

GUIDED READING

Oklahoma: Our History Our Home

Chapter 7: Opening the West

Section 1 Westward Movement

Directions: Use the information from pages 172 - 175 to complete the following.

1. _____ saw the _____ principles of the new nation of the _____ as a welcome change from the sometimes more repressive _____ of their homelands.
2. (An _____ is one who moves to a new country to settle there.)
3. The new _____ enthusiastically embraced those _____ ideals.
4. They believed the government of their new country was _____ to the governments they had known before and that it was their mission to _____ the democratic _____ and _____ across the continent.
5. This mission came to be called _____.
6. The _____ (fast-growing) population was quickly outgrowing the original _____ states due to immigration and a high birth rate.
7. _____ downturns in 1818 and 1839 caused some people to seek new _____, and _____ land was often inexpensive and offered new _____.
8. _____, _____, and _____ were steadily pushing westward.
9. Major Stephen Long, in 1819, had referred to the land west of the 98th meridian (including Oklahoma) as the “_____”.
10. This early impression was one of the _____ reasons that the Great Plains was chosen as the new land for the _____, but it certainly didn't stop people from moving _____.

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11. Movement was quickly expanding beyond the _____ that had been created by the Louisiana Purchase.
12. (A _____ is a neutral area between two larger areas with different uses.)
13. New President _____, elected in 1844 on a _____ platform, quickly moved to make _____ the 28th state in 1845.
14. Tensions rose between _____ and the _____ over the Texas _____, a disputed border, and revolts in California.
15. (To _____ is to add on, such as adding territory to an existing town, city, or state.)
16. The tensions escalated into the _____ War, which lasted from 1846 to 1848.
17. Under the Treaty of Guadalupe, signed in 1848, the United States gained all of the _____ territories, and Mexico gave up its claims to Texas in exchange for _____ million.
18. By the late 1840s, through _____, _____, and _____, the United States controlled all of the land between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and between Canada and the Rio Grande.