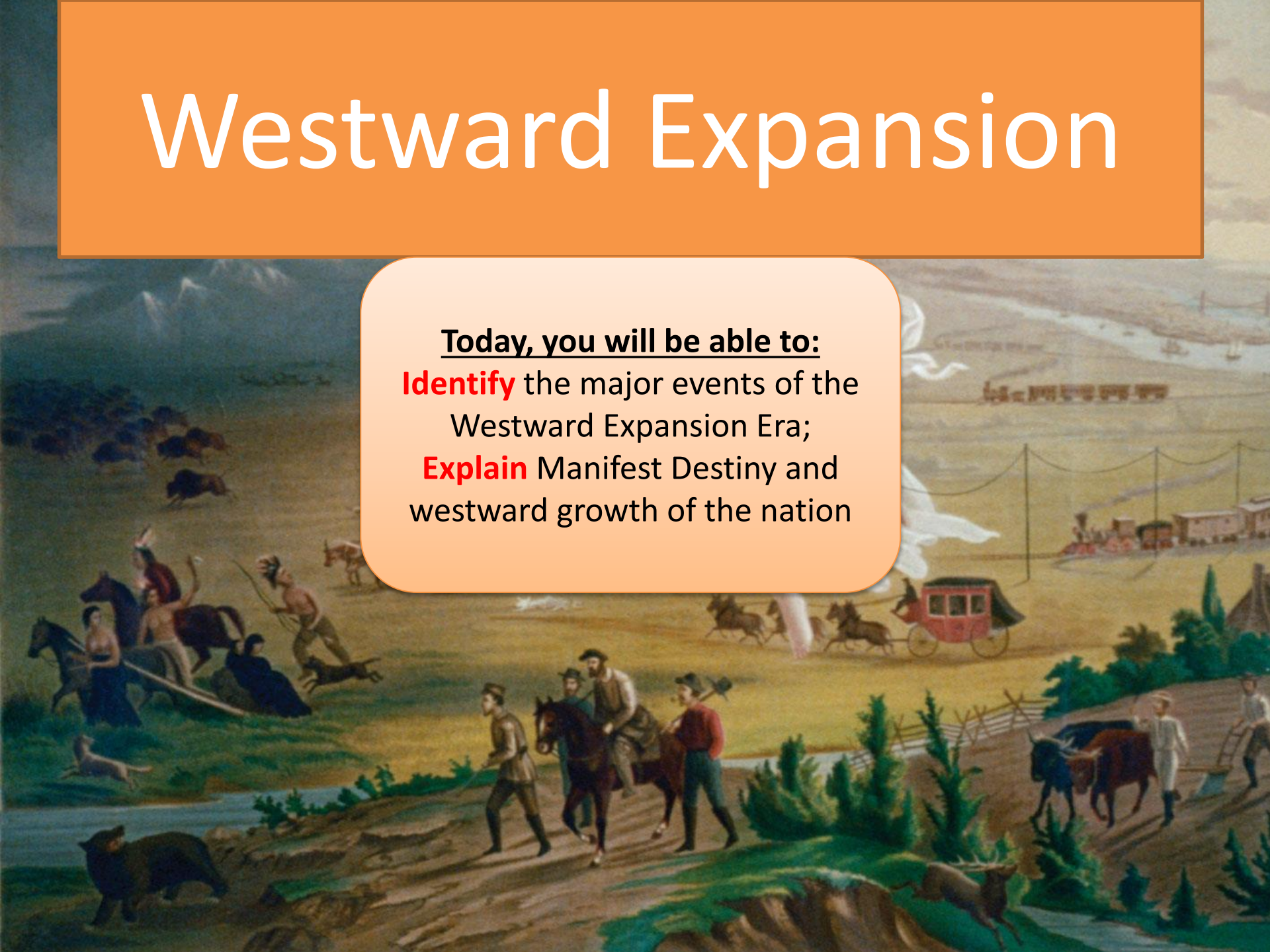


Westward Expansion

Today, you will be able to:
Identify the major events of the
Westward Expansion Era;
Explain Manifest Destiny and
westward growth of the nation





Directions:

- 1. Write vocabulary words on page 77**
- 2. Read each slide**
- 3. Summarize by answering the guided questions**



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Events that will happen in the future for a purpose



Expansionists

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People who wanted to extend the nation's power by conquering land



