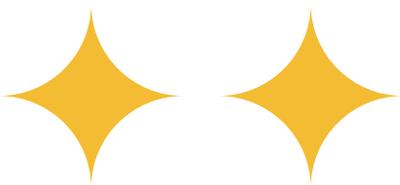




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Louisiana Purchase

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from the French for \$15 million.

Manifest Destiny.

Many people in the United States believed it was the country's destiny to expand westward all the way to the Pacific Ocean. This belief became known as the Manifest Destiny.

In 1890, the US government announced that the west had been explored. The country now had 44 states. Only Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arizona had not been admitted as states from today's contiguous 48 states.

Who Got affected.....

One of the tragic result of the westward expansion of the United States was the forced relocation of many Native American tribes. As the United States moved west, it took over lands once occupied by Native Americans. In many cases, Native Americans were ordered to relocate to new lands or reservations. Sometimes they were forced to leave existing lands by the military and marched at gunpoint to new lands.

Interesting Facts....

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- The population of the United States grew from 5.2 million people in 1800 to 76.2 million in 1900.
- President James K. Polk played a major role in expanding west.
- During his presidency much of the land west of the Louisiana Purchase was added to the country including Texas, the Mexican Cession, and the Oregon Territory.
- The Transcontinental Railroad and Transcontinental Telegraph were both important in keeping the large country together in the early days.
- Westward Expansion had a large impact on the Civil War. The South wanted western states to be slave states while the North wanted slavery to be illegal in the new states.



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