**Reconstruction & Westward Expansion**



**Outcome: Westward Expansion Notes**

1. **Setting the Stage (Background on the West)**
	1. Americans believed in the idea of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the idea that it was their God given right to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Pacific Ocean and to Mexico
	2. President Thomas Jefferson bought the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Napoleon Bonaparte of France in 1803 for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million



* 1. Between 1804 to 1806, explorers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were commissioned by President Jefferson to explore west to the Pacific coast
	2. 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
	3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resulted in the US obtaining Oregon, Washington state, and parts of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho
	4. 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
1. **Motivations to settle the West**
	1. 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
	2. Mining towns were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and included \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of every kind including Irish, German, Polish, Chinese, and African Americans
	3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of 1862 offered 160 acres to citizens;

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ families took advantage of this offer



1. **The Transcontinental Railroad**
	1. The federal government offered 170 million acres in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between 1850-1871

* 1. Land grants were pieces of land \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to encourage railroad companies to build more railroads westward

* 1. Two competing companies worked to complete the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

in the United States

* 1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved eastward from Sacramento
	2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ moved westward from Omaha, Nebraska
	3. Both companies relied heavily on foreign labor such as Irish and mostly

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* 1. The Central Pacific used unstable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to blast through the difficult terrain of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mountains
	2. Both companies reached \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Utah by 1869 where a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was driven to hail the completion of the railroad
	3. Fifteen years later, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ transcontinental railroads
	4. The railroads significantly shrunk the size of the US and allowed for settlers to migrate west more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. **Life in the West**
	1. Trees were often \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so settlers built their homes called sod homes, or

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, from the land itself

* 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ often worked in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with men plowing, planting, and harvesting the crops
	2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were important for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ production
	3. 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



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