



North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

Chapter 8: A Growing United States Grows Less United

Section 1: The Growth of Western Lands

Focused Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The United States was relatively _____. It had a small _____ and only about a half dozen _____ in its navy.
2. During this time, thousands of Americans tried to move _____ of the Appalachians to take advantage of _____ and access to a _____ that could ship their goods almost anywhere on earth.
3. Although the _____ was part of the nation's border, New Orleans still belonged to _____.
4. _____ had made a secret deal with King Charles IV of Spain to return _____ to French control. President Thomas Jefferson learned of this deal and asked James Monroe to go to Paris to explore the idea of _____ New Orleans for the United States.
5. Napoleon was willing to sell not only the city of New Orleans but all of _____.
6. _____ knew that the constitution had not granted him the power to make the _____, but he felt that it was in the growing nation's best interest to buy the land.
7. _____ approved the deal and agreed to borrow money for the purchase. With the signing of a few papers over the course of a few months, the United States _____ in size.
8. As mentioned in Chapter 7, one _____ strategy to improve its navy and hurt _____ was to kidnap American sailors. This practice was called _____.

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9. In addition to _____, the British ordered American _____ not to trade in certain types of goods.
10. Because the United States had a weak _____, there was very little it could do to _____ itself from the actions of the British and the French. President Jefferson's plan was to issue an _____ (a government order that limits trade in some way).
11. In fact, the British had begun providing _____ to Native Americans along the frontier. As a result, the United States declared _____ on Great Britain.
12. The Battle of _____ did not go well for the British. Andrew Jackson, born in North Carolina, was the _____ sent to defend the city.
13. A _____ between the United States and Great Britain had been signed in Belgium on December 24, 1814— _____ the Battle of New Orleans.
14. In the _____ Territory, the Shawnee leader _____ tried to unite the smaller tribes to increase their military strength.
15. In November 1811, Harrison _____ Tecumseh in a fight known as the Battle of _____.
16. On March 27, 1814, General Andrew Jackson finally _____ the Red Sticks in Alabama. Jackson forced the Creek to sign a _____ giving most of their land to the United States government.
17. In 1830, Congress passed the _____ Act. This law called for all Native Americans to be moved to the _____.

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18. The discovery of _____ in north Georgia encouraged rapid removal of the _____.
19. Between the _____ Act of 1830 and the _____, more than 100,000 Native Americans were displaced from 200 million acres of land that had been theirs for hundreds of years.
20. _____ reflected the belief of some Americans that the United States had been “chosen” to control all the land between the _____ and _____ Oceans.
21. Thousands of white settlers moving _____ chose _____ as their destination.
22. A new Mexican _____ took away many of the special privileges of the _____ and made immigration to Texas _____. Furious over the changes, the _____ declared their independence.
23. Within two months, Sam Houston led 800 men into battle against _____ at the Battle of _____.
24. The people of _____ formed a new country, the _____ of Texas, also known as the _____ Republic. They _____ to become a part of the United States as quickly as possible.
25. After the _____ of Texas, Mexico cut all _____ ties with the United States.
26. Mexico was forced to _____, and terms were negotiated in the _____ of Guadalupe Hidalgo. The United States gained

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_____ square miles of territory (now California, Nevada, Utah, _____, most of New Mexico, and parts of _____ and Colorado).

27. In 1853, through the _____, the United States negotiated the purchase of the _____ part of New Mexico for \$10 million.
28. The _____ Treaty of 1846 created a 2,175 mile-long border that split the Oregon Territory. The northern half went to the _____ in Canada; the southern portion went to the _____.
29. With this _____ of territory, America's borders extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. _____ had been achieved.