

VOCABULARY: WESTWARD EXPANSION



Worcester v Georgia	Supreme Court ruling that established the Cherokee nation was an independent government, and Cherokees could not be removed from the state of Georgia. Andrew Jackson ignored the ruling and removed the Cherokees.
Trail of Tears	The forced removal of Cherokee Indians from their home in Georgia to reservations in the west.
Manifest Destiny	Theory or idea that the United States was obligated to expand westward. Idea that the U.S was meant to expand for the east coast to the west coast of North America.
Monroe Doctrine	Policy that proclaimed the United States (not other countries) was responsible for settling North America.
Louisiana Purchase	United States purchase of 828,000 square miles of territory west of the Mississippi River. Bought from France for \$15 million. Thomas Jefferson acting as a loose constructionist arranged the purchase (a congressional duty) through a treaty (an executive power) with France
Lewis and Clark expedition	Expedition sent out by Thomas Jefferson to explore and map the newly purchased Louisiana Territory.
Texas Annexation	The addition, to the United States, of the independent country of Texas, which had seceded (left) from Mexico. The annexation led directly to the Mexican American War.
Mexican-American War	War fought between the United States and Mexico over a border dispute, and the annexation of Texas. The U.S. won the war and some new territory.
Mexican Cession	Land that was given up by Mexico after losing the Mexican American War (Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo). Present day states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada.
Frontier	The unsettled land west of the Mississippi River. People moved to the frontier in the 1800's.
Alamo	The Alamo is a former mission and fortress compound and was the site of the Battle of the Alamo in 1836