

# Westward Expansion Terms

Louisiana Purchase      Transcontinental Railroad      Wagon train      Log cabin

Gold rush      Gunslinger      Oregon Trail      Pioneer

Pony Express      Manifest Destiny      Northwest Territory      Telegraph

Reservations      Stampede      Homestead      Land rush

\_\_\_\_\_ - A large area of land that the United States purchased from France. It would someday make up all or part of 15 US states.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A piece of free land that people claimed from the government. They had to live on it for five years and make improvements to keep it.

\_\_\_\_\_ - An area of land to the north and west of the Appalachians. It would someday make up the US states of Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois.

\_\_\_\_\_ A home made from the trunks of trees. Typically, it had one room, a fireplace, and a dirt floor.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A time when lots of people move to an area because gold has been discovered. The California Gold Rush started in 1848 and hundreds of thousands of people flocked to California to find gold.

\_\_\_\_\_ - When certain prime areas of land were opened up for homesteading, people would race to claim the best plots.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A person who used guns in the Old West. It could be an outlaw robbing people or the lawman who tried to stop him.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A belief by Americans in the 1800s that the United States was destined to expand west all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Land set aside for Native Americans to live.

\_\_\_\_\_ - An overland trail that settlers used to travel by covered wagon from Missouri to the west coast.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A mail system where riders got fresh horses at stops along the way to speed up delivery. It went from Missouri to California.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A group of covered wagons traveling to the west together. They traveled in groups for safety.

\_\_\_\_\_ - When a large group of animals such as bison or cattle suddenly run fast in one direction running over most everything in their path.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A device that sent messages over long distances using wires and electricity.

\_\_\_\_\_ - The railroad that stretched from the east coast of the United States to the west coast.

\_\_\_\_\_ - A person who does something first.