

Map Exercise: Territorial Growth of the United States Worksheet

Use an outline map of the U.S. to create a visual record of territorial growth of the United States, according to the guidelines below.

1. Label each state.
2. Indicate on the map the following, using color pencils:
 1. The original 13 colonies
 2. The United States in 1783
 3. Louisiana Purchase of 1803
 4. Territory ceded from Great Britain, 1818
 5. Florida, 1819–1821
 6. Texas Annexation, 1845–1848
 7. Oregon Country, 1846
 8. Mexican Cession, 1848
 9. Gadsden Purchase, 1853.
3. Create a legend for the map.
4. After completing the map, label the following regions, using the letters of the following descriptions:
 - A** Congress annexed this territory in 1845 by a joint resolution.
 - B** In 1846, Britain agreed to United States control of this territory south of the 49th parallel.
 - C** This territory was acquired in 1848 through the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo.
 - D** In 1853, the United States bought this territory from Mexico for \$10 million.
 - E** The United States purchased this large territory from France in 1803.
 - F** One result of the Convention of 1818 was British cession of this territory to the United States.
 - G** Spain ceded this territory to the United States in 1819.
 - H** This territory represents the United States expansion to 1783.
5. Identify and list countries from which the United States acquired territory between 1803 and 1853.
6. How does your map illustrate the idea of Manifest Destiny?