

Westward Expansion

REVIEW SHEET

Thomas Jefferson – third president of United States; founded universities; purchased Louisiana Territory

Louisiana Purchase – land bought from France in 1803; doubled size of United States

Lewis and Clark – explorers of the Louisiana Purchase

Sacagawea – an American Indian woman who guided Lewis and Clark

Rocky Mountains – mountain range in western United States

Mississippi River – important waterway of the United States; in 1800s, it divided the “East” from the “West”

Erie Canal – canal built across New York state, linking Lake Erie and the Hudson River

Trail of Tears – the difficult westward journey of the Cherokees when forced off their land by the United States government

Cherokees – tribe of American Indians in the Southeast who were forced off their land; built schools and published a newspaper

Sequoyah – invented Cherokee alphabet

Gold Rush – movement of many people to California in 1849 after gold was discovered

Pony Express – system of mail service by relays of riders on horses

Santa Fe Trail – a much-used trail of the pioneers headed west

Pioneers – settlers who moved into new land

Transcontinental railroad – connected the United States

Crazy Horse – Sioux chief who tried to preserve American Indian life

Sioux – tribe of American Indians in the West