

MANIFEST DESTINY

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Manifest Destiny: An Expanding Nation

Margin Notes

The United States began with just thirteen states. Now, though, it is made up of fifty states and sixteen territories. How did the United States grow so quickly? What arose in the 1800s, called **Manifest Destiny**.

Manifest Destiny was a popular belief that America's destiny was to stretch from the Atlantic Ocean all the way to the Pacific Ocean. Part of the belief was that democracy ought to be spread to as many people as possible. Perhaps more importantly, though, the United States' westward expansion was driven by economic desire and need. People knew that if they headed west, they could find a place of their own to start a new life. Often, when immigrants landed on the East Coast, they would just keep on going west until they found what they were looking for, which was opportunity. That meant different things for different people. For example, some people went west to start farms, others went in search of gold and silver, and still more made the trek for a myriad of other reasons.

America's expansion westward didn't happen all at once, though. In order to technically control land, the United States either needed to purchase it or come into it by war or political pressure. The first big addition to the United States was called the **Louisiana Purchase**. Under President Thomas Jefferson's leadership, the United States purchased a gigantic piece of land from France. That purchase added the land where most of the plains states, like Nebraska, are situated. In 1819, President John Quincy Adams negotiated with Spain to add Florida to the United States.

In 1836, the Republic of Texas declared its independence from Mexico. It became part of the United States about ten years later. Just a few years later, the United States won the Mexican-American War. As a result, Mexico gave the United States the land that now makes up California and the other southwestern states. The next big addition was Alaska, which was purchased in 1867. It took a long time for it to become an official state, though. That didn't happen until 1959, almost one hundred years later!

As the United States expanded its borders, people continued to journey westward. Some people made the trip with covered wagons, pulled by oxen. Others rode horses. Some families even pulled their belongings with them in heavy, wheeled containers called handcarts. The people who made this harrowing journey are called "pioneers." This trip took months and months. Sadly, many pioneers died on the way, but their sacrifice helped establish a network of trails that made the trip easier for future travelers. Thankfully, the First Transcontinental Railroad, the first railroad to go coast-to-coast, was finished in 1869. It made the trip much quicker and safer.

It's easy to forget that the United States used to be so small, because people don't realize how big the United States is today. It's the third biggest country by size in the world.

Task 3 - Reread & Dig Deep

Name: _____ Date: _____

Reread the passage *Manifest Destiny: An Expanding Nation*. Use evidence from the passage to answer the following questions:

Text Evidence Questions:

1. What is the main idea of the passage?

2. List three details that support the main idea:
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

Task 4 - Reread & Respond

Name: _____ Date: _____

Reread the passage *Manifest Destiny: An Expanding Nation*. Complete the chart below, listing the main idea and four supporting details from the passage.

Detail 1	Detail 2	Detail 3	Detail 4
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Task 2 - VOCABULARY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read *Manifest Destiny: An Expanding Nation* a second time. Find four words which are unfamiliar to you and complete the vocabulary diagram below.

WORD:	ILLUSTRATION:
DEFINITION:	
MY SENTENCE:	

WORD:	ILLUSTRATION:
DEFINITION:	
ILLUSTRATION:	

Task 1 - Read & Annotate

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read through *Manifest Destiny: An Expanding Nation* for the first time, using the annotating marks and write important notes in the margin. Answer these questions:

- ➔ Circle powerful words or phrases.
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First Reading Questions:

1. What is this passage mostly about?

2. What was Manifest Destiny?

3. What was the first big addition to the United States?

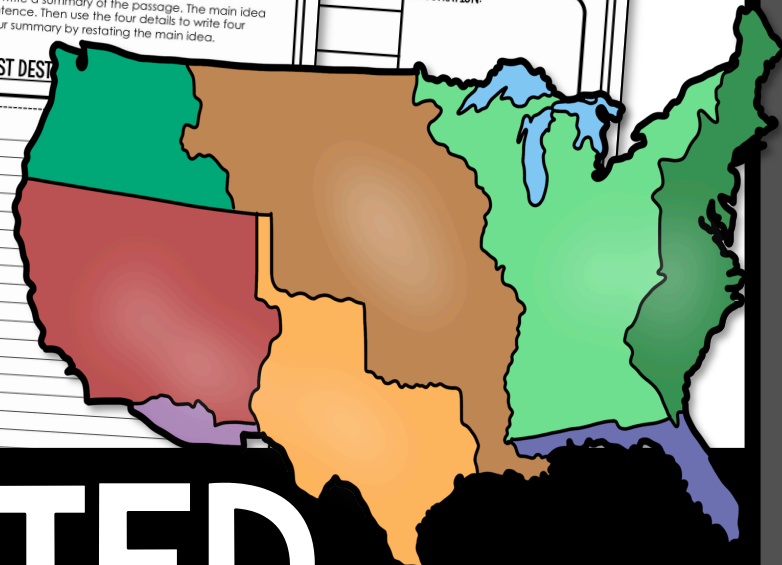
4. What happened in 1869 that made the coast-to-coast trip quicker?

Task 5 - Summarize

Name: _____ Date: _____

Using the organizer from Task 4, write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

A SUMMARY OF MANIFEST DESTINY



DIFFERENTIATED CLOSE READING UNIT

2 Different Reading Levels

High-Interest Passage!