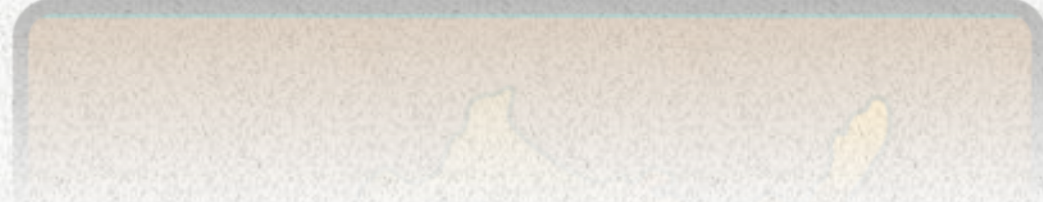
Polk, the expansionists president



To Acquire

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To buy for oneself



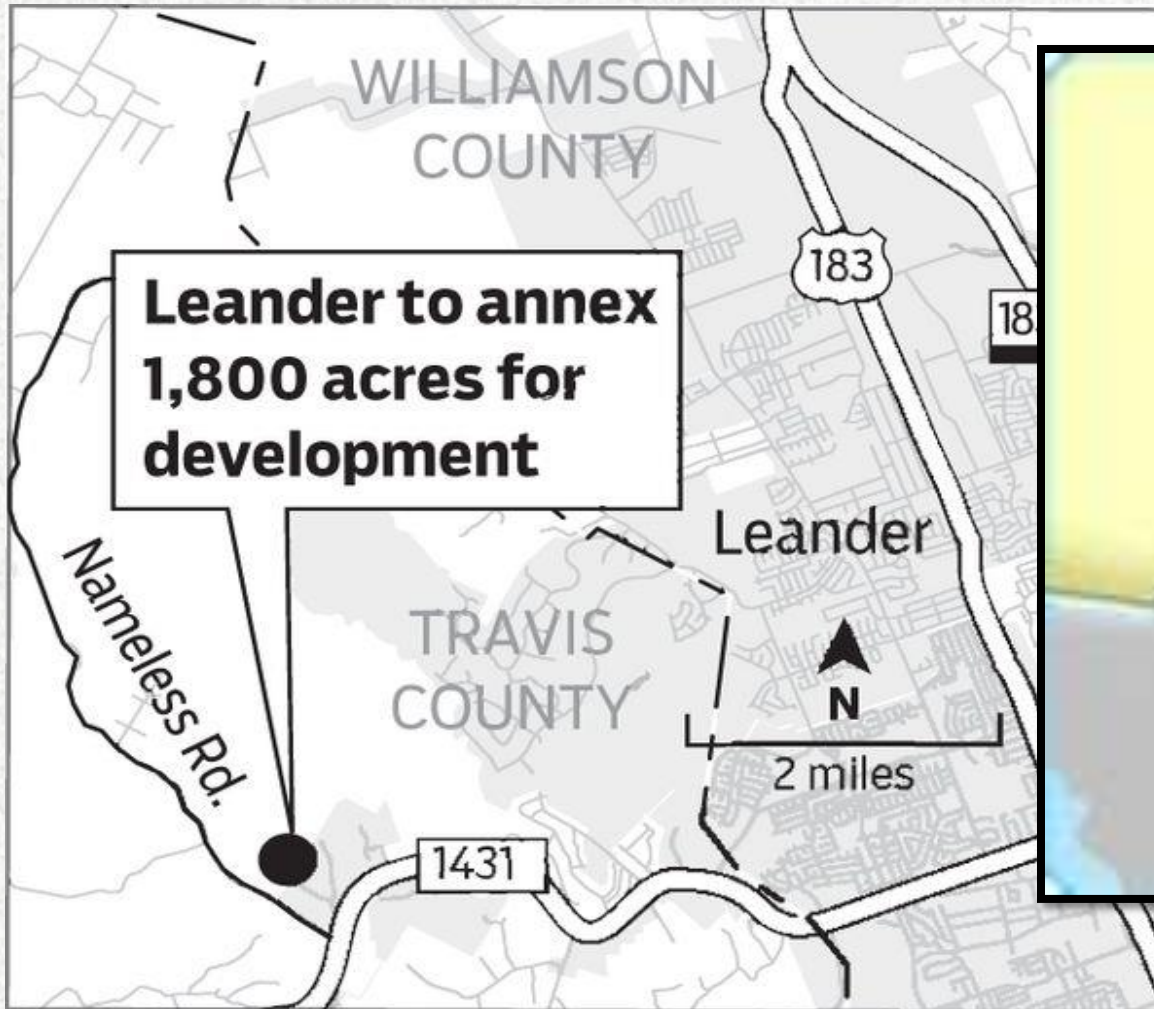
Pioneer

A person who explores or settles in a new area
(western frontier)



Annex

To add an area of land



Westward Expansion Timeline



Westward Expansion
8.1A identify major eras and events in US history including westward expansion

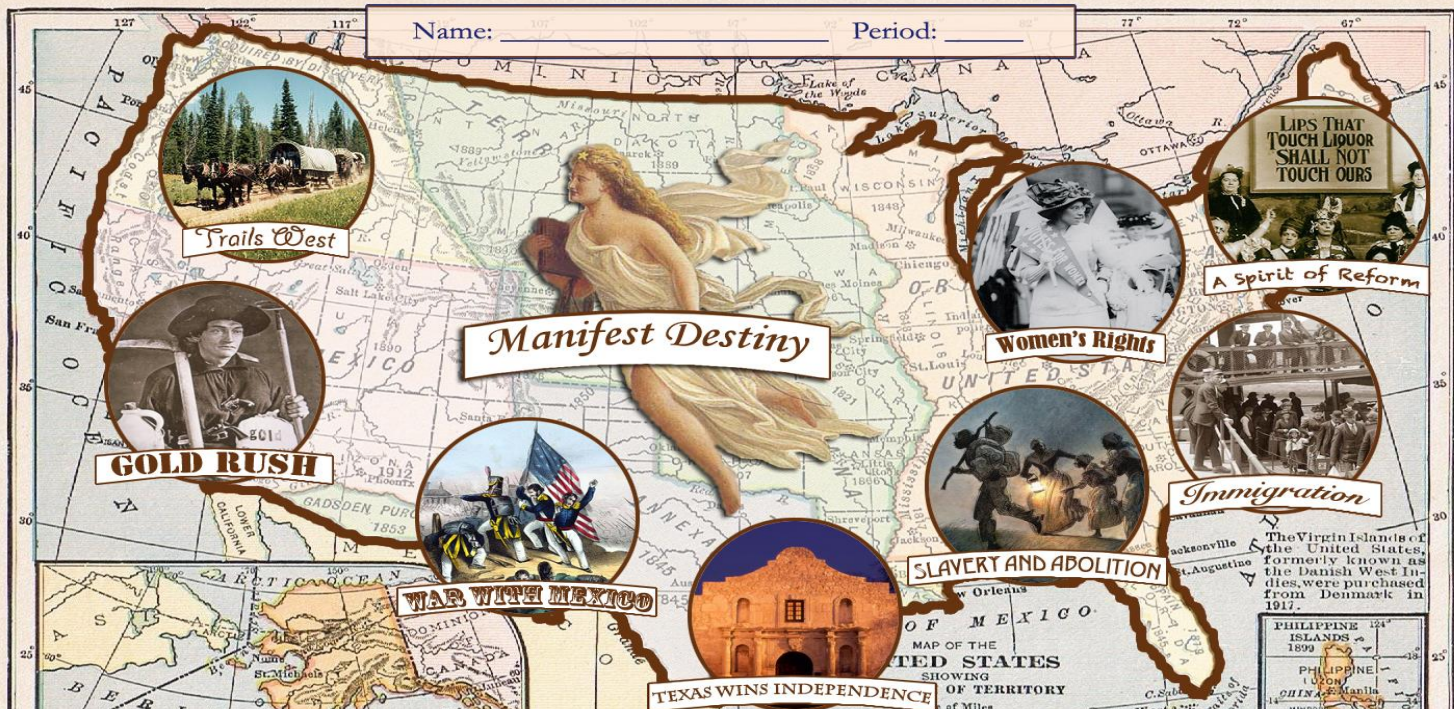
The diagram features a central vertical line with arrows pointing to various historical events and their effects. On the right side, the events are listed from top to bottom: Manifest Destiny, Western Trails, Gold Rush, and U.S. Mexican War. On the left side, the effects are listed from top to bottom: Manifest Destiny, President Polk, Land Acquisitions, and Innovations Going West. Each event and effect is accompanied by a small representative image.

- Manifest Destiny** (Effect) ← Manifest Destiny (Event)
- President Polk** (Effect) ← Western Trails (Event)
- Land Acquisitions** (Effect) ← Gold Rush (Event)
- Innovations Going West** (Effect) ← U.S. Mexican War (Event)

Manifest Destiny

- What do the words “manifest destiny” mean?

