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Course: US History/Ms. Brown

Homeroom:



7th Grade US History
Standard # - Do Now - Day #101

Aims: SWBAT define Manifest Destiny
SWBAT evaluate different perspectives on Manifest Destiny

DO NOW

Directions: Read the following quotes write a 1 – 2 sentence explanation of the quote. After writing your explanation choose which quote you most agree with and why. Use historical evidence to support your answer.

"It is America's right to stretch from sea to shining sea. Not only do we have a responsibility to our citizens to gain valuable natural resources we also have a responsibility to civilize this beautiful land."

Explanation: _____

"America has no right to take the lands west of the Louisiana Territory. Those lands are rightfully owned by Mexico and to enter into conflict with the Mexicans just to expand and take that land would violate the principles of this great nation."

Explanation: _____

Which quotation do you most agree with and why? Explain your answer, detail, detail, DETAILS!



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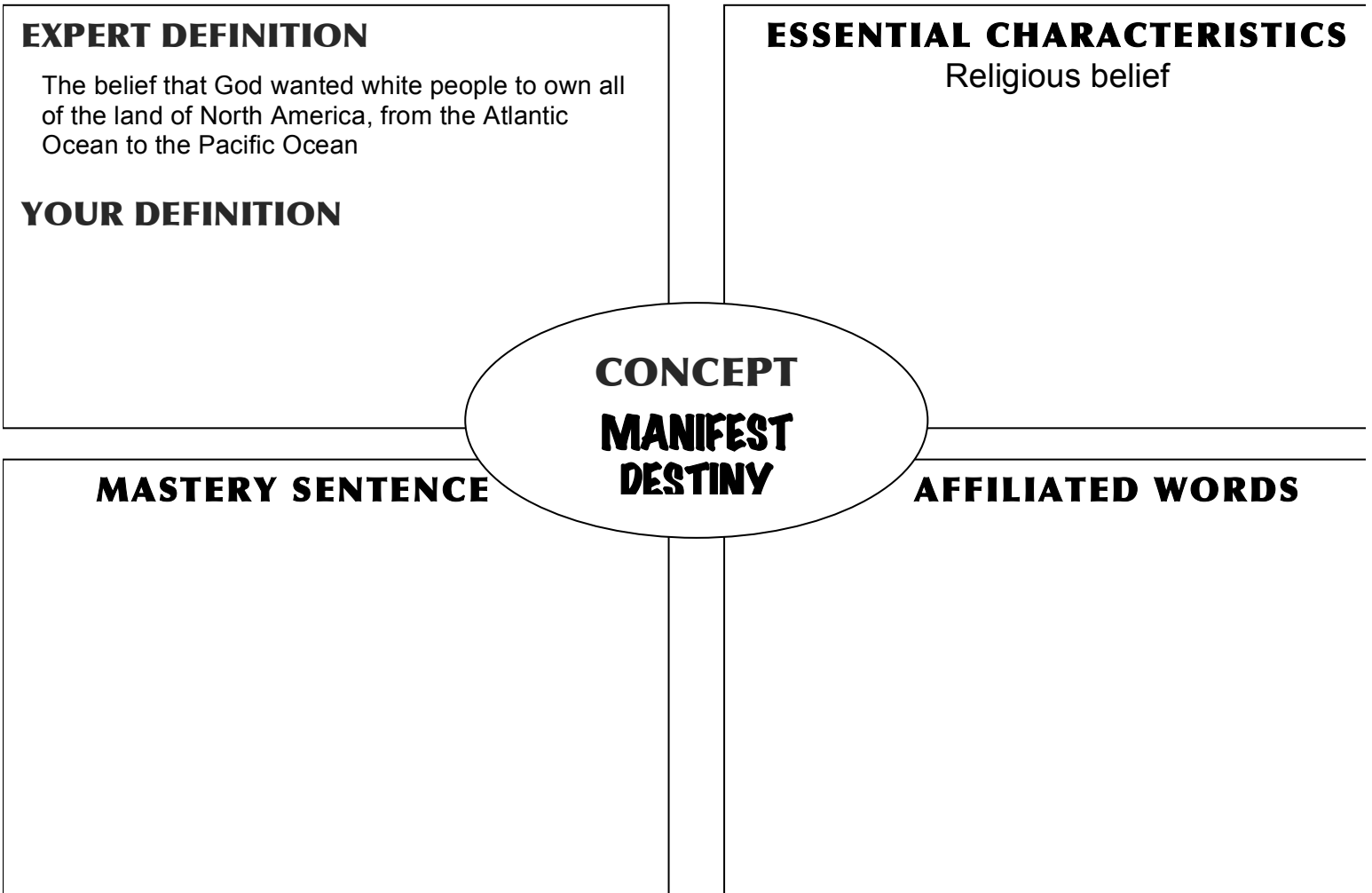
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Thinking about the ESSENTIAL Question.

