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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