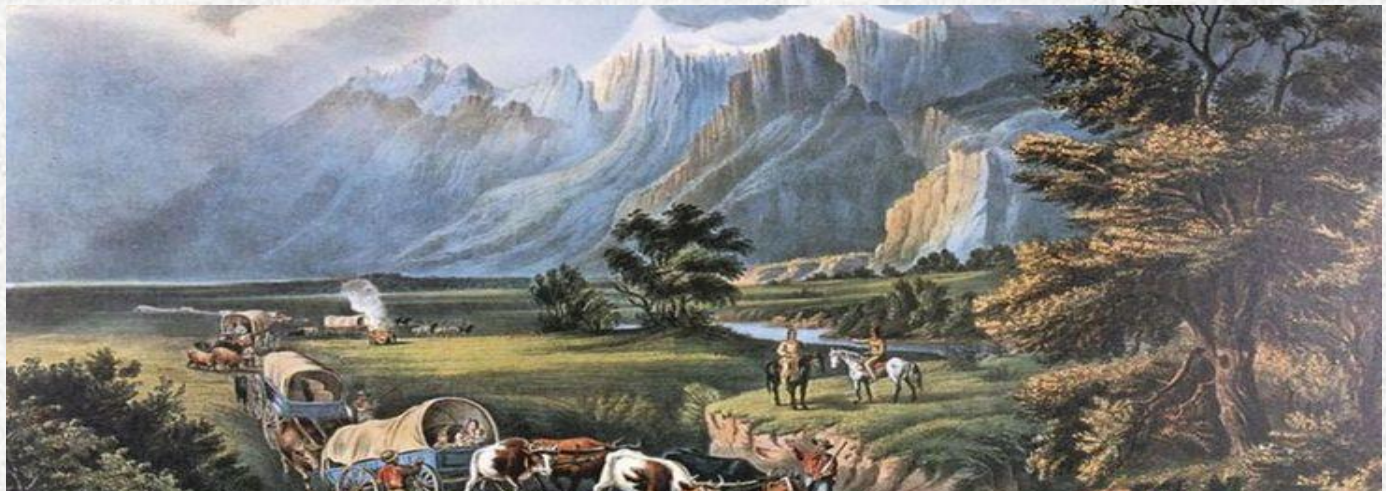
A century and a half ago, the words “Manifest **Destiny**” inspired vast hopes and dreams among Americans. They changed the map of the U.S. The phrase manifest **destiny** means “obvious fate”.



Manifest Destiny

- How did John O' Sullivan explain his theory of manifest destiny?

It was coined in 1845 by John O'Sullivan, a New York newspaperman. He wrote that it was American's "manifest destiny to overspread and to conquer the whole of the continent." Looking beyond the Rocky Mountains, he argued that "the God of nature and nations has marked it for our own."





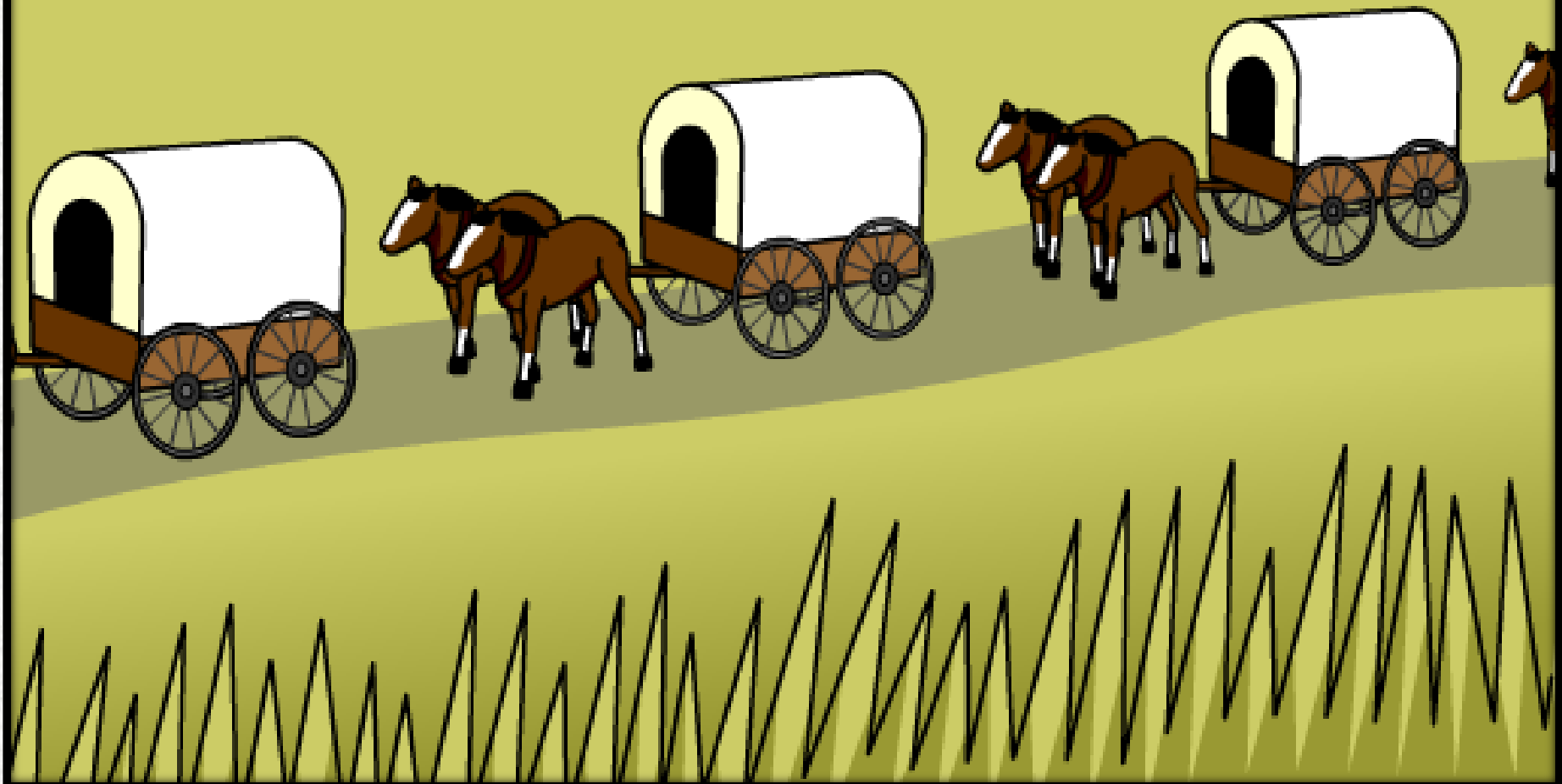


Manifest Destiny

I am a fur trapper
that is exploring the
western frontier.



