Manifest Destiny
1803 - 1853

The United States Expanded from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean in 50 years
The Louisiana Purchase - 1803

- Thomas Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from the French in 1803.
- Jefferson wanted to make sure the U.S. had control of New Orleans and the Mississippi River.
- The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States.
- The U.S. stretched from the Atlantic Coast to the Rocky Mountains.

Hi-Lite:
Where did Jefferson want to Control with his purchase of Louisiana?
The Explorers: Lewis and Clark

- President Jefferson decided he needed to explore the new American territory of Louisiana.
- He chose Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to lead the expedition.
- Their mission was to journey from St. Louis, Missouri to the Pacific Ocean and back.
- The journey lasted 2 years and 4 months: 1804 to 1806

Hi-Lite:
What was the mission of Lewis and Clark?
To the Pacific and Back

- Lewis and Clark left St. Louis in May of 1804 with 45 people.
- With the help of a Native American named Sacagawea, the expedition made it to Oregon in December, 1805.
- They traveled 8,000 miles and mapped a route to the Pacific.
- They brought back great information on the west.

Hi-Lite:
Who helped Lewis and Clark journey to the Pacific?
Florida - 1819

• The U.S. wanted to take Florida from Spain because of attacks by Indians and runaway slaves in Georgia.
• In 1819, President Monroe sent General Andrew Jackson to help protect Georgia.
• Jackson invaded Florida.
• Spain gave up control of Florida to the U.S. in exchange for 5 million dollars and control of Texas.

Hi-Lite:
Why did the U.S. want to take control of Florida from Spain?
Oregon Country: 1846

• In the 1820s, both Britain and the U.S. claimed to own Oregon.
• In the 1830s and 1840s, thousands of American pioneers were going to settle in Oregon Country.
• President James Polk negotiated with Britain.
• The two nations compromised and split Oregon in half at the 49th parallel. The U.S. got the southern half.

Hi-Lite:
What was the compromise between Britain and the U.S.? 
Texas: 1845

- In 1821, Texas was a part of Mexico.
- By 1830, 25,000 Americans were living in Texas. They were required to become Catholic and Mexican citizens.
- The Americans had to follow Mexican laws, like no slavery.
- When Americans complained, Mexico closed Texas to immigration.

Hi-Lite: Why were Americans in Texas complaining?
The Texas Revolution

- After Mexico closed Texas to Americans, Stephen Austin went to negotiate with the Mexican leader, Santa Anna.
- Austin was jailed, and the Texans revolted against Mexico.
- In 1836, Mexico attacked the Texans at the Alamo, killing all Americans. Texans vowed revenge.
- After the Alamo, Sam Houston surprise attacked Santa Anna and captured him. (Battle San Jacinto)

Hi-Lite:
What happened at the Alamo?
Texas Statehood

• Santa Anna agreed to remove all Mexican soldiers from Texas in exchange for his freedom.
• Texas became an independent country in 1836 called the Lone Star Republic.
• Texas joined the U.S. and became a state in 1845.

Hi-Lite:
What happened in 1836?
War with Mexico

- President Polk wanted to expand the territory of the U.S. more.
- He offered to buy California and New Mexico Territories from Mexico. Mexico refused.
- After the U.S. gained Texas in 1845, Mexico and the U.S. could not agree on the border.
- War broke out between the 2 nations in 1846.

Hi-Lite: Why did war break out between Mexico and the United States in 1846?
The Mexican-American War

- The U.S. took New Mexico territory without a fight.
- California revolted against Mexico and became the Bear Flag Republic.
- The U.S. invaded Mexico and captured Mexico City.
- This led to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

Hi-Lite:
What was the name of the Treaty that ended the Mexican War?
The Mexican Cession

• In the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, Mexico gave the U.S. the territories of California and New Mexico. Today this is the American southwest. This was the Mexican Cession.

• The U.S. paid Mexico $15 million for the territory.

• In 1853, the U.S. added more territory called the Gadsden Purchase.

Hi-Lite:
What was the Mexican Cession?