

Manifest Destiny & Westward Expansion



Manifest Destiny

1. List all of the **details** you see in the picture.
2. In which **geographic direction** is the lady in the sky moving? What do you think she represents and why?

3. Who do the people following her represent?
4. Who is running away from her & why?
5. This painting is called, *American Progress*. Why do you think that is? What kind of “progress” does it infer?

Manifest Destiny:

How are Manifest Destiny and the annexation of Texas into the U.S. related?

Cession:

What modern-day states were involved with the Mexican Cession?

The Mexican War:

1. Who was the United States President during the US Mexican War?
2. Why did the President want Texas and the lands west?
3. What is Manifest Destiny?
4. Why were US Troops sent to Corpus Christi, TX?
5. How much money did the US offer Mexico for their Northern Territories?
6. When did the US declare war on Mexico?
7. Who commanded the Mexican Army?
8. How did Americans feel about the war and President Polk by 1847?
9. Who discovered the path over the hill at the Cerro Gordo?
10. How is Santa Anna's defeat at Cerro Gordo similar to his defeat at San Jacinto?
11. Why was El Castillo Chapuletepec significant?

12. What were two obstacles the US faced when trying to negotiate with Mexico?

13. What was the result of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?

14. How much land did the US gain as a result of the treaty?

15. In what ways did Manifest Destiny help cause the Mexican War?

How Did Texas Get its Shape?

1. How much taller is the Texas Capitol building than the U.S. Capitol building?

2. Why did Texas sell off the Western portion to the U.S. for \$10 million?

3. Why did Texas get rid of the Northern part of the panhandle?

Compromise of 1850

1. What was the issue with slavery after the Mexican War?

2. How was it resolved?