

Manifest Destiny

The first stage of American territorial expansion began in 1803 with the Louisiana Purchase. After the Lewis and Clark Expedition, more people began to explore western lands. Events in the 1840's led to an ever increasing desire to extend American control westward. Your task will be to complete the following:

- Answer each of the questions noted below
- Evaluate the effect of Manifest Destiny on different groups of people in the country
- Evaluate the benefits of Manifest Destiny on the growth of America
- In your opinion, explain why or why not 'Manifest Destiny' was worth the price paid.

Basics: Questions 1-2

1. Where did the term 'Manifest Destiny' originate?

<http://history1800s.about.com/od/1800sglossary/g/manifestdestdef.htm>

More data: <http://mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/osulliva.htm>

2. Define 'Manifest Destiny.'

3. Why would colonists want to move West?

http://www.pbs.org/keras/mexicanwar/prelude/md_introduction.html

4. Which President was a strong believer in Manifest Destiny?

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/jamespolk>

5. What states were added to the Union at this time?

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/362216/Manifest-Destiny>

6. What issue(s) became crucial as states entered the Union?

7. How does President Polk's inaugural speech outline his belief in Manifest Destiny?

www.avalon.law.yale.edu/19th_century/polk.asp

8. What happened with the annexation of Texas and the Mexican War of 1846? What did this have to do with Manifest Destiny?

<http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2005/summer/mexico-1.html>

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9. What was the Treaty of Guadalupe? What were the results of the treaty?

<http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/guadalupe-hidalgo/>

10. Describe how Manifest Destiny affected the Native American Indians.

<http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/joshua/nativeam.html>

11. Do you agree with Matthew Baigell's interpretation of Manifest Destiny? Why or why not?

(Taken from: JSTOR: Territory, Race, Religion: Images of Manifest Destiny by Matthew Baigell; Smithsonian Studies in American Art pg. 3-5).

12. In your opinion, was the expansion worth it?

In order to answer this, complete the T chart below:

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Positive	Negative

