Unit 8 – Manifest Destiny

Vocabulary:

Annexation: a permanent addition to an existing

country

Territory: a specific amount of land, not a full member

of a country

Migration: movement of a people to a particular place

Expansion: when something increases in size (expands)

Acquisition: something that has been “acquired” or obtained, gotten, purchased, found

Manifest Destiny: the belief that God was watching over the U.S. and wanted it to expand from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

When did most of the expansion of the U.S. happen? From 1803 to 1853

List names and dates of various territorial acquisitions:

1. Original Boundaries - 1783

2. Louisiana Purchase - 1803

3. Texas Acquisitions - 1845

4. Oregon Territory - 1846

5. Mexican Cession - 1848

6. Gadsen Purchase - 1853

What was the Northwest Ordinance and what did it provide for?

A law that was passed, describing the settling of and how the Northwest Territory would become a state. This law was used in future territories that would eventually become states. 60,000; 5,000 w/ 50 acres; elected assembly

What was the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo? What war did it bring to an end?

It was the treaty that brought the Mexican-American war to an end. It gave the U.S. the “Mexican Cession” and legitimized Texas.

How do we know Manifest Destiny was popular with Americans, as well as people from foreign countries?

Tens of thousands of people participated in the migration west known as Manifest Destiny.

What caused Mexican forces to come across the river and ambush American troops? What was the name of the river?

They saw it as an act of war and responded with military action. The river was the Rio Grande.

What modern day states can be found in the Louisiana Purchase?

Louisiana, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana

During Manifest Destiny, where was most of the land acquired by the U.S.?

West of the Mississippi River

The Mormons were led by Joseph Smith. They migrated to Utah in search of religious freedom.

No matter what trail settlers took they would have to cross what mountain range?

Rocky Mountain Range

The picture we looked at in class with the angel leading the people moving west is known as

***“American Progress”*** by John Gast

Which coast did a lot of Asian immigrants come to?

The Pacific Coast (a.k.a. – the West Coast)

Why were Asians ready to make the trip to America? What were they hoping to achieve?

They were looking for the same opportunities as early European immigrants – opportunity, a better life – gold in California also helped make up their minds.