



Westward Expansion

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The Santa Fe Trail connected Missouri to _____ in present-day New Mexico.
2. Texas became part of the United States in the year _____.
3. The Mexican-American War ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe _____.
4. After the war with Mexico, the U.S. gained land that became California, Nevada, and _____.
5. The Gadsden _____ of 1853 added land in southern Arizona and New Mexico.
6. John C. _____ explored western lands and earned the nickname The Pathfinder.
7. Many settlers believed it was their _____ right to expand to the Pacific.
8. The Mormon pioneers settled near the Great Salt _____ in present-day Utah.
9. Brigham _____ led the Mormon settlers on their journey west.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

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| Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo | → _____ | trade route to New Mexico |
| Santa Fe Trail | → _____ | led Mormon settlers to Utah |
| Gadsden Purchase | → _____ | added southern Arizona land |
| Brigham Young | → _____ | ended the Mexican-American War |

Answer Key • Westward Expansion • Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The Santa Fe Trail connected Missouri to Santa Fe in present-day New Mexico.
2. Texas became part of the United States in the year 1845 .
3. The Mexican-American War ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo .
4. After the war with Mexico, the U.S. gained land that became California, Nevada, and Utah .
5. The Gadsden Purchase of 1853 added land in southern Arizona and New Mexico.
6. John C. Fremont explored western lands and earned the nickname The Pathfinder.
7. Many settlers believed it was their God-given right to expand to the Pacific.
8. The Mormon pioneers settled near the Great Salt Lake in present-day Utah.
9. Brigham Young led the Mormon settlers on their journey west.

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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| Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo | → <u>ended the Mexican-American War</u> | trade route to New Mexico |
| Santa Fe Trail | → <u>trade route to New Mexico</u> | led Mormon settlers to Utah |
| Gadsden Purchase | → <u>added southern Arizona land</u> | added southern Arizona land |
| Brigham Young | → <u>led Mormon settlers to Utah</u> | ended the Mexican-American War |