

# War of 1812 and Westward Expansion

## Question 1 .

There were several reasons that Texans wanted to be annexed by the United States. Texas and the United States already had strong ties in business and trade. Also, Texas wanted to use the U.S. postal and monetary systems. Texans furthermore wanted the protection of the United States. Which of the following was the biggest reason Texans supported annexation?

- A. Texans wanted to participate in U.S. elections.
- B. Texans did not want to be Mexican citizens.
- C. Texans wanted to be able to own slaves.
- D. Most Texans were from the United States.

## Question 2 .

In 1838, U.S. troops began forcing thousands of Cherokee Indians west to Oklahoma from their homeland in north Georgia. The journey saw 4,000 Cherokees die in the terrible conditions. What was this event called?

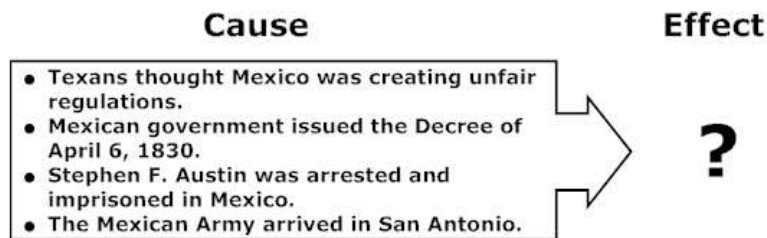
- A. the Missouri Compromise
- B. the Pony Express
- C. Manifest Destiny
- D. the Trail of Tears

## Question 3 .

The land that was included in the Louisiana Purchase was mainly located in which of the following regions of the present-day United States?

- A. Pacific Coast
- B. Pacific Northwest
- C. central United States
- D. southwestern United States

## Question 4 .



Which of these best completes the diagram above?

- A. Texas succession
- B. The American Revolution
- C. The Texas Revolution
- D. The Mexican Revolution

**Question 5 .**

I am surrounded by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna—I have been under attack for 24 hours & have not lost a man... I am determined to die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country—Victory or Death!  
—adapted from a letter by William Barret Travis, 1836

What battle is Travis describing in the above letter?

- A. the Battle of Goliad
- B. the Battle of San Jacinto
- C. the Battle of the Alamo
- D. the Battle of Gonzales

**Question 6 .**

• His motto was "Be always sure you're right—then go ahead!"  
• Famous Tennessee frontiersman who later became a politician  
• Was killed at the Alamo, in Texas

Which of these leaders is described in the box above?

- A. Davy Crockett
- B. James Polk
- C. John Sevier
- D. Andrew Jackson

**Question 7 .**

Which state was the destination for a flood of prospectors during the gold rush of 1849?

- A. Oregon
- B. California
- C. New Mexico
- D. Colorado

**Question 8 .**

In the late 1800s, there were several battles between the U.S. Army and the Great Plains Indians. One of the most famous was the Battle of Little Big Horn. Battles like this were fought because

- A. tribes of the Great Plains were naturally warlike.
- B. the U.S. government owed money to the native tribes.
- C. native tribes had attacked a white settlement.
- D. the government was forcing Indians onto reservations.

**Question 9 .**

What was one of the main reasons many people in the United States did not want to annex Texas?

- A. It would add another slave state to the Union.
- B. It would hurt U.S. relations with European countries.
- C. It would cause the U.S. to fight more Native Americans.
- D. It would add another free state to the Union.

**Question 10 .**

The starting point of the 1804 Lewis and Clark expedition was near which major city?

- A. Chicago, Illinois
- B. Washington, D.C.
- C. St. Louis, Missouri
- D. New York, New York

**Question 11 .**

American Indians of the West were moved from their homes to reservation lands in the late 1800s. Many of these reservations could be described in which of these ways?

- A. rich, fertile land for growing crops and raising cattle
- B. rolling hills of grass that were good for raising cows and sheep
- C. good hunting grounds for bison and other large animals
- D. poor farming land that was not good for raising crops

**Question 12 .**

- As a teenager, ran away to live with the Cherokees
- Helped Texas become a state and became its governor
- Was governor of Tennessee, but resigned to again live with Cherokees

Which of these leaders is described in the box above?

- A. Sequoyah
- B. Nancy Ward
- C. John Sevier
- D. Sam Houston

**Question 13 .**

How was the city of Washington, D.C. affected by the War of 1812?

