

Westward Expansion Scavenger Hunt

Part A:

Directions: During the late 18th and 19th centuries, the United States went through a massive period of growth expanding from east to west, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean and spreading from north to south to its present day borders with Mexico and Canada. In 1845 the term Manifest Destiny was coined in reference to the idea that it was America's destiny and duty to conquer the western territories. You will explore that expansion by using the information in your textbook to explore and trace America's territorial gains in the west.

Territory	When was the territory acquired?	How was the territory officially acquired?	Who was the territory acquired from?	What modern day states were part of the territory?
Louisiana Purchase (yellow) (6.3)				
Florida (purple) (7.2)				
Texas (red) (9.3)				
Oregon (blue) (9.2)				
Mexican Cession (tan) (9.4)				

Gadsden Purchase (orange) (9.4)				
Alaska (brown) (18.1)				
Hawaii (green) (18.1)				

Part B:

Map directions: Using the map in your textbook on pages A28-29 label each of the territories with the name given to the territory, who it was acquired from, and what date it was acquired. Color each of the sections the appropriate colors located in the territory box of the chart.

Part C:

Directions: Define the following terms.

Manifest Destiny

Santa Fe Trail

Oregon Trail

Joint Occupation

Seward's Folly

Texas Revolution

Republic of Texas

Stephen F. Austin

Alamo

Annex

James K. Polk

Zachary Taylor

Republic of California

Forty-niners

Gold rush

Queen Liliuokalani

Part D:

Answer each of the following questions

1. Who created the slogan “Fifty-Four Forty or Fight!”? What was the purpose of the slogan?
2. What was the reason many American chose to move west?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
3. How did western expansion effect the Native American populations?
4. Where were Americans settling in Oregon?
5. Why were the settlers headed for this area in Oregon?
6. Why did Mexico invite American settlers to Texas?

7. List 3 things that created cultural conflict by the influx of Americans into Texas.
8. How did views of Northerners and Southerners differ on the annexation of Texas?
9. How did the United States attempt to gain California and Texas prior to the Mexican War?
10. Why did President Polk favor a war with Mexico?
11. How did the U.S. gain control of California and New Mexico?
12. How did the issue of slavery affect the debate over the war with Mexico?
13. What impact did the discovery of gold have on the West?
14. In what ways did the West become more diverse?
15. What common dreams did people who sought gold in California share with those who settled in Oregon?
16. What was the main interest of the United States in Hawaii?