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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. Britain2. France3. Spain4. 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
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| 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.
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| 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
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| How has obtaining this commodity become easier? | Using new iron traps* made in New York foundries
* baited with the beaver's own scent glands
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| 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
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| 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.
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| 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
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| 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."
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| 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
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**Topic #4 - The Oregon, California, and Mormon Trails**

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| In what decade do the settlers start flowing into the West? | * 1840s
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| Approximately how long is the journey they take?  | * 2,000 miles
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| How do they travel? | * riding, walking, pushing
* wagons pulled by oxen carry supplies
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| 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
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| How many miles do they average each day and how long does the journey take? | * 10 miles per day
* 6 months
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| How many die? | * 20,000
	+ 10 for each mile
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| What group of travelers is a symbol of the difficulty of the journey? | * The Donner Party
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| 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
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**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
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| What territory do United States and Mexico dispute? | * Texas
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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| What happened they same year the U.S. won this war? | * Gold was discovered in California
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**Topic #6 - California Gold Rush**

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| Describe the gold in California. | * One of the densest seams on the planet
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| How was the gold found? | * Carpenter building a saw mill along a stream finds a 3-ounce nugget
	+ James Marshall
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| 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
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| How long does the Gold rush last? | * five years
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| 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
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**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
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| 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
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| Who has been impacted by this settlement? | * Natives
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| 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
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| How is the policy enacted? | * the bill passes Congress by a single vote
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| 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
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**Topic #8 - The Mississippi River**

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| How many states are part of the Mississippi river watershed? | * 31 states
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| How long is the Mississippi? | * 2,000 miles
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| What city lies at its mouth? | * New Orleans
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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