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America - The Story of Us : Westward

**Topic #1 - Daniel Boone and the Wilderness Road**

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| What is the name of the pass through the Appalachian Mountains through which easterners entered into the West? | The Cumberland Gap. |
| Name the four other powers on the North American continent at the time. | 1. Britain  2. France  3. Spain  4. Native Americans |
| Name the man who led the group of 30 men who carved the Wilderness Road through this mountain pass. | Daniel Boone |
| Who did not want Boone to go through the path into the West and what group does not want him arriving in the West? | The British - King George   * violating the Proclamation of 1763   The Natives   * The Shawnee |
| What had occurred between Boone and the group in the West the year before? | The Shawnee had kidnapped his eldest son, James, and tortured him to death. |
| What is the year that Boone enters the West? | 1775 |
| What happens between Boone's group and the group in the West as they enter into the West? | They ambushed, and Boone must flee.  His friend, Captain Twitty, and his slave, Sam, are both scalped and slaughtered. |
| How many men does Boone lose settling Kentucky altogether? | 50 men altogether |
| How many people have travelled his road before Washington leaves the presidency in 1795? | 200,000 people |

**Topic #2 - The Louisiana Purchase**

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| What is the best land deal in human history? | The Louisiana Purchase |
| Who buys the land? | Thomas Jefferson |
| Who does he buy the land from? | Napoleon |
| How many acres of land was bought? | 500 million acres |
| What was the cost of the land? | 3 cents per acre |
| What two men lead an expedition to explore this land purchased? | (Merriwether) Lewis and (William) Clark |
| What is the year the expedition starts? | 1804 |
| What obstacle almost kills the men?  Describe it. | The Rocky Mountains   * Actually 90 separate ranges * 3,000 miles long |
| Name and describe the person who saves the expedition. | Sacagawea   * 16-year-old * Native American - Shoshone * guides them * finds wild food * saves their precious million-word journals from an overturned canoe. |
| How many species of wildlife do Lewis and Clark record in their journal? | 300 species |

**Topic #3 - Beaver**

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| What was the West's most valuable commodity? | Beaver |
| How do the Rocky Mountains make this commodity even more valuable ? | beaver pelts - thicker and warmer   * due to - freezing Rocky Mountain water |
| How has obtaining this commodity become easier? | Using new iron traps   * made in New York foundries * baited with the beaver's own scent glands |
| In the 1820s, how many men are known to be in the Rockies seeking this commodity? | 300 trappers |
| How many men survive this work? | 1 in 5 survive |
| How many calories are needed each day to do the work and survive? | 6,000 calories per day |
| What man is known as the greatest of these pioneers?  Describe him. | Jedediah Smith   * 24 years old. * 1,000 miles in the Rockies each year * Traps 600 pelts in a season * a devout Christian.   + doesn't drink, doesn't smoke.   + Bible and gun a constant companion * smart * dies a rich man |
| Describe the help that the Native Americans, the Crow, give this man. | * teach him ancient shortcuts * sell him horses * nurse his sick men back to health. |
| What dangerous animal attacks this man? describe the animal. | a grizzly bear   * most deadly frontier beast * 100,000 in region   + only 2,000 today * up to ten feet tall, 1,000 pounds |
| Does he survive? | Yes   * right-hand man, Jame Clyman, stitches his scalp and ear back to his head * "I put in my needle, stitching it through and through And over and over, Laying the lacerated parts together as nice as I could." |
| How is this man linked to the settlers who come after him? | The trails he forges become   * settler paths * followed by the wagon trains * later roads * today - I-15 |

**Topic #4 - The Oregon, California, and Mormon Trails**

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| In what decade do the settlers start flowing into the West? | * 1840s |
| Approximately how long is the journey they take? | * 2,000 miles |
| How do they travel? | * riding, walking, pushing * wagons pulled by oxen carry supplies |
| What kind of people go? | * Thousands of men, women and children * Germans, Belgians, French * Catholics, Protestants, Mormons * 1/2 - kids * 1 in 5 women are pregnant en route * not poor - have sold farms in east to go |
| How many miles do they average each day and how long does the journey take? | * 10 miles per day * 6 months |
| How many die? | * 20,000   + 10 for each mile |
| What group of travelers is a symbol of the difficulty of the journey? | * The Donner Party |
| Describe what happens to them. | * break off from their main party   + follow a new trail described in a guidebook   + take what is said to be a short cut     - actually adds 100 miles * they get close - only 30 miles from California plains   + in Sierra Nevada Mountains     - peaks up to 14,000 feet * stop to repair broken axle   + supplies are dangerously low   + that night 5 feet of snow falls     - soon the drifts are 60 feet deep   + have failed to clear the mountain passes before the first snow * will be stranded for five months   + in just three weeks - have eaten all their food   + many starve to death   + some in the party eventually resort to cannibalism before rescued |