Manifest Destiny



Land Acquisitions

- What are the three ways acquiring territory land?
- As America grew in size, how did it change?

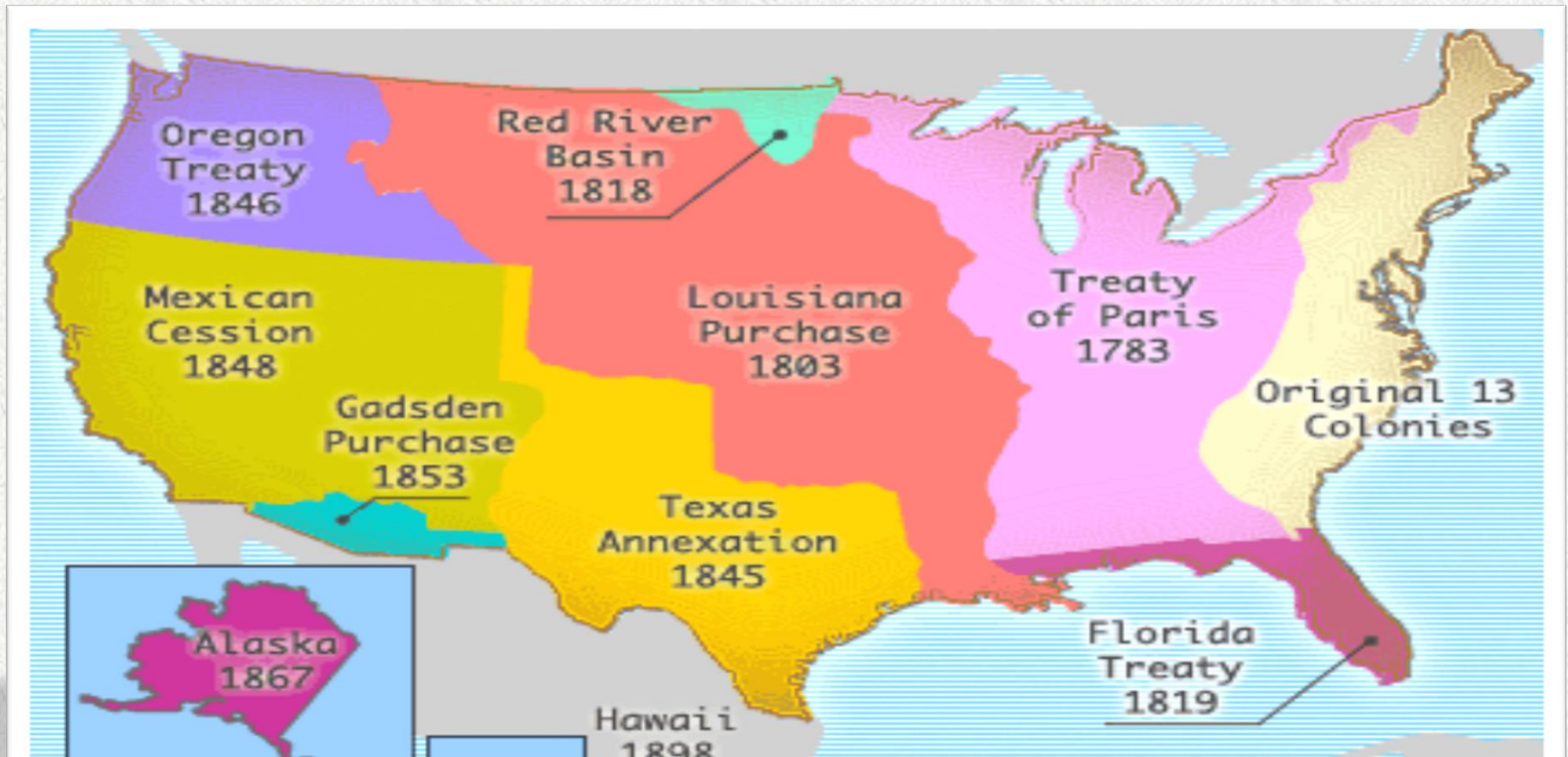
Manifest Destiny took many forms. America grew through treaties, through settlement, and through war. As America grew, it became far more diverse and tripled its size in a little more than a single lifetime.



