Westward Expansion Study Guide

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**Questions:**

1) How did the U.S. population grow during the time of westward expansion?

**There were 5 million Americans in 1800 but by 1850 there were 23 million.**

2) What were some of the trails that people followed to go west? Name four trails & describe their starting points and ending points.

\***Oregon Trail**- from Independence, Missouri to Oregon City, Oregon

\***Mormon Trail**- path from Nauvoo, Illinois to Salt Lake City, Utah.

\***California Trail-** traveled from Independence, Missouri to Sacramento, California

\***Santa Fe Trail-** from Independence, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico

3) Why did people move west? Describe.

**To find more land, in search of gold, to seek new opportunities, homesteading**

4) How did people travel when going west? What methods of transportation did they use? **Wagons, by foot, Transcontinental Railroad**

5) How did the westward movement cause harm to the Native Americans? Explain.

The Indian Removal Act in 1830 forced Native Americans to move off of their lands and move to lands called **reservation lands.** Many did NOT want to leave the lands but were forced! The Cherokee Nation moved from its ancestral homeland in parts of North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama to land set aside for them in what is now the state of Oklahoma.

6) What was the Transcontinental Railroad, and why was it important?

**Transcontinental Railroad- completed in 1869. Anyone could reach the West coast within a few days to a week by taking a train.**

7) Why was it important to stay together in wagon trains when traveling west?

This helped people stay safe on often dangerous territories.

8) Who were Meriwether Lewis and William Clark?

**Meriwether Lewis and William Clark-** Two of the explorers sent by Thomas Jefferson to find a Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean. They mapped the frontier, discovered new species of plants and animals.

9) What were some of the hardships people faced when traveling west?

**Disease, lack of proper supplies, different terrain (mountains, valleys, etc)**

11) What were some of the devices used for communicating from the east coast to the west coast? **Pony Express, transcontinental telegraph, Transcontinental Railroad**

12) By what year had most of the west been settled?

**By 1890, most of the land had been settled. Most of the land had become states. The days of the frontier were no more!**

**Define the following vocabulary:**

12) Louisiana Purchase

13) Northwest Territory

14) Northwest Passage

15) Manifest Destiny

16) Homestead Act

17) Pioneers

18) Trails

19) Possessions

20) Obstacle

21) Intrusions

22) Conestoga

22) Hardships

23) Transportation

24) Thomas Jefferson

Study Tips:

Study the

“Westward Expansion Vocabulary”

“Westward Expansion Brain Pop Notes”

Review the articles from your morning work this week

Look over any other class handouts from S.S. that are given back