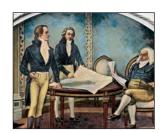
Timeline Challenge

An Expanding Nation

1803

Louisiana Purchase

In a diplomatic treaty made during Thomas Jefferson's administration, the United States buys the Louisiana Territory from France. The Louisiana Purchase doubles the size of the nation.



1819

Acquisition of Florida

Spain avoids war with the United States by ceding Florida to the United States.



1836-1845

Lone Star Republic Founded

Following the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836, Texas wins its freedom from Mexico and remains an independent nation for 10 years.



1830

1845 **Annexation of Texas**

The United States annexes Texas, making it the 28th state in the Union.



1846-1848

Mexican-American War

Manifest destiny motivates many Americans to support war between Mexico and the United States. When the war ends, Mexico cedes half of its land, later named the Mexican Cession, to the United States.



1853

Gadsden Purchase

Seeking a good route for a railroad, the United States purchases from Mexico a narrow strip of land below Arizona. This acquisition concludes the nation's expansion across the continent.



1800 1810

1820

1840

1850

1860

1870



Lewis and Clark Expedition

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark lead an expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory, the nation's newly acquired region west of the Mississippi River.



1840-1870

Settlers Move West

Several hundred thousand settlers move west across the Oregon, California, and Mormon trails.



1846

Compromise in **Oregon Country**

The United States chooses diplomacy over war with Great Britain in order to acquire the lower half of Oregon Country.



1848-1852

Gold Rush

The discovery of gold brings 250,000 people from all over the nation and the world, including China and Europe, to California in search of wealth and opportunity.



1859

Comstock Lode

The first large deposit of silver is discovered with the help of a Mexicano miner. Mexicanos continue to help develop mining techniques and industry in the West.



Women's Suffrage in **Wyoming Territory**

Wyoming Territory becomes the first place in the nation to give women the right to vote.