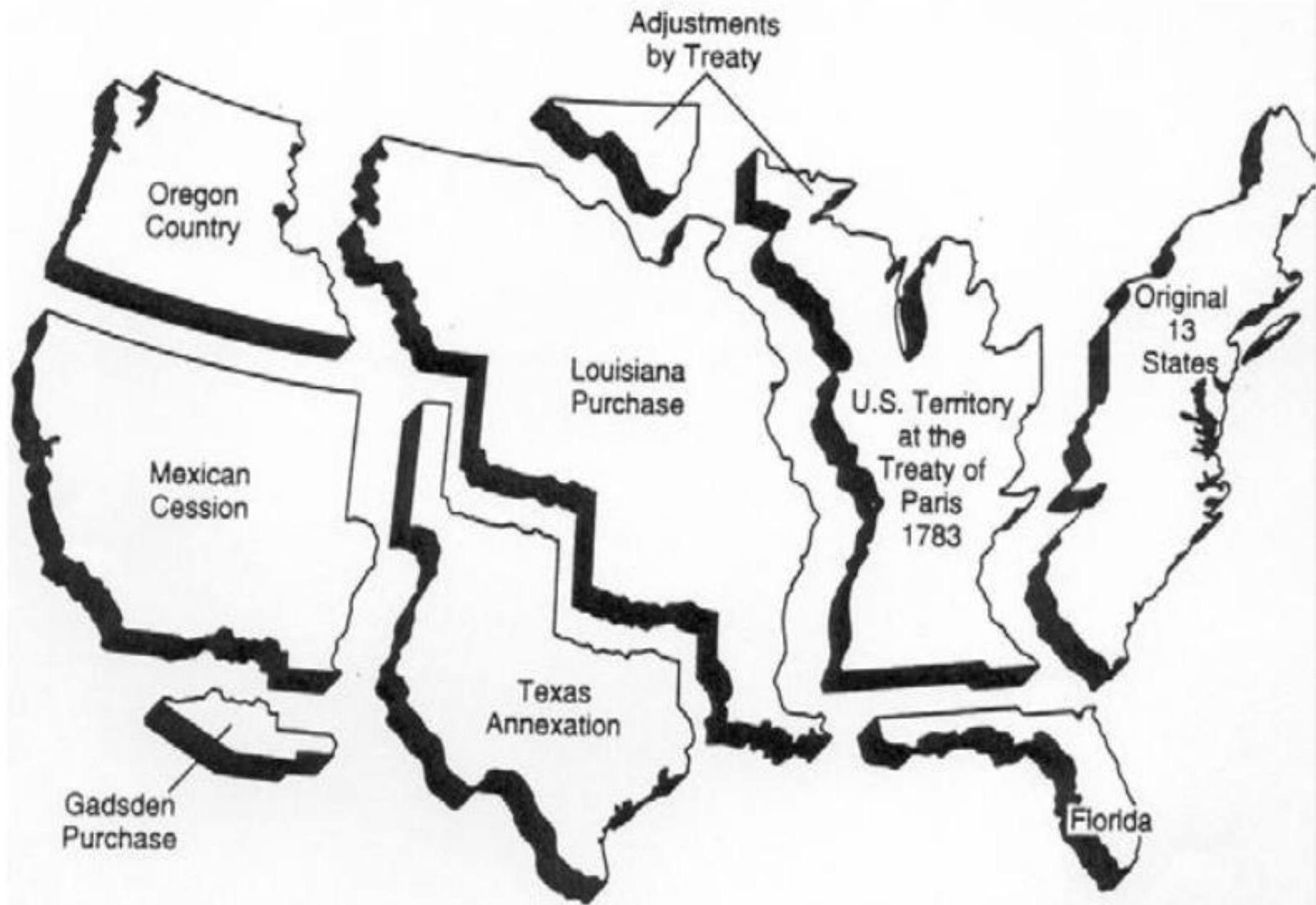
Land Acquisitions

- Give one example how America acquired land.

Westward expansion will explain how and why the U.S. expanded across the continent as each new territory was **acquired**.



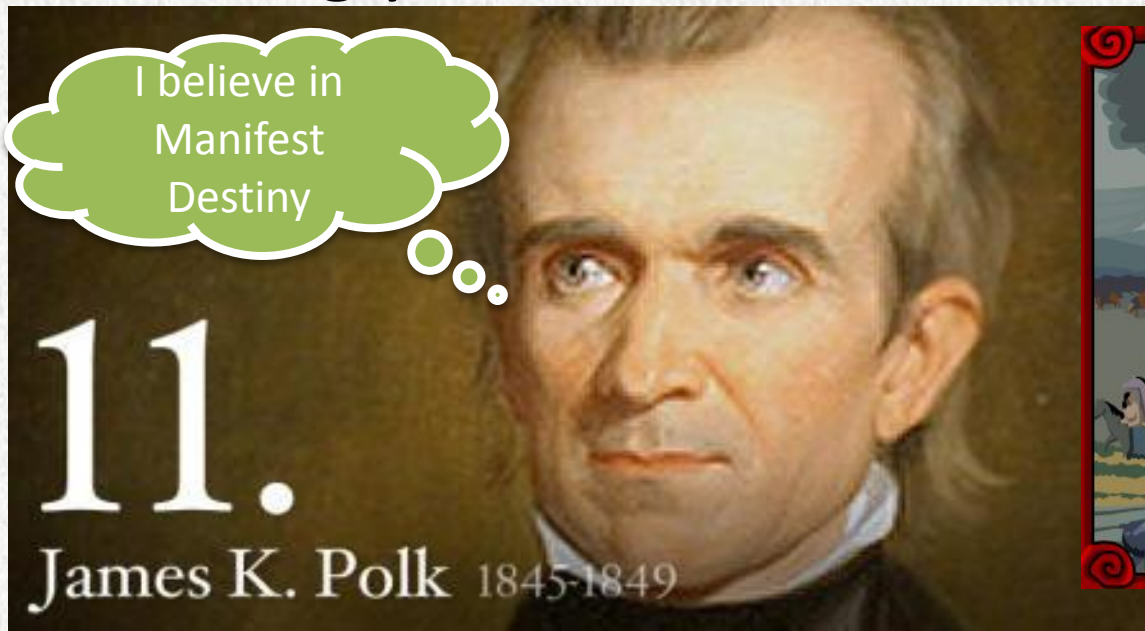




President Polk

- What number of president was James K. Polk?
- Why did they call Polk an expansionist president?

James K. Polk became the eleventh president that perhaps known as the **expansionist** president. Polk seized the popular desire for westward expansion. His presidency focused on expanding the nation and strongly believed in Manifest Destiny.



President Polk

- What are the territories that Polk acquired?

Polk was eager to acquire Texas. After Polk was elected, Texas admitted to the union as the 28th state. Polk also acquired other territories such as the Oregon Territory and the Mexican Cession.



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MEXICO



James K. Polk

**Oregon
territory**

**Unorganized
territory**

**Minnesota
territory**

**Utah
territory**

**New Mexico
territory**

territories



U.S. Mexican War

- What was the cause of the U.S. Mexican War?
- Why did Polk declare war on Mexico?

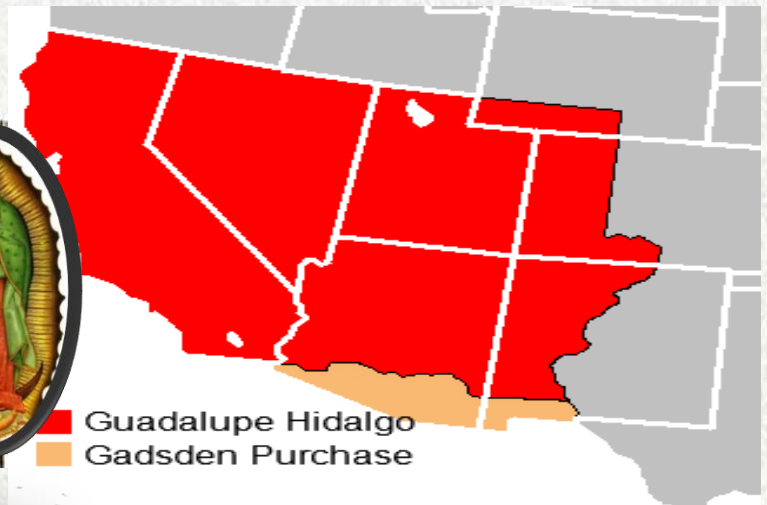
Shortly after Texas was added to the union, a dispute broke out between the U.S. and Mexico over the southern border of Texas. President Polk ordered troops into the area hoping to use this strategy to extend America's borders.



U.S. Mexican War

- What is the name of the treaty that ended the war?
- How much was the Mexican Cession?

War was declared on Mexico as the U.S. troops marched to Mexico City. Mexico was defeated and forced to give up California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and parts of Colorado and New Mexico. In the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the U.S. agreed to pay Mexico \$15 million for these areas, known as the Mexican Cession.