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Manifest Destiny: An Expanding Nation

Margin Notes

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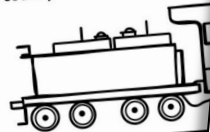
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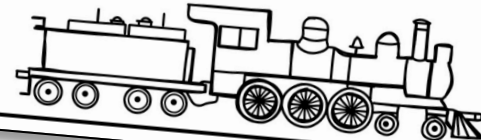
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Reference Chart, Annotating Guide, Close Reading Directions

CLOSE READING STEPS

The following steps are a **suggested sequence** in which you could approach the contents of this packet. This approach will require 3 separate readings of the passage, requiring students to dig deeper with each reading. Each task of the packet is to be completed in one day/lesson. With 5 total tasks per passage, each passage should take one week to complete.



1st Reading: Student reads the passage. As they read, they use their annotation symbols to identify unfamiliar words, questions, and parts of the passage that they do not understand. Complete **Task 1: Read & Annotate**. This task also includes some basic recall questions.

2nd Reading: Teacher (or partner) rereads the passage a second time while students follow along. Have students complete **Task 2: Vocabulary**. This allows students to demonstrate their understanding of unfamiliar words from the passage, leading to a deeper comprehension of the text.

3rd Reading: Students reread the passage then responds in writing, citing text evidence. Students complete **Task 3: Reread and Dig Deeper**. This page of questions requires students to ask and cite text evidence when answering questions. Additionally, students complete **Task 4: Reread and Respond** and **Task 5: Summarize**. These final tasks require students to use the text evidence to write a supported summary.

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Wow! The character showed a lot of courage here...

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The first part of this packet includes 5 reading passages and one week's worth of reading activities for each passage. The Close Reading passages included in this packet are each provided at 2 different reading levels, so that you may more easily differentiate your instruction. All the informational content of the 2 versions is the same, but the reading levels are different. All question sheets are the same. This makes it easy for you to provide reading passages on each student's level, but use the same question and activity sheets for the entire class!

NOTE:

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Each passage with its activities is designed for a 5-day time frame, following this schedule:

Day	Title of Activity	Purpose
1	Task 1: Read and Annotate	Read passage for the first time. Use annotation symbols to annotate. Answer surface level questions.
2	Task 2: Vocabulary	Read passage for the second time. Students choose vocabulary words that are unknown to them and complete the vocabulary activity using those words.
3	Task 3: Reread and Dig Deeper	Read passage a third time. Students answer deeper level questions, citing text evidence to support answers.
4	Task 4: Reread and Respond	Students use the graphic organizer to identify the main idea and supporting details of the passage.
5	Task 5: Summarize	Using the completed graphic organizer from Day 4, students write a summary supporting details for the passage.

The reading levels for each differentiated passage are provided in this chart:

Passage Title	Symbol	Lexile Level
Mozart – Musical Genius	■	720
	▲	940
The History of Little League	■	780
	▲	1,000
The Sweet Story of Honey	■	740
	▲	950
George Washington Carver	■	800
	▲	1,030
The United States Constitution	■	750
	▲	930

5 Days of Close Reading Activities for GREATER Reading Comprehension

Task 1 - Read & Annotate

Name: _____ Day: _____

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3. What was the first big addition to the United States?

4. What happened in 1869 that made the coast-to-coast trip quicker?

5. Before Texas was part of the United States, which country was it a part of?

Task 2 - VOCABULARY

Day: _____

on a second time. Find four words from the vocabulary diagram below.

ILLUSTRATION:

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Task 3 - Reread & Dig Deeper

Day: _____

Expanding Nation. Complete the following questions:

idea: _____

Task 4 - Reread & Respond

Date: _____

Expanding Nation. Complete the following questions.

Detail 2

Detail 4

Task 5 - Summarize

Date: _____

Summary of the passage. The main idea is _____ use the four details to write four supporting details to write four by restating the main idea.

Manifest Destiny: AN EXPANDING NATION

NO PREP! Print and Go!

Answer Keys Provided

Task 3 - Reread & Dig Deeper

MANIFEST DESTINY: AN EXPANDING NATION ANSWER KEY

Text Evidence Questions: Some answers may vary.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
The Manifest Destiny was the belief that the United States was destined to expand from ocean to ocean and led to the expansion of the country.
2. List three details that support the main idea:
 - a) Manifest Destiny was a popular belief that it was America's destiny to stretch from ocean to ocean.
 - b) America's expansion westward didn't happen all at once.
 - c) The first Transcontinental Railroad was finished in 1869.
3. What was the Louisiana Purchase?
The Louisiana Purchase was the first big addition to the United States. Thomas Jefferson led the U.S. to buy a huge piece of land. The states that were added were most of the plain states we have today.
4. Cite 3 pieces of evidence from the text that show how the U.S. gained new land and expanded.
 - a) The first big addition to the United States was the Louisiana Purchase.
 - b) The Republic of Texas was added to the United States.
 - c) Mexico gave up California to the United States.
5. Give 2 reasons why westward expansion was difficult for settlers.
 - a) Many people died on the way.
 - b) Some families pulled their belongings in hand.
6. When was Alaska purchased?
Alaska was purchased in 1867.

Task 1 - Read & Annotate

MANIFEST DESTINY: AN EXPANDING NATION ANSWER KEY

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First Reading Questions: Some answers may vary.

1. What is this passage mostly about?
This passage is mostly about the Manifest Destiny, what it was, and how it changed the United States.
2. What was the Louisiana Purchase?
The Louisiana Purchase was the first big addition to the United States. It was a huge piece of land that stretched from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border.
3. What was the popular belief that it was America's destiny to stretch from ocean to ocean?
The popular belief that it was America's destiny to stretch from ocean to ocean was Manifest Destiny.
4. What happened in 1869 that made the coast-to-coast trip quicker?
In 1869, the Transcontinental Railroad was finished. It was the first railroad to go coast-to-coast.
5. Before Texas was part of the United States, which country was it a part of?
Texas was originally a part of Mexico.

