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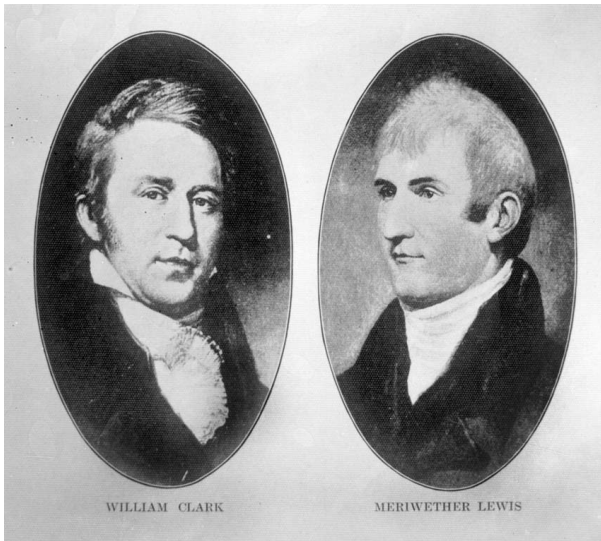
Reconstruction & Westward Expansion

Outcome: Westward Expansion Notes



1. Setting the Stage (Background on the West)

- a. Americans believed in the idea of _____, the idea that it was their God given right to _____ to the Pacific Ocean and to Mexico
- b. President Thomas Jefferson bought the _____ from Napoleon Bonaparte of France in 1803 for _____ million



- c. Between 1804 to 1806, explorers _____ and _____ were commissioned by President Jefferson to explore west to the Pacific coast
- d. The US _____ in 1845 which led to the Mexican-American war which took place between 1846-1848 and resulted in US obtaining the present day _____ United States territory from Mexico
- e. The _____ with _____ resulted in the US obtaining Oregon, Washington state, and parts of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho
- f. The United States now stretched from the _____, however, many _____ lived on these newly obtained pieces of land and had called this land home for _____ of years

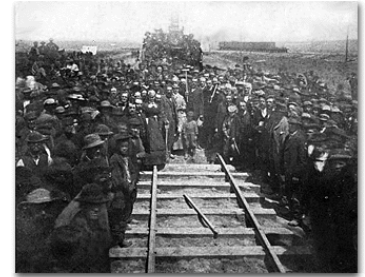
2. Motivations to settle the West



- a. The California _____ of 18__ & the discovery of gold in Colorado in 18__ sparked a wave of settlers to the west hoping to literally strike gold
- b. Mining towns were _____ and included _____ of every kind including Irish, German, Polish, Chinese, and African Americans
- c. _____! The _____ of 1862 offered 160 acres to citizens; _____ families took advantage of this offer

3. The Transcontinental Railroad

- The federal government offered 170 million acres in _____ to _____ between 1850-1871
- Land grants were pieces of land _____ to encourage railroad companies to build more railroads westward
- Two competing companies worked to complete the _____ in the United States
- The _____ moved eastward from Sacramento
- The _____ moved westward from Omaha, Nebraska



- Both companies relied heavily on foreign labor such as Irish and mostly _____
- The Central Pacific used unstable _____ to blast through the difficult terrain of the _____ mountains
- Both companies reached _____, Utah by 1869 where a _____ was driven to hail the completion of the railroad
- Fifteen years later, the _____ transcontinental railroads
- The railroads significantly shrunk the size of the US and allowed for settlers to migrate west more _____ and _____

4. Life in the West



- Trees were often _____ so settlers built their homes called sod homes, or _____, from the land itself
- _____ often worked in the _____ with men plowing, planting, and harvesting the crops
- _____ and _____ were important for _____ production
- Frontier settlers faced many hardships such as _____, floods, _____, blizzards, _____ plagues, and occasional raids by outlaws and _____ Americans

Result: Even though America was now a _____ nation, _____ with Native Americans would be the next real challenge & would remind us that there is a

_____.

