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Westward Expansion Vocabulary

1. **expansion** - the act of increasing (something) in size or volume or quantity
2. **pioneer** - (noun) - one of the first settlers in a new territory
or
(verb) - develop or be the first to use
3. **manifest destiny** - the belief that the United States was destined to stretch across the continent from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean
4. **territory** - a geographical area belonging to or under the rule of a government
5. **frontier** - a wilderness at the edge of a settled area of a country
6. **homestead** - is a house and surrounding land owned by a family — often, it includes a farmhouse.
7. **transcontinental** - extending or going across a continent
8. **forty-niners** - a prospector in the California gold rush of 1849
9. **uncharted**- an area of land or sea not yet mapped or surveyed.
10. **colony**- A territory ruled by another country