**Topic #5 - The Texas Revolution and the War with Mexico**

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| What nation controls most of the land in the West? | * Mexico - won its independence from Spain * 1830s |
| What territory do United States and Mexico dispute? | * Texas |
| How did the United States come to claim the land? | * Mexican government invited American settlers * soon thousands of Americans flood in * by 1835 - outnumber Mexicans in Texas   + 10 -1 |
| How does fighting start? | * the American settlers fought for and won independence from Mexico * 1835 * Famous battle - The Alamo |
| How does the fighting end? | * United States annexed Texas and attacked and won war with Mexico   + 10 years later - 1840 * But also paid Mexico for land |
| What land does U.S. get? | Present day   * California * Nevada * Utah * most of Arizona * about half of New Mexico * about a quarter of Colorado * small section of Wyoming |
| What happened they same year the U.S. won this war? | * Gold was discovered in California |

**Topic #6 - California Gold Rush**

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| Describe the gold in California. | * One of the densest seams on the planet |
| How was the gold found? | * Carpenter building a saw mill along a stream finds a 3-ounce nugget   + James Marshall |
| Describe the spread of the news of the find. | * Spread to every corner of the world * Within a year, 100,000 reach the area |
| Describe some finds. | * Chinese prospector's 100-ounce strike * $26,000 made by a single Irishman In just four days * $200,000 super seam mined by 12 Mexican men |
| What city booms? | * San Francisco |
| Describe impact on the population of California. | * two years - exploded from 15,000 to 100,000 |
| How long does the Gold rush last? | * five years |
| Describe who profited in the end. | * of 300,000 who rush to find gold   + less than 1 in 100 struck it rich * fortunes made by   + landowners   + merchants who supplied the miners |

**Topic #7 - Impact of Western settlement on Native People**

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| How old was Lincoln when his mother died? How did she die? | * 9-years-old * milk poisoned by a weed eaten by cattle |
| Where did he grow up? | * grandfather followed Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road into Kentucky * he is from Indiana |
| Describe the life of settlers like Lincoln. | * families of ten or more * live in log cabins built from scratch * one room * wilderness provides everything * make their own plows, rakes, forks, shovels, furniture * in bad years - malaria kills 1 in 8 * life expectancy - half of what it is today |
| How many generations had it taken to settle the West? | * 4 |
| Who has been impacted by this settlement? | * Natives |
| What policy is enacted by President Andrew Jackson that is followed by the United States for more than 100 years | * forced relocation of American tribal people Onto reservations |
| How is the policy enacted? | * the bill passes Congress by a single vote |
| Who did the policy first effect and what did it do? | * Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole, Cherokee * forced off their nations * by the army |
| Describe what is known as the Trail of Tears. | * migration of the Cherokee * trail of death. * 1,000 miles * slept in the wagons and on the ground   + without fire * many as 20 die in a single night   + pneumonia, cold, exposure |

**Topic #8 - The Mississippi River**

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| How many states are part of the Mississippi river watershed? | * 31 states |
| How long is the Mississippi? | * 2,000 miles |
| What city lies at its mouth? | * New Orleans |
| Where does it begin? | * Minnesota |
| Why is the Mississippi important to the West? | * only trade artery * allows the pioneers and settlers to sell their produce |
| Describe the first vessels that carry the goods on the river and the return journey. | * a flatboat - like a raft   + drift, poled * current is too strong to return upstream   + sold as lumber in New Orleans   + walk the 800 miles home |
| What new invention transforms the river? | * the steamboat |
| Describe the impact of this invention on the West. | * as important in the 19th century as the airplane was in the 20th century   + can travel 50 miles a day   + 8 times faster and 8 times cargo of a raft   + make Midwest economic powerhouse   + number triples every decade. * deadly - over half the early models explode   + maimed and killed hundreds |