

5.2 Manifest Destiny

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Objective

Build the skills to explain **Manifest Destiny** 昭昭天命.

You must be able to:

- name the three motives for westward migration
- state what advocates of annexation argued
- state the CED's qualifier about the consequences
- state what boosted westward migration during and after the war

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Three motives

The desire for access to natural and mineral resources and the hope of many settlers for economic opportunities or religious refuge led to an increased migration to and settlement in the West.

■ The argument

Advocates of annexing western lands argued that Manifest Destiny and the superiority of American institutions compelled the United States to expand its borders westward to the Pacific Ocean.

■ The qualifier

However, this frequently provoked competition and violent conflict. The CED reports the argument and then reports what it produced, in the same sentence.

■ Later boost

Westward migration was boosted during and after the Civil War by the passage of new legislation promoting western transportation and economic development, and U.S. interest in expanding trade led to economic, diplomatic, and cultural initiatives to create more ties with Asia.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the three motives for westward migration. [3]

2.2 State what advocates of annexation argued. [2]

2.3 The CED reports a consequence.

(a) State it. [1]

(b) State what boosted migration during and after the war. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Advocates argued that Manifest Destiny and the superiority of American institutions [1]

- **A** compelled expansion to the Pacific
- **B** forbade expansion
- **C** required withdrawal
- **D** applied only to the East

3.2 U.S. interest in expanding trade produced initiatives towards [1]

- **A** Asia
- **B** Africa
- **C** Antarctica
- **D** Australia only

3.3 A doctrine says a nation is compelled to expand.

(a) State what such a claim does for policy. [1]

(b) Explain what the CED adds immediately afterwards.

[2]

4 Go further

- work through the **5.2 Manifest Destiny** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Period 5: 1844-1877** section of the AP US History handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 access to natural and mineral resources; hope of economic opportunities; religious refuge.

2.2 that Manifest Destiny and the superiority of American institutions compelled the United States to expand its borders westward to the Pacific Ocean.

2.3 (a) it frequently provoked competition and violent conflict. (b) new legislation promoting western transportation and economic development.

3.1 A. compelled expansion to the Pacific.

3.2 A. Asia.

3.3 (a) it presents expansion as an obligation rather than a choice. (b) that it frequently provoked competition and violent conflict, so the CED records the cost alongside the claim.