

8th Grade American Studies
Unit 7 – Westward Expansion

Unit	Title	Strands & Content Statements	Student Expectations
7	<p>Westward Expansion</p> <p>Big Idea: Westward Expansion was a factor in the growth of American economic power and the expansion of democracy.</p> <p>Essential Questions: How did American ideals conflict with other populations?</p>	<p>History (9) – <i>The United States added to its territory through treaties and purchases</i></p> <p>(10) – <i>Westward expansion contributed to economic and industrial development, debates over sectional issues, war with Mexico, and the displacement of American Indians</i></p> <p>Geography (14) – <i>The availability of natural resources contributed to the geographic and economic expansion of the United States, sometimes resulting in unintended consequences.</i></p> <p>(15) - <i>The movement of people, products and their ideas resulted in new patterns of settlement and land use that influenced the political and economic development of the United States</i></p> <p>(16) – <i>Cultural biases, stereotypes and prejudices had social, political and economic consequences for minority groups and the population as a whole</i></p> <p>Economics (24) – <i>Governments can impact markets by means of spending, regulations, taxes, and trade barriers</i></p>	<p>HISTORY (9) Describe how the United States added to its territory through treaties and purchases.</p> <p>(10) Explain how westward expansion contributed to economic and industrial development, debates over sectional issues, war with Mexico and the displacement of American Indians.</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY (14) Analyze how the availability of natural resources contributed to the geographic and economic expansion of the United States. Explain how this sometimes resulted in unintended environmental consequences.</p> <p>(15) Describe the movement of people, products and ideas that resulted in new patterns of settlement and land use and analyze its impact on the political and economic development of the U.S.</p> <p>(16) Explain how cultural biases, stereotypes and prejudices had social, political and economic consequences for minority groups and the population as a whole.</p> <p>ECONOMICS (24) Explain the impact government can have on markets by spending, regulating, taxing and creating trade barriers</p>

Main Idea Questions

How did the United States grow in total land area from the original “13 states” to the nation’s present-day boundaries?

How did the territorial growth of the U.S. in the first half of the 19th Century impact the physical, cultural, and economic landscape of the nation?

What was the relationship like between the United States Government and the Native Americans between the years 1790 and 1877?

Corresponding Textbook Readings: (ON BACK)

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Chapter /Section	Pages	Topics / Main Ideas
Chapter 5 Section 1	Page 155	Land Ordinance & the Northwest Ordinance
Chapter 8 Section 2	Pages 272 – 276	Louisiana Purchase and Lewis & Clark
Chapter 9 Section 2	Pages 302 – 303	Nationalism, Sectionalism, the American System & the Missouri Compromise
Chapter 10 Section 3	Pages 332 – 337	Jackson's Indian Removal Policies
Chapter 11 Section 1	Pages 346 – 349	Trails to the West
Chapter 11 Section 2	Pages 350 – 353	The Texas Revolution
Chapter 11 Section 3	Pages 354 – 363	The Mexican-American War
Chapter 11 Section 4	Pages 364 – 369	The California Gold Rush