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WESTWARD EXPANSION

13 COLONIES BECOMING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

With the Declaration of Independence, the 13 Colonies declared they were free from British rule. They became the first 13 states in the United States of America.

TREATY OF PARIS

On September 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris was signed. This ended the Revolutionary War between England and the newly formed United States of America. It was negotiated in Paris, France by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and John Jay. It stated that England had no claim over the land or government of the United States. The treaty also expanded the United States west to the Mississippi River.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE

In 1803, James Monroe and Robert Livingston went to France in the hopes of purchasing New Orleans and some of the surrounding areas. France's leader, Napoleon, needed money for his country so he offered to sell them the entire Louisiana Territory. They paid him 15 million dollars, and the United States doubled in size.

FLORIDA TREATY

Also called the Adams-Onís Treaty, the treaty ceded Florida to the United States and defined the boundary between the U.S. and New Spain. It was signed in 1819 during the presidency of James Monroe.

TEXAS ANNEXATION

James K. Polk ran for president on the promise that he would expand the United States. His belief in manifest destiny meant he believed the US should admit Texas as a state. Polk was elected, and Texas became a state in 1845. Disputes about the border continued, and the Mexican-American War broke out the next year.

OREGON TREATY

Also known as the Washington Treaty, this agreement settled a dispute between the United States and England. It set the border between the US and British North America at the 49th parallel. It was signed during the presidency of James K. Polk in 1846.

MEXICAN CESSION

The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican American War in 1848. Part of the agreement was that Mexico would give a large portion of land to the US.

GADSDEN PURCHASE

Acquired during presidency of Franklin Pierce, this land solved some border issues as well as allowed for the construction of a southern route for the transcontinental railroad. It was named after the US minister to Mexico and the land was purchased from Mexico for 10 million dollars in 1853.

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Directions: Read the passage and then color the picture using the key below.

Light Green: Treaty of Paris	Dark Green: Oregon Treaty
Purple: Florida Treaty	Red: Mexican Cession
Orange: Texas Annexation	Brown: Louisiana Purchase
Blue: Gadsden Purchase, Great Lakes	Yellow: 13 Colonies → United States

