

Grade 7
11 Expanding West Study Guide

Follow each instruction to demonstrate your mastery of the objective; use the words below for the best possible answer.

Objective 1: Describe the various trails to the American West and why Americans ventured forth!

Oregon Trail
California Trail
Santa Fe Trail
Mormons Travel West

Land
Trade
Fur Gold
Religious Freedom

Objective 2: Summarize the reasons and events that led to the annexation of Texas to the United States.

Padre Hidalgo
Mexican War for Independence from Spain
Encouragement of US settlers
Stephen Austin
Land, Laws, & Slavery
Santa Anna
Texans Revolt
Alamo
San Jacinto, treaty, Texas as a new nation
Andrew Jackson, Texas, Slavery

Objective 3: Explain why the US went to war with Mexico and how that war is tied to the outcomes of the war.

Manifest Destiny
James K. Polk and the annexation of Oregon & Texas
Offer to purchase land from Mexico
Disputed border at the Rio Grande
General Taylor successes
General Kearny's success
Mexico City
Surrender, Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Objective 4: State how the Annexation of California was part to the Mexican-American war

Californios
American Settlers
Bear Flag Revolt
Annexation

Objective 5: State why the Gadsden Purchase was made.

RRs
Texas
California
Mexico

Objective 6: Describe the California Gold Rush

Sutter's Mill

Prospecting for Gold

49ers

Trade with miners leads to economic boom in California