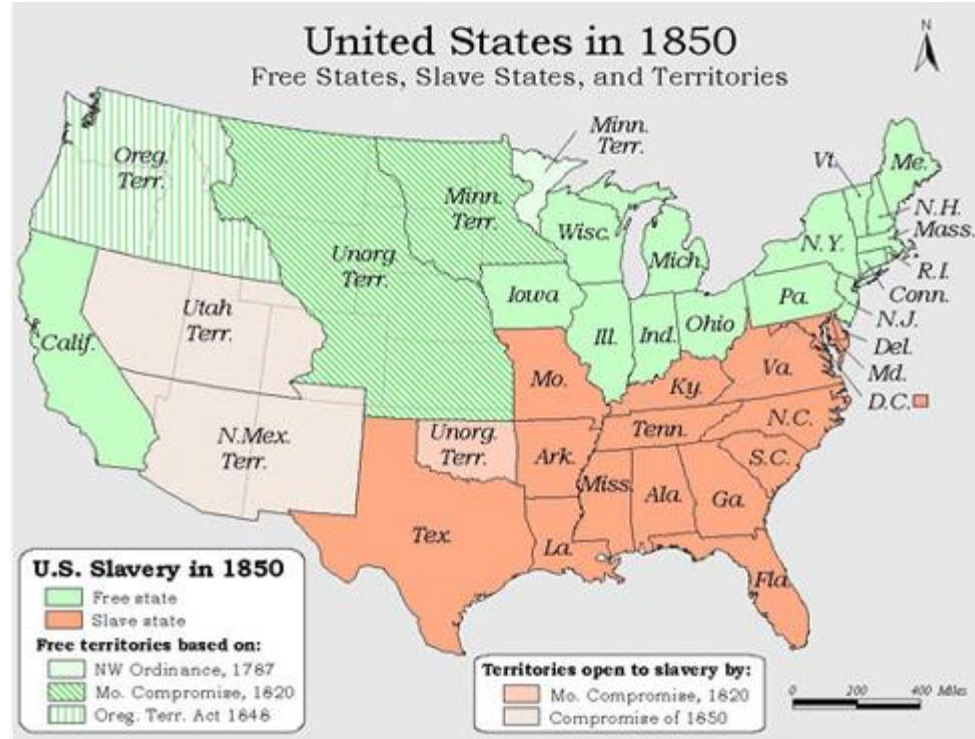
Gold was discovered in 1849

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 3 ideas

The Gold Rush video taught me...

End of Lesson Three

- Complete Territory Chart

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.?



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 white-
hairs, had on when he left a suit of white
faded 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 ex-
cept Fayette; or \$20 if taken in the latter county.

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