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Westward Expansion: Motivations

1. What was the name of the Act that offered up to 160 acres of land for a small fee to settlers willing to move out west?
 - a. The Oregon Act
 - b. The Homestead Act
 - c. The Wagon Train Act
 - d. The California Act
2. Which group of people were NOT included in the Homestead Act?
 - a. Native Americans
 - b. women
 - c. Free African Americans
 - d. immigrants
3. Where did most Americans live in the early 1800s?
 - a. Mexico
 - b. Along the Atlantic coast
 - c. In France
 - d. Near the Pacific Ocean
4. _____ was the main reason people decided to go west.
 - a. Fancy hotels
 - b. Exploration
 - c. Inexpensive land
 - d. Laziness
5. In 1849, thousands of people migrated to California to participate in the _____.
 - a. Western Wagon Trek
 - b. Rocky Mountain Race
 - c. Silver Run
 - d. Gold Rush
6. Pioneer families joined together to form _____ as they traveled on the Oregon Trail.
 - a. wagon trains
 - b. oxen trails
 - c. gold trains
 - d. homesteads
7. Those who migrated to participate in the Gold Rush in 1849 were known as _____.
 - a. Forty-Niners
 - b. Rushers
 - c. Gold Gatherers
 - d. old men
8. The idea that the US should spread from coast to coast was known as _____.
 - a. Boomtowns
 - b. The Oregon Trail
 - c. Patriotism
 - d. Manifest Destiny
9. Which religious group traveled out west and settled in present-day Utah?
 - a. Muslims
 - b. Mormons
 - c. Jews
 - d. Catholics
10. Which of the following were motivations for pioneers to travel out west?
 - a. Inexpensive land
 - b. Economic opportunity (jobs)
 - c. Adventure
 - d. All of the above