- A. Washington, D.C. was the center of training for the army.
- B. The British took control of the city for most of the war.
- C. Washington, D.C. was cut off from the rest of the country.
- D. The British destroyed the White House and the U.S. Capitol.

**Question 14 .**

In 1851, the United States Congress passed the Indian Appropriations Act. This law set aside pieces of land for American Indians in what is now Oklahoma. The pieces of land set aside for American Indians are called

- A. empty lots.
- B. land grants.
- C. reservations.
- D. farmland.

**Question 15 .**

After the British attacked Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Francis Scott Key wrote the words for which song?

- A. "America the Beautiful"
- B. "You're a Grand Old Flag"
- C. "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- D. "Yankee Doodle"

**Question 16 .**

In the American West in the late 1800s, the U.S. government moved thousands of American Indians onto land that was set aside in Oklahoma. Why did the government move the American Indians?

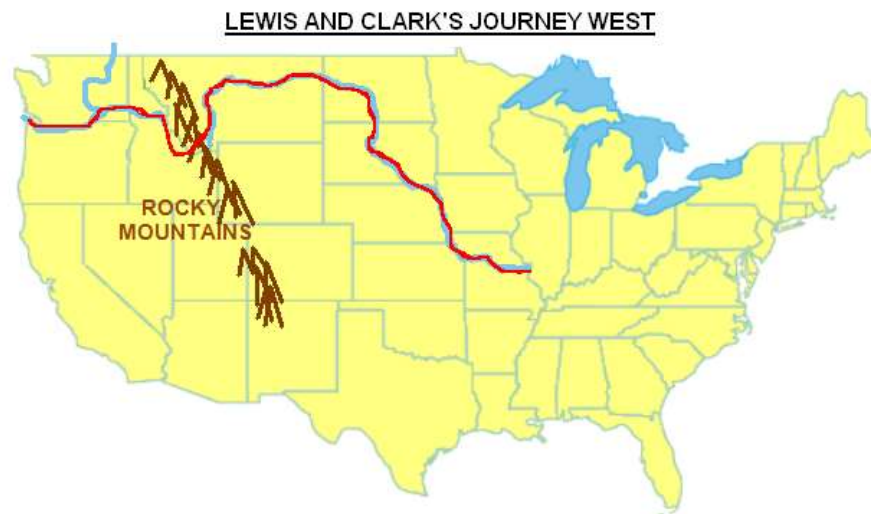
- A. to use them as cheap labor on farms
- B. to show that the government honors its treaties
- C. to keep them from declaring war on the United States
- D. to clear the land for white settlers

**Question 17 .**

While the U.S. was undergoing westward expansion, there were several routes that people followed from the Midwest to the West. What was the name of the route that took people from the Midwest to the Pacific Northwest?

- A. the Pacific Rim
- B. the Oregon Pass
- C. the Oregon Trail
- D. the Santa Fe Trail

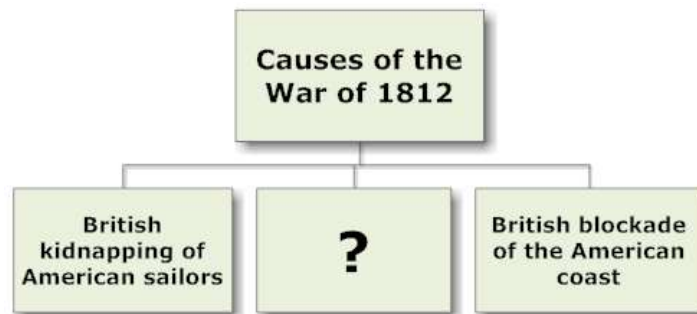
Question 18 .



Which of the following rivers was used by Lewis and Clark in their journey to the Pacific Ocean?

- A. Colorado River
- B. Missouri River
- C. Rio Grande
- D. Potomac River

Question 19 .



Which of the following belongs in the box with the question mark?

- A. British helping the Native Americans on the frontier
- B. British invasion of New England
- C. British refusal to buy American goods
- D. British refusal to repay money to the U.S.

Question 20 .

What was the outcome of the War of 1812 for the United States?

- A. The United States acquired islands in the Caribbean.
- B. The United States lost the land in the West.
- C. The United States did not gain or lose any land.
- D. The United States acquired parts of Canada.