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Mexican Cession

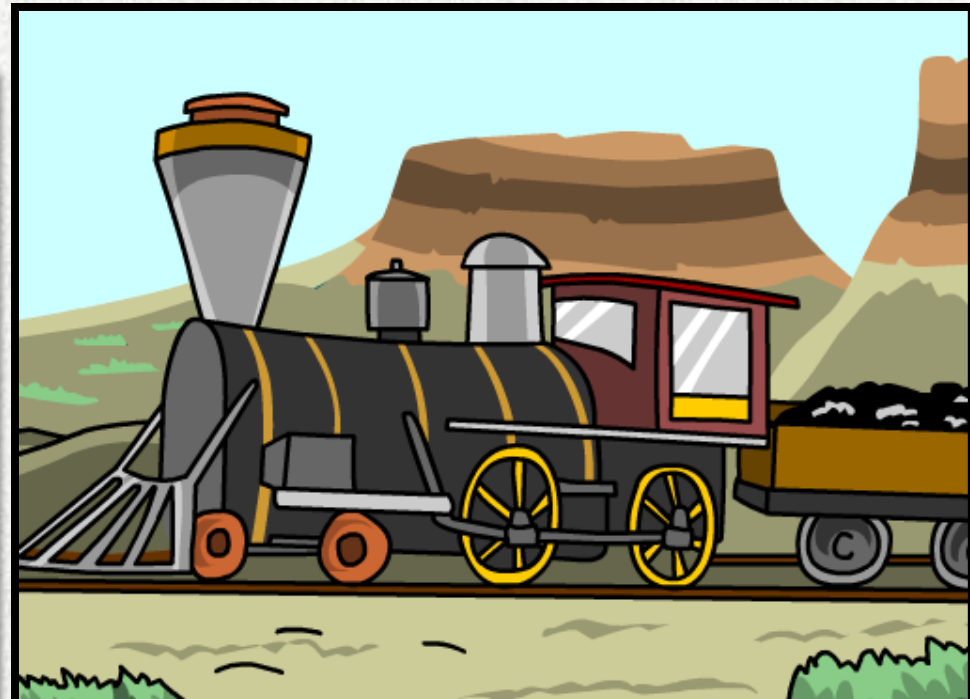
MEXICO



Innovations Going West

- What are the innovations that cause settlers to travel west?

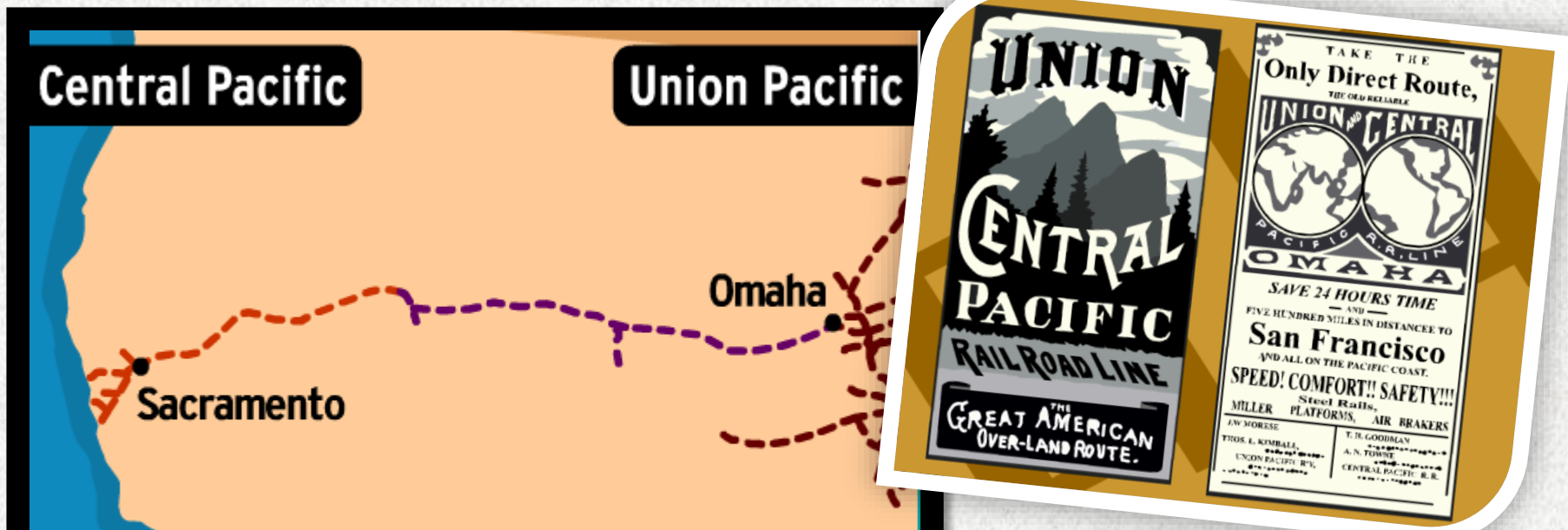
The desire for land and new opportunity continued to fuel westward expansion. After the construction of the National Road and Erie Canal, farmers could send their produce all along major rivers and towns.



Innovations Going West

- How did the innovations help the farmers?
- How did the Transcontinental Railroad attract western settlers?

