**Westward Expansion**Students will build their background knowledge about one of the major societal changes in history known as the Westward Expansion. This has been recognized by historians as the time when Americans began to settle into Northwest Territories. During this time President Jefferson was able to acquire the Louisiana Territory, areas of the Pacific Northwest, California and other areas as a result of the Mexican War of 1848.

Students will be required to complete an internet-based worksheet known as a webquest. The  
Westward Expansion webquest will use a website created by Scholastic as a secondary resource during this process.

The webquest contains questions that will challenge students to research, review, and demonstrate their understanding about key information and events related to the Westward Expansion. Students will stay highly engaged analyzing and discovering information about the Westward Expansion.

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Use complete sentences when needed.**

**Click on Westward Expansion** <http://www.scholastic.com/teachdearamerica/westward.htm>

1. Where did Settlers spread?  
2. What were the first landings?  
3. Create a list of things associated with the wild country.  
4. Where did the Western Frontier first begin?  
5. What were the new frontiers?  
6. How did these pioneers live?  
7. How did these pioneers travel?  
8. What provided good and leather?  
9. What did Pioneer women learn how to do?  
10. List and describe the uses of two resources during this time?  
11. Explain what life was like for Pioneer Families.  
12. What was one thing pioneers had to worry about?  
13. What did Americans want to obtain more of?  
14. What did they want to acquire?  
15. What was believed to be the destiny of America?  
16. What was a problem that began as a result of the demand for more land?  
17. What was said to be a reason for treaties?  
18. What restricted Indian tribes.  
19. What happened to all Indian tribes?

20. What occurred during the 1860s and 1870s?

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**Use the template below to create timeline about the Western Expansion**

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