Unit #4 Study Guide- Westward Expansion

Westward Expansion

What is Westward Expansion? Why is it significant to Utah history?

What are some reasons people had for moving west?

What is the United States' Manifest Destiny?

Utah Settlement

The Mormons struggled in their early settlement for the 4 major reasons listed below. Define/Explain those reasons.

- 1) Unfamiliar Environment
- 2) Isolation
- 3) Native Americans
- 4) Immigration

How did the Gold Rush "save" Utah's early economy?

Utah is often called a "Crossroads to the West." What does this mean?

What are the 5 unique features of a Mormon Settlement?

For what reasons did religious and foreign immigrants often come to Utah?

What contributed to the end of the devastating cricket infestation in early Utah?

Utah War

What was the relationship like between the Native American's and the Mormon pioneers when the Mormons first arrived in Utah?

Why was Ute chief Walkara so willing to help the Mormon Pioneers when they arrived?

What was the first state proposal the Mormon's sent to the government? How does its proposed size compare to the current state of Utah?

What is the Compromise of 1850? Why is it significant?

Who commanded the army that was sent to escort the new governor to Utah at the start of the Utah War?

How did the Mormons in Utah prepare for what the assumed was the coming attack from Johnston's army?

Explain the basic events of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. What was going on at the time that led to the Southern Utah Mormons to react the way they did?

What are some of the positive things Camp Floyd brought to Utah?

What are some of the negative things Camp Floyd brought to Utah?

Railroads, Mining, and Communication

What was the purpose of the Pony Express? How did the Pony Express work?

Which two companies built the Transcontinental railroad?

Where did the two Transcontinental railroad routes meet?

Where did the Union Pacific start building their part of the Transcontinental Railroad and which direction did they head?

Where did the Central Pacific start building their part of the Transcontinental Railroad and which direction did they head?

Define Industrial Revolution:

What Invention made mining more profitable? How did it make it more profitable?

Who invented the telegraph?

How long did it take to send a message to another city using the telegraph?

How does the telegraph work?

What possible dangers might a miner face?

Which explosive substance was used to blast through the Sierra Nevadas? Which group of people was the only group willing to work with that substance?

What golden object was used in the celebration for the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad?

What groups of people were involved in the building of the Transcontinental Railroad?

Describe what mining towns were like compared to Mormon settlements. What are mining towns like today?

What were some of the benefits of having the railroad to Utah?

Native American Conflicts Know the 5 main conflicts we discussed in class, which tribes were involved and basics of what happened. Use the Native American Conflicts worksheet we filled out in class as your aid.

This is a study guide to help you focus your studies, but does not include everything you could potentially be tested on. In addition to the study guide, you should study your notes and assignments to ensure that you understand these topics.