

Define **Manifest Destiny**:

Americans' belief that they had the right to extend their boundaries to the Pacific Ocean.

List the factors that influenced Westward Expansion:

### **Economic** **(money)**

- beginning to sell more products to Americans, not just Europeans
- more industries
- bountiful land:
  - rich farmland
  - vast mineral deposits
  - fine forests
  - good waterways for transportation
- more population means more customers to whom to sell goods
- steam engine:
  - factory machines
  - steamboats can travel upstream
  - farm machinery
  - railroads

### **Political** **(power)**

- democracy
- Louisiana Purchase
- Texas Annexation
- Oregon country
- Gadsden Purchase
- Mexican Cession

### **Social** **(people)**

- population is doubling every 23 years
- large families
- immigrants