

Question Exploration Guide

Title/Standard: Westward Expansion

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① What is the Critical Question?

How did the United States expand from ocean to ocean?

② What are the Key Terms and explanations?

Manifest Destiny

The idea that expansion was inevitable

Expansion

Territorial growth of a country

③ What are the Supporting Questions and answers?

Which territories were added between 1801 and 1861?

A. Louisiana Purchase, B. Florida, C. Texas, D. Oregon
E. California and the Southwest

How were these territories acquired?

A. Purchased by Thomas Jefferson
B. Ceded in a treaty by Spain
C. Joined the United States after being independent
D. Divided with Britain at the 49th parallel
E. Ceded after a war with Mexico

④ What is the Main Idea Answer?

The United States completed Manifest Destiny and expanded from ocean to ocean by acquiring new territories between 1801 and 1861.

⑤ How can we use the Main Idea?

Would expansion have occurred without the idea of Manifest Destiny?

⑥ Is there an Overall Idea? Is there a real-world use?

OI: Ideas of the time can influence actions.

What ideas are currently affecting the actions of the government?