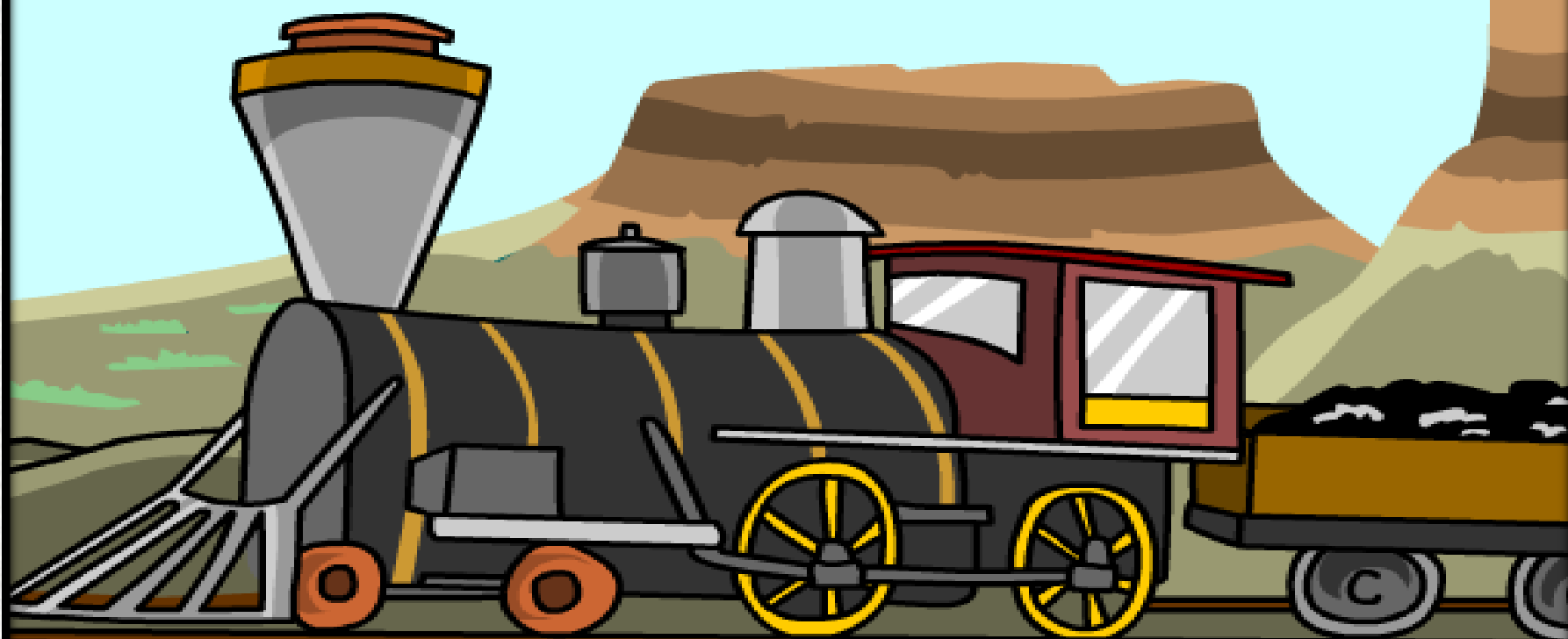
Farmers began using machines like the mechanical reaper and steel plow to harvest corn and wheat. When the Transcontinental Railroad was complete that traveled across the continent, the attraction of the West of economic opportunity.



Sacramento

Omaha

transcontinental railroad



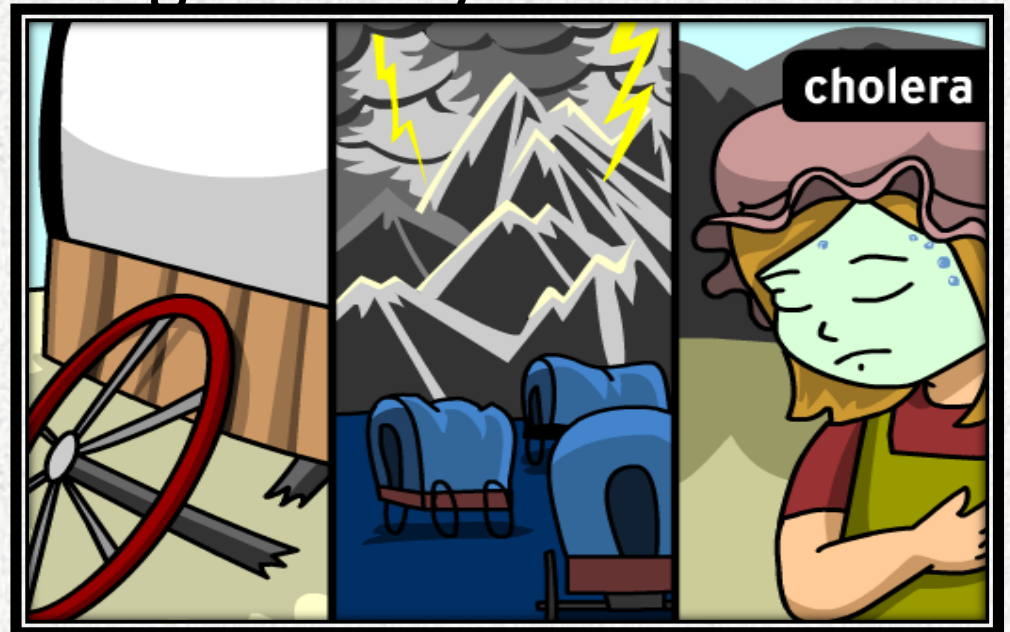


wagon trains

Western Trails

- How long was the western trail?
- What did the pioneers face traveling the western trails?

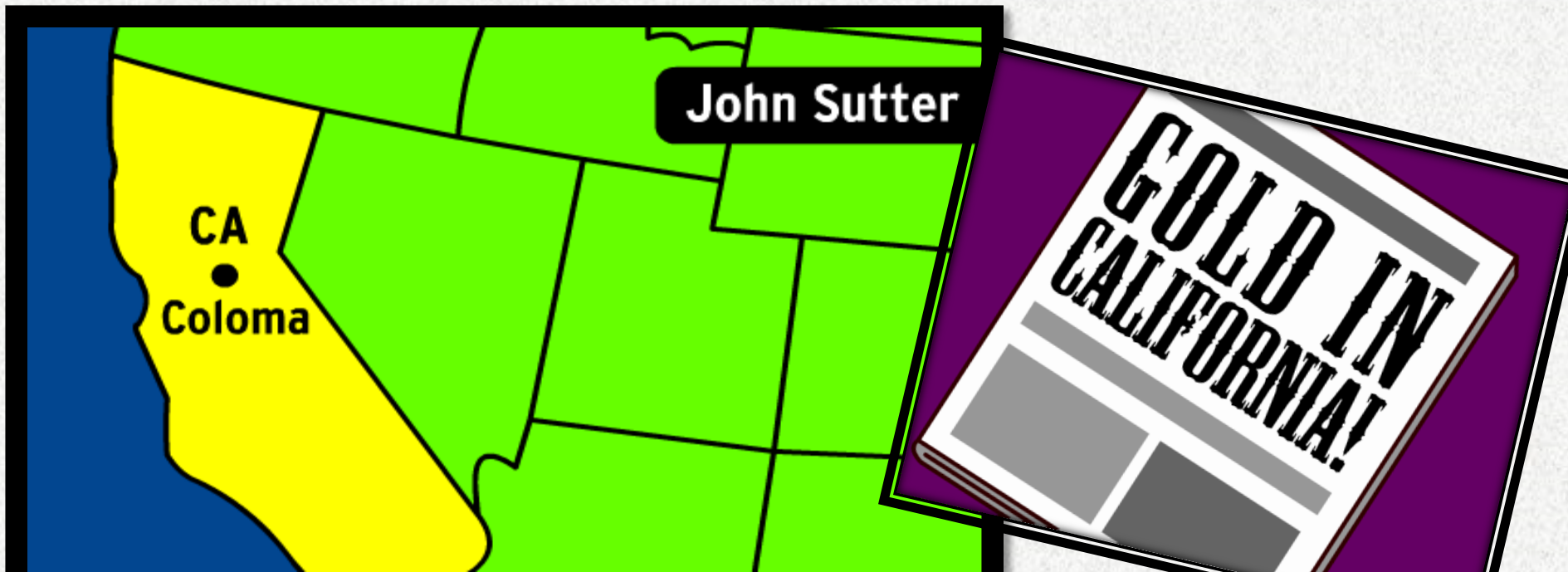
Large numbers of **pioneers** began moving along the Oregon Trail to the fertile land in Oregon. Thousands caught “Oregon Fever”. Groups crossed the 2,000-mile trail in covered wagons. Many faced hardships (challenges) along the way.



