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Westward Expansion Study Guide

- Understand why settlers wanted to cross the Appalachian Mountains and settle
- Know that the Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States and covered lands between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains.
- Understand why Napoleon agreed to sell Louisiana to President Jefferson and the United States
- Understand the main purpose behind Lewis and Clark's expedition
- Understand how Sacagawea helped the Lewis and Clark expedition
- Understand the reasons the War of 1812 was fought.
- Understand why the U.S. developed a spirit of nationalism after the War of 1812.
- Understand how Andrew Jackson's term in office affected many Native American tribes
- Understand the purpose behind building the National Road
- Understand how technological advances help business productivity
- Understand how the steamboat helped transportation
- Understand why steam locomotives were better forms of transportation
- Understand how the telegraph helped communication
- Understand that the steamboat and locomotive had a significant impact on transportation during the Industrial Revolution.
- Understand how the McCormick's reaper helped farmers' productivity
- Understand the cotton gin allowed cotton seeds to be cleaned from raw cotton quickly by using wire teeth.
- Understand why Mexico forbade Americans from settling in Texas
- Understand the reason the Battle of the Alamo was fought
- Understand why the Texans and Tejanos shouted "Remember the Alamo!"
- Know the year The Republic of Texas was admitted into the Union.
- Understand the result of the fighting at San Jacinto
- Understand the purpose of the Oregon Trail
- Understand why traveling on the Oregon Trail was difficult
- Understand the discovery of gold in California led to population growth and eventual statehood.