

Westward Expansion

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Bandana	Large handkerchief worn by cowboys tied around the neck.
Boomtown	Rapidly growing town.
Bronco	A wild or half-tamed horse.
Cattle Drive	Moving a herd of cattle from one place to another.
Cowboy	Person who tends the cattle on a ranch.
Daniel Boone	American folk hero, pioneer, explorer, and frontiersman.
Frontier	The extreme limit of settled land beyond which lies wilderness.
Ghost Town	Deserted town with few or no remaining inhabitants.
Gold Rush	Rapid movement of migrants to California, starting in 1848 after gold was found.
Gunslinger	Someone who carries a gun and shoots well.
Homestead	Piece of free land acquired from the government in exchange for living and working on it.
Land Rush	When lands were opened to sale and people would race to claim a plot.
Lewis And Clark	Explorers dispatched by Thomas Jefferson to map and explore the uncharted West.
Log Cabin	Small house made from tree trunks
Louisiana Purchase	Purchase of a large expanse of land by the US from France in 1803.
Manifest Destiny	Belief that the expansion of the US across the American continent was inevitable.
Northwest	A historical territory of the US that extended from the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to the Great Lakes.
Oregon Trail	A wagon trail that stretched from the Missouri River to the Far West.
Pioneers	The first people to explore and settle the West.
Pony Express	Mail service on horseback that operated from Missouri to California.
Ranch	A large animal (usually cattle) farm in the western US.
Reservations	Land set aside for Native American Indians.
Stampede	Sudden panicked rush of cattle or bison.
Telegraph	System for transmitting messages along a wire.
Transcontinental	The railroad system that connected the east coast to the west coast.
Wagon Train	Convoy of covered wagons transporting settlers westward.