Western Trails

- What are the three trails that traveled west?
- What was each trail looking for?

There were three main trails that traveled west: the Oregon Trail to Oregon Territory, the California Trail that the 49ers traveled to find gold, and the Mormon Trail to Utah to seek religious freedom.





wagon trains



Oregon Trail

Bozeman Trail

California Trail

Mormon Trail

Gila Trail

Santa Fe Trail

Fort Smith- Santa Fe Trail

Oregon Trail



Gold Rush

- What was discovered in California?
- What is the name of the group that searched for gold?

In 1848, there was a discovery of gold in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The word quickly spread and thousands of 49ers arrived. Most 49ers were young, and almost all were men. Those who participated in the Gold Rush panned as much gold as they can find.



Gold Rush

- What was the impact on California's population?

The Gold Rush lasted only a few years until the mining companies took over. But California's population had greatly increased and California became a new destination for settlers moving westward.



An advertisement for a clipper ship. At the top, it reads "A NEW AND MAGNIFICENT CLIPPER FOR SAN FRANCISCO. MERCHANTS' EXPRESS LINE OF CLIPPER SHIPS!" followed by "Loading none but First-Class Vessels and Regularly Dispatching the greatest number. THE SPLENDID NEW OUT-AND-OUT CLIPPER SHIP". Below this is an illustration of a mining scene with several men working on a hillside, one holding a pickaxe, and a large three-masted clipper ship sailing on the ocean in the background. At the bottom, the word "CALIFORNIA" is written in large, bold, serif capital letters. Below that, it says "HENRY BARBER, Commander, AT PIER 13 EAST RIVER." and "This elegant Clipper Ship was built expressly for this trade by Samuel Hall, Esq., of East Boston, the builder of the celebrated Clippers 'SURPRISE,' 'GAMECOCK,' 'JOHN GILPIN,' and others. She will fully equal them in speed! Unusually prompt dispatch and a very quick trip may be relied upon. Engagements should be completed at once." At the very bottom, it says "Agents in San Francisco, RANDOLPH M. GOLEY, 88 Wall Street, Tenth Building."

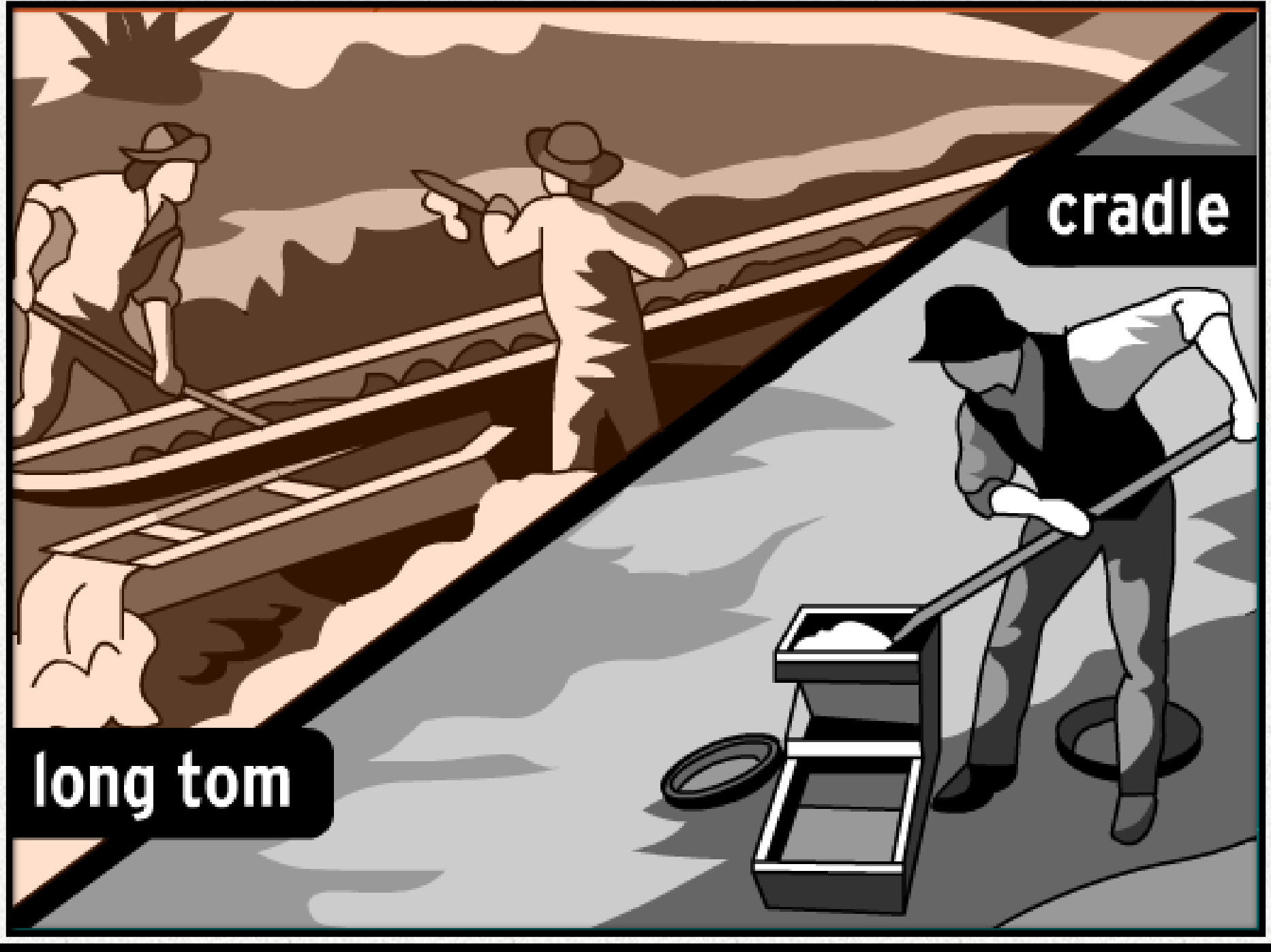


GOLD IN CALIFORNIA!





panning



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