



Westward Expansion

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Multiple Choice

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- B) It gave the U.S. the Oregon Territory
- C) It ended the Mexican-American War and gave the U.S. the Mexican Cession
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- B) They believed expansion was their God-given right and destiny
- C) They hoped to shrink the size of the country
- D) They wanted to move the capital to California

4. Which agreement set the northern border of the Oregon Territory at the 49th parallel?

- A) The Adams-Onis Treaty
- B) The Missouri Compromise
- C) The Oregon Treaty of 1846
- D) The Gadsden Purchase

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct answer on each line.

1. The Mexican _____ was the land gained by the U.S. after the war with Mexico.
2. James K. _____ was the president who led the nation during the Mexican-American War.
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