

Grew to the West

Directions: Use these lyrics to follow along with the song "Grew To The West". After listening to the song, use the word bank to answer the questions.

Word Bank

Trails

Louisiana Purchase

Lewis and Clark

California Gold Rush

Native Americans

Covered Wagons

How did the USA get to be
The size it is on maps we see?
It started with thirteen colonies
Then grew to the West with more territory

France claimed the land past the Mississippi
Sold it for \$15 million in 1803
To the US government which gave our country
The best real estate deal in history
Thomas Jefferson bought the land from Napoleon for only 3
cents an acre.
What did they call this purchase?

1) It was the _____

Two great explorers with little time for play
Their journey took eight-hundred and sixty four days
Their mission was to find the safest way
To reach the Pacific and start more trade

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Exploration is dangerous; Meriwether was accidentally shot in the butt when he was mistaken for an elk.

Who were these two explorers?

2) It was _____ and _____

The first people traveling West had no car

Or a fast train with a salad bar

10 miles a day was about as far as they could get with this thing that was pulled by a horse...

3) They used _____

How did the USA get to be

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How did the settlers know where to go?

When there were no maps or a single paved road

Landmarks and stories were the way to know

That, Native Americans could easily show

What did pioneers travel along before super highways were built?

4) They followed _____, like the Oregon and Santa Fe

California, in the year 1849,

Had something that thousands of people came to find

A great discovery with money making shine

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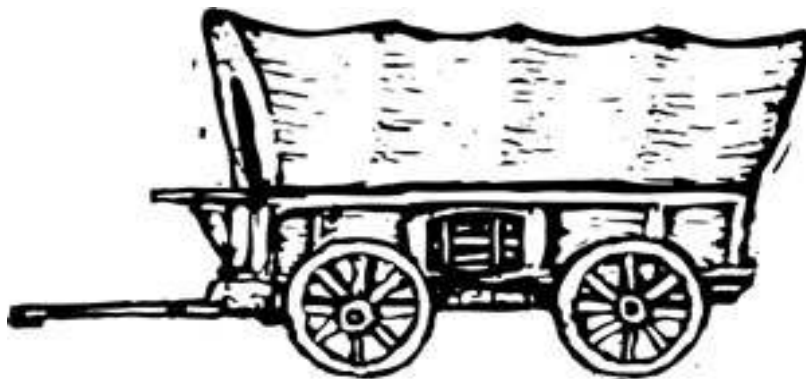
They called them "forty-niners," they worked in a mine
What event was attended almost completely by men who wanted
to get rich (even though most did not)?

5) That's the _____

Settlers were killing all their buffalo
So they bravely fought back like Geronimo
Losing their land with no place to go
But their fate would be negotiating reservations of land and
trying to build a new identity in a modern world...

6) They were _____

You know how the USA got to be
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Napoleon

1849

Geronimo

The Oregon Trail

Forty-niners

Ten

To find a safe trade route

The Santa Fe trail

864 days

France

1803

1. Who originally claimed the land west of the Mississippi river?

2. In what year did the Louisiana Purchase take place?

3. Thomas Jefferson bought the Louisiana Purchase from whom?

4. How long did it take Lewis & Clark to travel to the Pacific Ocean and back? _____

5. Why did Lewis & Clark go to the Pacific Ocean and back?

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6. About how many miles a day could a covered wagon travel?

7. Name two important trails that led westward.

_____ and _____

8. In what year did the California Gold Rush begin? _____

9. What were the California Gold Rush miners called?

10. Name a famous Native American who fought the settlers' Westward expansion.

"Grew to the West" Answer Key

Part 1, read along questions:

1. Louisiana Purchase
2. Lewis and Clark
3. Covered Wagons
4. Trails
5. California Gold Rush
6. Native Americans

Part 2, fill-in-the-blank questions:

1. France
2. 1803
3. Napoleon
4. 864 days
5. To find a safe trade route
6. Ten
7. The Oregon Trail and The Santa Fe Trail
8. 1849
9. Forty-niners
10. Geronimo