

Learning Unit No. 14
"Westward to the Pacific"
Note: L.U. 14 involves chapters 17 and 18

Unit Outcomes:

1. Describe the Mexican independence movement.
2. Describe the events leading to the creation of the Lone Star Republic.
3. Identify the reasons for the westward expansion of the United States.
4. Explain the reasons for the outbreak of the Mexican War and its effect on American expansion.
5. Explain the impact of the California Gold Rush.

Outline:

- I. Mexican independence
 - A. reasons for revolting
 - B. gaining independence
- II. Stephen Austin and the settling of Texas
- III. creating the Lone Star Republic
 - A. Texas-Mexico tensions
 - B. Texas declares independence
 - C. Santa Ana and the Alamo
 - D. the Lone Star Republic
- IV. westward expansion
 - A. trade and the Santa Fe Trail
 - B. mountain men
 - C. Oregon Trail
 - D. Mormon migration
- V. "manifest destiny"
 - A. the election of 1844
 - B. Mexican War
 - C. Gadsden Purchase
- IV. California Gold Rush
 - A. discovery at Sutter's Mill
 - B. effects of the Gold Rush
 - C. California statehood

Key terms, names, and quotations:

empresario	Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna
Battle of San Jacinto	annex
Texas Rangers	Oregon Country
Jedediah Smith	emigrants
Joseph Smith	Jim Beckwourth
Brigham Young	James K. Polk
Bear Flag Revolt	John C. Fremont
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo	cede
Zachary Taylor	Winfield Scott
"forty-niner"	"fifty-four forty or fight"

Readings:

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