

## Chapter 11: Westward Expansion Pre-test

Answer the following questions

- \_\_\_ 1. Who were mountain men?
  - a. supporters of low tariffs on fur
  - b. western fur traders and trappers
  - c. eastern settlers who poured into Oregon Country
- \_\_\_ 2. Mormons moved from New York to the West in the early 1830s in order to
  - a. obey the Book of Mormon.
  - b. prosper in the fur trade.
  - c. seek out religious freedom.
- \_\_\_ 3. Empresarios were
  - a. supporters of manifest destiny.
  - b. agents who brought settlers to Texas.
  - c. Mexicans who opposed the revolution.
- \_\_\_ 4. Who was Stephen F. Austin?
  - a. southern settler who spurred Texans to defy the ban on slavery in 1831
  - b. empresario who founded a colony on the lower Colorado River in 1822
  - c. only American to witness the signing of the Mexican constitution in 1824
- \_\_\_ 5. President Jackson refused to annex Texas at first because doing so would have
  - a. admitted to the British that western expansion had ended.
  - b. upset the balance between free and slave states.
  - c. gone against the wishes of Congress.
- \_\_\_ 6. Study the quotation below and answer the question that follows.

[It is America's] manifest destiny to overspread and to possess the whole continent which Providence [God] has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty..."

- In these words by writer John O'Sullivan, what does the phrase "manifest destiny" mean?
- a. clear choice
  - b. obvious fate
  - c. people's future
- \_\_\_ 7. What did the American expansionists' slogan "Fifty-four forty or fight!" refer to?
    - a. the number of prisoners they wanted Santa Anna to release
    - b. the line that marked the northern border of what is now California
    - c. the line to which they wanted their northern territory to extend
  - \_\_\_ 8. What happened during the Bear Flag Revolt?
    - a. A union of Spanish settlers rose up against Californios in the Mission district of San Francisco.
    - b. A small group of Americans seized the town of Sonoma and declared California's independence.
    - c. John C. Frémont's mapping expedition fought off a black bear while crossing the

Sierra Nevada.

- \_\_\_ 9. How did the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed in 1848, affect the United States?
  - a. It enabled the United States to collect \$18 million in property taxes from Mexico.
  - b. It forced the United States to give up vast acres of territory in the West.
  - c. It increased the size of the United States by almost 25 percent.
- \_\_\_ 10. Which description fits the group of people known as “forty-niners”?
  - a. individual prospectors of California gold-mining sites
  - b. gold-seekers from America and abroad who migrated to California
  - c. middle-aged married men with previous gold-mining experience
- \_\_\_ 11. Which of these statements about the consequences of the Gold Rush years is true?
  - a. The population of San Francisco grew to more than 25,000.
  - b. The large amount of gold in circulation in California caused the price of gold to drop.
  - c. The vast majority of gold-rush miners left California and took their earnings to their families back east.
- \_\_\_ 12. Women generally made money in mining communities by
  - a. running casinos.
  - b. manufacturing clothes.
  - c. operating boardinghouses.
- \_\_\_ 13. Placer mining is the
  - a. examination of a mineral to see if it is gold.
  - b. search for gold by washing gravel.
  - c. excavation of underground tunnels for gold.
- \_\_\_ 14. As a result of the population explosion of the “gold fever” years, California became
  - a. richer than any other region in the country.
  - b. more populous than any other region in the country.
  - c. eligible for statehood.
- \_\_\_ 15. What role did the transcontinental railroad play in California’s development?
  - a. It slowed down California’s economy because it took two decades and many thousands of dollars to complete.
  - b. It damaged California’s environment by requiring the development of coal mining and timber industries.
  - c. It gave California’s economy the means to grow by connecting the state to the rest of the country.
- \_\_\_ 16. Which of the following is true about the battle at the Alamo in 1836?
  - a. All of the Alamo’s defenders were killed.
  - b. The Texan army captured General Santa Anna.
  - c. Mexico suffered a harsh defeat.
- \_\_\_ 17. Which challenge did Mexican Americans face when American settlers poured into the Southwest after the Mexican War?
  - a. Mexican land laws differed from U.S. land laws, which led to much confusion.
  - b. Mexican Americans were persecuted because they were mostly Roman Catholic.
  - c. Mexican holidays were not recognized by the American settlers.
- \_\_\_ 18. Which of the following statements was true of the Oregon Trail?
  - a. It ran through the Sierra Nevada.

- b. It required protection by U.S. troops.
  - c. It was a popular route for merchants.
  - d. It took six months to travel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. How did the slavery issue get tied up with the doctrine of manifest destiny in the 1840s and '50s?
- a. Southern slaveholders demanded government assistance in transporting slaves to the West.
  - b. Slavery went against the democratic values implied by the philosophy of frontierism.
  - c. Americans did not know if the institution of slavery would be allowed in the new territories.
  - d. Southern slaveholders thought westward expansion would cause their region to lose power.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Who were the Californios?
- a. California ranchers
  - b. California missionaries
  - c. colonists living in California
  - d. Native Americans living in California
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. How did the Gadsden Purchase benefit the United States?
- a. It promised to safeguard the property rights of longtime U.S. residents.
  - b. It gave the United States hunting rights in the area of Texas north of the Rio Grande.
  - c. It allowed the United States to purchase the northern part of present day Arizona.
  - d. It secured a southern route for a transcontinental railroad on American soil.

### **Completion**

*Complete each statement.*

22. The American Fur Company bought skins from western fur traders and trappers who came to be known as \_\_\_\_\_. (mountain men/empresarios)
23. Texans suffered a striking defeat by the Mexican army in the battle of \_\_\_\_\_. (the Alamo/San Jacinto)
24. "Obvious fate" is another way of saying \_\_\_\_\_. (apparent future/manifest destiny)
25. \_\_\_\_\_ were gold-seekers from America and abroad who migrated to California.