

HIST 405N Week 3 Discussion: Manifest Destiny

Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 8 (section 8.3), 11
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 scholarly source (in addition to the textbook)

Initial Post Instructions

- For the initial post, pick two (2) of the following historical events:
 - **The Lewis and Clark Expedition**
 - **The Missouri Compromise**
 - Independence of Texas
 - Mexican War of 1846-1848
 - The California Gold Rush

Then, address the following for your selections:

- Which of your two selections do you consider most impactful on Westward Expansion during 1800-1848? Explain why.
- Analyze the effects of the ideology of Manifest Destiny on the two historical events that you chose from the list.

Hello Professor and Class,

The Lewis and Clark Expedition

For ages, people in Europe and the United States have believed that a way exists that will open the Pacific to American influence and commerce (Corbett et al., 2017). President Thomas Jefferson was one of many persons who shared this goal when he bought the Louisiana Territory from France in April of that year. Jefferson requested a detailed analysis of western resources and topography, as well as strong ties with indigenous peoples, from Meriwether Lewis and William Clark in order to weaken British control of the Indian fur trade. Expeditions like this one are deemed successful because they uncover previously unknown facts about North American ecosystems, geological formations, and social structures (History.com editors, 2020).