The essential question is the question that we will be consistently referring back to during the course of this unit of Westward Expansion. Our essential or BIG question for this unit is *how justifiable was US expansion in the 1800s?* With your shoulder partner discuss for 30 seconds what you think this questions means in your own words.

Class Answer: _____

I. Vocabulary: Frayer Model



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II. Video Analysis

1. Name two reasons why Americans why Americans wanted to expand westward

i. _____

ii. _____

2. What was this era of Westward Expansion called? _____

3. Which of the following events was NOT responsible for getting Americans thinking about expanding into the west.

- a. The population increased 300% and more land was needed to accommodate the growth
- b. Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of America
- c. competition with Spain, France and Great Britain to gain the most territory
- d. Lewis and Clark’s expedition showed that a lot of money could be made in the west
- e. The growth and profitability of King Cotton
- f. Growth of transportation connecting the west to eastern markets

III. Document Analysis

Document 1:

America, an immense territory, favored by nature with all advantages of climate, soil, great navigable rivers and lakes, must become a great country, populated and mighty; and will be able to shake off the shackles that may be imposed on her and perhaps place them on the imposers.

According to John O’Sullivan, why must the United States expand?



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Document 2:

It is said, that the people of the United States have a superior race over the Mexicans, which gives them the right to conquer the inferior nation [Mexico]...Is this an example of the principle of Democracy, which is supposed to reject every claim to a superiority of races? At this time, that claim is just an excuse for covering and justifying unjust capturing of land and uncontrolled ambition.

1. Does Gallatin agree or disagree with “manifest destiny”? Explain.

2. According to Gallatin, what about “manifest destiny” goes against democracy?

3. According to Gallatin, what is the real reason that the United States wants to expand?

Document 3

Texas has become part of the Union as fulfillment of the general law which is rolling our population westward. It was broken away from Mexico in the natural course of events, by a process perfectly legitimate on its own part, blameless on ours...

California will probably next break away from Mexico. The American foot is already on its borders...All this without agency of our government, without responsibility of our people – in the natural flow of events, the spontaneous working of principles.

Democratic Review, 1845

1. Does this document support “manifest destiny”? Explain using details from the document.



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IV. Image Analysis

Directions: Let's annotate the picture together, and then answer the question below individually.

"Our manifest destiny [is] to overspread the continent allotted by Providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions.

- John L. O'Sullivan, 1845

How are the ideologies of John O'Sullivan illustrated through John Gast's painting, "American Progress"? Use specific details from the quote, your knowledge of Manifest Destiny and American expansion, as well as details from the painting to support your response.







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Manifest Destiny HOMEWORK

_____/10 Mastered/Passing/Not Mastered

Directions: Below is a drawing of John Gast's painting *American Progress*. Annotate the drawing by adding a speech or thought bubble for four elements in the painting – people, animals, or objects. In each bubble, write one or two sentences to express how that person, animal, or object might respond to the Essential Question: *how justifiable was US expansion in the 1800s?* Include at least one of the terms listed in the word bank. Color in the drawing to make it look like the actual painting.

WORD BANK

Destroy

Manifest Destiny

progress

Growth

native people

territorial acquisition

Justified

other countries

United States





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**Manifest Destiny
EXIT TICKET**

_____/5 Mastered/Passing/Not Mastered

1. During the 1840s, Americans used the idea of Manifest Destiny to justify the
 - a. Expansion of women's rights
 - b. Acquiring of new territories
 - c. Beginning of free public education
 - d. Repeal of the Missouri Compromise

2. "We are ordained by God to expand to the farthest ends of the continent." This speaker most likely agrees with
 - a. Manifest Destiny
 - b. Nativism
 - c. Abolitionism
 - d. Communism

3. During the 1840s, the idea of Manifest Destiny was used to
 - a. Demand equal rights for African Americans
 - b. Support westward expansion to the Pacific
 - c. Criticize government treatment of the Native Americans
 - d. Extend slavery into New England

4. How might a believer in Manifest Destiny feel about American Indians?
 - a. That Indians were a key part of American society
 - b. That the Indian way of life should be respected
 - c. That white Americans had a lot to learn from the Indians
 - d. That the Indians were standing in the way of progress