

## STORY MAP GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

### America's Westward Journey

Instructional Time Goal - 45 - 60 minutes

Story Map: <https://arcg.is/aKW9X>

STORY MAP DIRECTIONS	GUIDING QUESTIONS
<p>America's Journey Westward</p> <p>Look at the map of the United States and observe the different sections outlined on the map?</p>	<p>What does the map show (physical characteristics, human patterns)?</p> <p>What else did you observe about the map?</p> <p>What questions do you have about this map?</p> <p>What other information do you need to make sense of this map?</p>
<p>The Louisiana Purchase</p> <p>Read the text and select the large center portion of the map to learn about the Louisiana Purchase?</p>	<p>How was Thomas Jefferson able to double the size of the United States in 1803?</p> <p>What role did Lewis and Clark play in American exploration?</p> <p>Why is this map significant or important?</p> <p>About what does this map leave you curious?</p>
<p>The Spanish Cession of Florida</p> <p>Read the text and select the area of Florida on the map to learn about the purchase of Florida from Spain.</p>	<p>When and how did the United States purchase Florida from Spain?</p> <p>What was the name of the treaty?</p> <p>Did this treaty affect disputes in Oregon as well? How so?</p> <p>Why do you think this map was used with this lesson?</p> <p>What else could be included in this map?</p>

<p>The Oregon Treaty</p> <p>Read the text and select the area of the Oregon Territory on the map to learn about the addition of the Oregon Territory to the United States. Click on the link in the Map Note to learn more about the creation of the Oregon Territory.</p>	<p>Who jointly occupied Oregon along with the United States from 1818 until 1846?</p> <p>Where was Oregon divided when The Oregon treaty settled that dispute?</p> <p>From the Map Note link to the Library of Congress site: On what date was the Oregon Territory created by Congress?</p> <p>What states would be made out of the Oregon territory?</p> <p>Look at the picture shown and describe the landscape of the Oregon Territory?</p>
<p>Manifest Destiny</p> <p>Read the text about the belief of Manifest Destiny and select the Map Note located on Washington DC. Follow the link on the Map Note to see primary source artwork inspired by the belief in Manifest Destiny.</p>	<p>How did expansionist justify the territorial growth of the United States?</p> <p>What is the belief of Manifest Destiny?</p> <p>From the linked picture:</p> <p>What place or region does the image show?</p> <p>What was the likely motivation of the creator of this image?</p> <p>Why is this image significant?</p> <p>What groups of people are represented in this image?</p>
<p>The Annexation of Texas</p> <p>Read the text and select the area of Texas on the map to learn about the annexation of Texas.</p>	<p>When did Texas become independent from Mexico?</p> <p>Who did the Texans elect as their President?</p> <p>When did Houston request that Texas be annexed by the United States?</p> <p>Why did it take nearly 10 years before the annexation?</p> <p>What else do you observe about the map?</p> <p>What questions do you have about the map?</p> <p>What seems to be missing from the map?</p>
<p>The Mexican Cession</p> <p>Read the text and select the area of the Southwest Territory to learn about the Mexican Cession. Follow the link on the Map Note to see a primary source excerpt from the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.</p>	<p>What event led to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo?</p> <p>When was the treaty signed?</p> <p>How much land was gained from Mexico?</p> <p>What river was established as the southern border of Texas?</p> <p>From the link to the document:</p> <p>Why is this document significant?</p> <p>When was this document written?</p> <p>Is this the entire document or just a selection from a larger document?</p>

<p>The California Gold Rush</p> <p>Read the text about the California gold rush and look at the map to see the distance that needed to be covered to go to California in search of gold?</p>	<p>When was gold discovered in California?          What were miners who rushed to California in search of gold called?          How much did the population of California grow as a result of the gold rush?          What granted California statehood?          Why was this compromise a source of conflict in the nation?</p>
<p>The Gadsden Purchase</p> <p>Read the text and select the small area below the southwest territory of the Mexican Cession to learn about the Gadsden Purchase? Select the Map Note located on Mexico City and follow the link to the Library of Congress to learn additional information.</p>	<p>When was the Gadsden Purchase made?          Why was the Gadsden Purchase made?          How much land was purchased?</p> <p>From the link:          How much did the United States pay for the Gadsden Purchase?          Who was James Gadsden?          What other dispute did it settle?          Look at the image of Mexico City provided in the link: what does the picture tell you about Mexico City?</p>
<p>Railroads Across the West</p> <p>Read the text about the building of the transcontinental railroad and use the GIS map of the railroad to analyze how this railroad would have affected the lives of the people living there.</p>	<p>When was the transcontinental railroad begun?          When was it completed? Where?          What geographic features seen on the map would have created a challenge for the railroad?          What modern day states does it travel through?          Looking at the railroads in the east compared to the west consider how much more connected the population of the east was in contrast to the population in the west. How does this change the lives of the people living there?</p>
<p>The Journey West</p> <p>In closing read the text of the last section and look at the map considering the human element of expansion and the role it played in the lives of both Native Americans as well as settlers.</p>	<p>How did wars play a role in American expansion?          How did the belief of Manifest Destiny play a role in American expansion? Without the Manifest Destiny would the fate of the American Indians have been different?          How often was land purchased as opposed to obtained by treaty following armed conflict?          Where did you notice the conflict between slave vs. free states interfere with expansion?</p>

CLOSURE: How did the rapid expansion of the United States in the 1800's shape the United States today?