

European Interactions Assignment #1

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1 What does the term, “manifest destiny” mean?

Manifest Destiny, a phrase coined in the mid-19th Century by an American Journalist, is the idea that the United States is destined by God, to expand its dominion and spread democracy and capitalism across the entire North American continent. It led Americans to believe that American society was inherently of higher value than others, and that it was an imperative and inevitable mission to incorporate the rest of the North American continent into the United States.

2 Why did the United States fight/negotiate with dozens on Indian groups for the lands of the Louisiana territory?

Through the fight with the Indian groups, the United States gained control of the Mississippi, which was crucial for trade at the time. The Louisiana territory also opened up new land for US settlement and aided them in their western expansion.