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Chapter 10: The American West

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How did the United States acquire the western United States? What were the major events and people involved?

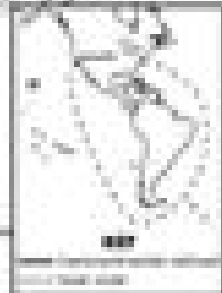
The Continental Congress passed the Ordinance of 1787, which established the Northwest Territory. This territory included the area that is now Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota. It was the first territory to be organized under the U.S. Constitution.

Then, in 1802, Congress passed the Florida Purchase Act. This act gave the United States Florida from Spain in return for the territory of the Northwest Territory.

The United States then acquired the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. This purchase doubled the size of the United States. It was followed by the Texas Annexation of 1845 and the Gadsden Purchase of 1853.

Finally, in 1846, the United States acquired the rest of the western United States from Mexico. This was the result of the Mexican-American War (1846-1848).

Throughout this process, the United States government worked to settle the western United States. This was done by offering land to settlers, building roads, and providing other services. The settlement of the western United States led to the development of the American West.



Circle the letter next to the best answer for questions 1-10.

1. Before 1802, the western United States was part of _____.

- A. the Northwest Territory
- B. the Louisiana Purchase
- C. the Florida Purchase
- D. the United States

2. What event led to the United States acquiring Florida?

- A. the Louisiana Purchase
- B. the Florida Purchase
- C. the Mexican-American War
- D. the Gadsden Purchase

3. How was the Louisiana Purchase made possible?

- A. the United States bought it from France
- B. the United States bought it from Spain
- C. the United States bought it from Mexico
- D. the United States bought it from Great Britain

4. What led to the settlement of the western United States?

- A. the Louisiana Purchase
- B. the Florida Purchase
- C. the Mexican-American War
- D. the Gadsden Purchase

5. What territory was the first part of the United States?

- A. the Northwest Territory
- B. the Louisiana Purchase
- C. the Florida Purchase
- D. the United States

Answer questions 6-10 on another sheet of paper.

6. Why was the Louisiana Purchase important? What led to it?

7. Why do you think many immigrants came to the western United States?

8. The Mexican War was completed in 1848. How was the western United States acquired? What led to it?