

America: The Story of Us
“Episode 3: Westward”

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1. What did the meteorite create when it smashed into the Appalachian Mts.?
2. What history does the Shawnee and Daniel Boone share that occurred in the previous year?
3. Within 20 years of Boone settling Kentucky, how many Americans are in behind them?
4. In 1803, what was the single biggest real estate deal in history bought by Thomas Jefferson?
5. In 1805, what does William Clark note in his journal?
6. Lewis and Clark’s heroic expedition through the Rockies uncovered what valuable commodity?
7. How many calories are needed by trappers to survive the extreme conditions in the Rockies?
8. Jedediah Smith, the most famous trapper, encountered what animal that almost killed him?
9. How many of these animals remain in the Rockies today?
10. How many miles can settlers walk a day for six months straight on the trails to get to Oregon?
11. How many pounds of supplies can the wagon carry?
12. How much were the tolls for roads? How much for water crossings?
13. What did the Hastings Cutoff actually do to the settlers that took it?
14. What did the Donner Party have to resort to in the Christmas of 1846?
15. Americans outnumbered Mexicans in Texas by how much in 1835?
16. What major state was “fought and bought” for against Mexico and became America’s greatest prize?
17. In two years the population of California explodes from 15,000 to _____.
18. Give 3 examples of what the lifestyle was like in California during the Gold Rush:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
19. After just five years, what happened to the Gold Rush?
20. What was life expectancy like for American settlers of the day?
21. How many generations did Thomas Jefferson think it would take to settle the west?
22. What was the march of a thousand miles for the Cherokee called?
23. What was new invention would transform the Mississippi, the Midwest, and America?

1. The _____ is the largest construction job in North America in the past 400 years.
2. How long did it take to build the Erie Canal? How many lives were lost?
3. What word was invented in 1840?
4. What is cotton's nickname?
5. Cotton loom machines are at the basis of what technology?
6. What oil was used before crude oil, to fuel lamps and lube machines?
7. What was 'unique' about the whaling industries hiring and promotion practices?
8. Why were young, light skin, female virgins the most frequently bought slaves?
9. What were common punishments for runaway slaves if they were caught?
10. Describe Frederick Douglas
11. What was the bounty on Harriet Tubman's head for being the leader of the Underground Railroad?
12. In 1850 what law made the search for runaway slaves a 'witch hunt'?
13. In 1852: What novel, written by Harriet Beecher Stowe, becomes the 2nd biggest selling book after the Bible that showed the Northerners true insight into slavery?
14. Describe John Brown
15. December 20, 1860: What was the first state to secede from the union followed by 10 other slave states?
16. Abraham Lincoln received his first death threat before ever taking office. He saved all his death threats in a file he named _____.
17. How many weeks after Lincoln takes office are the first shots of the Civil War fired?